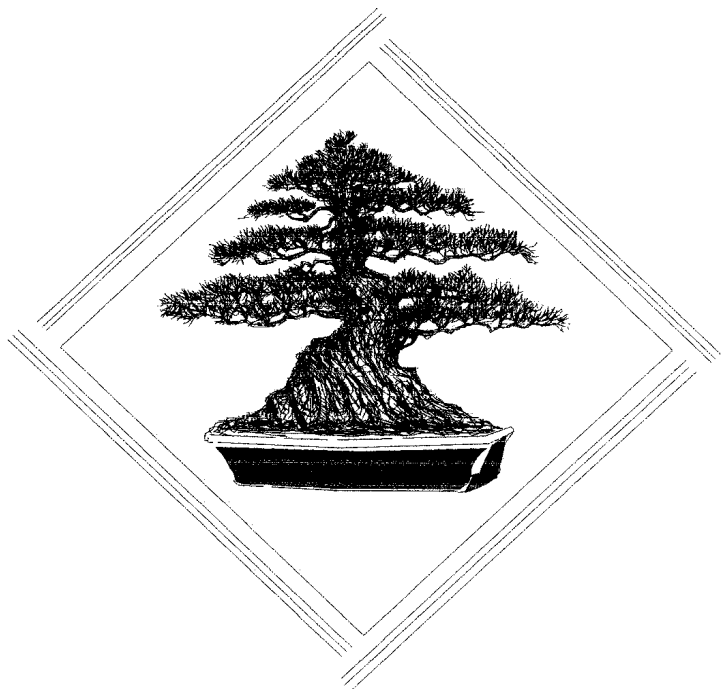


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## About Our Club

*Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai* ("Number One" Bonsai Club) was established in January, 1986 and takes great pride in its family-oriented character. Our club is dedicated to promoting the art of bonsai. The club meets on the third Friday of each month at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St., Gardena, at 7:00 P.M.. Each meeting features a bonsai demonstration, benefit drawing and is open to the public. Our annual bonsai show is held on the first weekend in May at the Nakaoka Community Center. Other club activities include: bonsai digs, annual auction, potting parties, and outings to nurseries and private gardens.

Website—<http://www.daiichibonsaikai.wordpress.com>

### 2014 Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai Board

President	John Van de Wouw
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Doyle Saito
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Fundraising	<b>OPEN</b>
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Recording Secretary/Historian	Judy Unrine
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Program Chair	Doyle Saito
Co-Show Chairs	<b>OPEN</b>
Membership	CJ Harmatz
Librarian	Jim Morris
Website Chair	Scott Pogolian
Benefit Drawing Chair	Scott Pogolian
Newsletter	CJ Harmatz
Hospitality	<b>OPEN</b>
Publicity	Tom Culton
Past President	Doyle Saito

Co-Founder/Sensei

Leila Kusumi

# **Dai Ichi Club Meeting**

## **Friday, January 17, 2014**

### **Allan Sugimura**



Allan Sugimura has been associated with bonsai and Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai for over 20+ years. Mr. Sugimura has donated his time and knowledge to the club as Treasurer, VP of Fund Raising, and VP-Benefit Drawing and has helped with the preparation and production of past GSBF/Golden State Bonsai Federation and CBS/California Bonsai Society conventions. Mr. Sugimura has a detailed knowledge of the life cycle of the Japanese black pine and has hundreds of trees in various stages of growth. Some of his teachers and mentors have been Mel Ikeda and Leila Kusumi, currently Mr. Sugimura is studying with Bonsai Master Kenji Miyata.

## **President's Message**

Welcome all to 2014. As I pick up the reigns from Doyle, I want to give a big shout-out to him for all the hard work he has put in during his term; Thanks Doyle! And to all of the other Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai board members for supporting the club through their efforts to make the club better for all. We have several board openings and I encourage all to consider volunteering to fill these positions so that we can only be a better club.

One area where the club excelled at last year under Doyle and that I want to continue is our educational outreach. We held two beginner workshops last year, during our annual show and one in conjunction with Marina Bonsai where we held the workshop at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute. These are important events for the club, not only do we bring happiness to students who gain a greater appreciation to the art of bonsai but they also serve a very important function of bringing new members to the club. So I hope to maintain this pace with everyone's help.

To that end, I have had a thought and I will throw it out there... Instead of the club buying trees for every beginners workshop and in the interest in promoting all of ours knowledge in bonsai, perhaps our members can propagate the trees we need ourselves. If we each raised three or four 1 gallon 'nanas or prostrata, we would have a healthy supply for our classes to pull from. Let me know what you think, more discussion to follow.

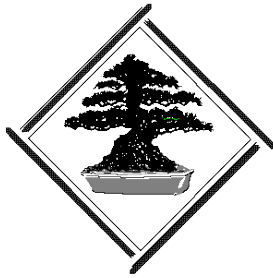
The Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai "Winter Silhouettes" is coming up in a couple of weeks, details are below. This type of deep-winter show is quite unique for it focuses on the tree's trunk and branch structure. Go and check it out, I am sure you will come away with new insight.

So again thank you DIBK Board of 2013, and all those individuals who are continuing on into 2014.

-- john

## Dai Ichi Gratitude

# Happy & Healthy New Year!



## Refreshments

**January**—CJ Harmatz, Mark Levinstein, Carl Crouse,  
Jason Saito

**February**—Jason Saito,  
Doyle Saito

**March**—Barry Miller,  
Jason Saito

**April**— Doyle Saito



Please help out by  
volunteering to bring  
refreshments!



# California Bonsai Society



## Annual Thanksgiving Member's Sale Sunday December 1, 2013









THE GSBF COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON

**Presents**

# **Bonsai-A-Thon XVII**

**Saturday & Sunday, February 22 & 23, 2014**

**7:30AM – 4:30PM**

We invite everyone – bonsai novices, enthusiasts and experts – to our annual fundraising event on behalf of the Golden State Bonsai

Federation Collection at the Huntington. Find us at The Botanical Gardens' Botanical Center Building, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, California.

## **Featuring**

**Extensive Bazaar Area** – Select vendors selling top-quality tools, pots and trees (raw material to display-ready); masterpiece trees on display

**Bonsai Exhibit** - By Baiko-En Bonsai Kenkyukai Society

**Special Exhibit** - Highlighting local potters and their trees

**Demonstrations** – Initial training and advanced styling by experts

**Daily Raffle & Auction** – Demonstration and donated trees, pots, tools...

**Guided Tours** – Led by Jim Folsom, Director of the Huntington Botanical Gardens, at 10:00AM each day

- Bonsai Court
- Improvements to the nursery area



# SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM Early bird registration and Pancake Breakfast1  
7:30 AM – 4:30 PM Bazaar and Bonsai Exhibits  
9:00 AM **ONLY ON SUNDAY:** “Bring Your Own Tree” Workshop  
led by Ted Matson (for details email [tmatson@earthlink.net](mailto:tmatson@earthlink.net))  
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Jim Folsom tours: Bonsai Court and nursery area  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Initial styling and advanced refinement  
demonstrations (see details below)  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Hotdogs and Hamburgers Lunch1  
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Raffle and live auction

## Demonstrations

### Saturday...

- ☐ Harry Hirao
- ☐ Mel Ikeda
- ☐ Peter Macasieb
- ☐ Cesareo Perez
- ☐ Tak Shimazu
- ☐ Michael Sykes

### Sunday...

- ☐ Frank Goya
- ☐ Bob Hilvers
- ☐ Marcus Juniel
- ☐ Cheryl Manning
- ☐ Al Nelson
- ☐ David Nguy

NOTE: Bonsai styled by these experts will be available in the auctions and raffles. This is your chance to own a great tree with a pedigree!

1 - Registered Bonsai-A-Thon attendees may purchase breakfast and lunch in the Head House west of the Conservatory building

## HOW TO GET IN

Attending the Bonsai-A-Thon is free, but does require registration at the Botanic Center. You can speed the process by filling in the badge “ticket” to the right and showing it to the Bonsai-a-Thon registrar or the Huntington security guard.



**Feb 22 – Feb 23  
2014**

**Bonsai-A-Thon Participant**

# 2014 Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai Club Meeting Calendar

Month	Date	Day	Comments
January	17 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Allan Sugimura
February	21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	TBD
March	21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	TBD
April	18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	TBD
May	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat/Sun	Show: Sat RR Demo: TBD Sunday Demo: <b>Frank Goya</b>
June	20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	TBD
July	18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	TBD
August	15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Member Workshop
September	19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	TBD
October	17 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	CLUB Auction
November	21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	TBD
December			TBD Calendar subject to change

## It is Time to Renew your Club Membership!

**Individual membership \$25.00 per year**

**Family membership \$35.00 per year**

**Your dues enable the club to present such activities as our annual show, guest demonstrations, workshops, monthly newsletter, club library, and benefit drawings.**

# Coming Events

## **January 18 & 19, 2014: Arcadia, California**

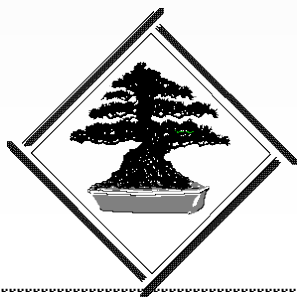
Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai presents “Winter Silhouettes” 50th Annual Celebration. Time 10am—4:30pm. Place: Arboretum of LA County, 310 North Baldwin Ave, Demonstrations at 1pm.

## **January 31—February 2, 2014: Santa Nella, California**

California Shohin Seminar at the Hotel Mission de Oro. Friday (Jan 31): Registration, Demonstrations, and Exhibit and Vendor areas Set Up. Everyone is invited to share their treasured Shohin Bonsai in the Exhibit. Saturday (Feb 1): Exhibit Opens for Viewing, Vendor Sales Critiques, Workshops, Bazaar & Benefit Drawing Sunday (Feb 2): Exhibit Open 10:30-Noon. Critique and Demonstration, Business Meeting. Registration Forms available on the website on November 1st 2013. For general information email: [calshohin@yahoo.com](mailto:calshohin@yahoo.com), website: <http://www.calshohin.org/> or phone: Randi Keppeler 650-598-0127

## **February 22 & 23, 2014: San Marino, California**

**Bonsai-A-Thon XVIII at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens**, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino; annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at The Huntington Botanical Gardens. Admission to the event is free with Bonsai-A-Thon “early bird” registration between 8 AM – 9:30 AM. Event hours are 8 AM – 4:30 PM both days. Sunday morning: bring-your-own-tree workshop led by Ted Matson – limit 10 people (for details contact Ted, [tmatson@earthlink.net](mailto:tmatson@earthlink.net)). Pancake breakfast, tour hosted by Jim Folsom (Director of the Garden), demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle, and auction. For more information, contact Marge Blasingame, (626) 579-0420, [margeblasingame@att.net](mailto:margeblasingame@att.net).



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