

The Gazette

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“Serenity Through Bonsai”

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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

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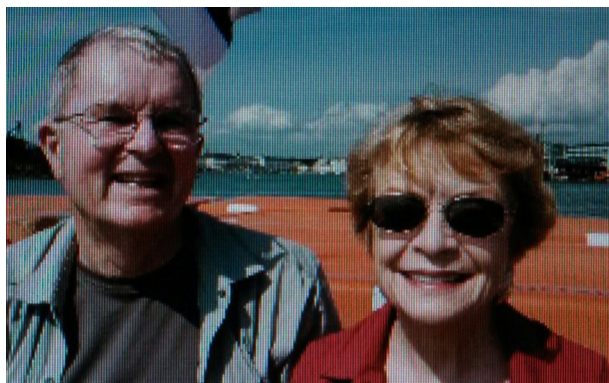
Co-Founder/Sensei

Leila Kusumi

Dai Ichi Club Meeting

Friday, March 21, 2014 at 7:00pm

Gib and Elissa Hoxie



Elissa and Gib stumbled into bonsai in the late 1990s as Gib's business became a casualty of the technology industry slow-down and he sought refuge by murdering greenery in their garden. Fortunately, Carol Upston talked them into joining the South Coast Bonsai Association and they became seriously hooked on the art. Harry Hirao and David Nguy provided much guidance through demos and workshops, and Uyen Truong through a year or two of workshops at his home. For the past seven or eight years Elissa and Gib have been regulars at Ted Matson's workshops in Altadena. Dan Robinson is perhaps the major influence on their aesthetic sensibility. His rough, raw naturalistic style resonates strongly for both of them.

They are trying to shrink their collection of roughly 150 trees, but not making much headway. They also serve on the GSBF Collection South board as publicity co-chairs. In this presentation they will trace the history of six trees, from inception as bonsai to their current status, and will invite audience participation in what to do next with each –no promises at all as to whether they will follow your recommendations!

President's Message

We had a nice turnout for our last meeting. People brought some lovely trees and Doyle brought a few extra so that everybody had something to work on. Leila of course provided her usual expert knowledge and worked with everybody who came. Our next meeting will feature Gib and Elissa Hoxie who have been long time members of the South Coast Bonsai Association (SCBA) and are very diligent in the care and upkeep of their trees, and always have some of the most spectacular trees in the SCBA show. Being from the Palos Verdes area I am sure that they will have some valuable insights into growing trees in our region and especially about growing and caring for trees along the coast.

We had our first good rain of the season, let's just hope that it's not our last for the year! The rain gave everybody's trees a good flushing of the soil and with spring kicking into high-gear it's probably a good time to think about your fertilization regime. There are many different ways to ensure proper nutrition for our trees so look around at what is available and decide how to proceed. And of course the weeds; This is an example of "Do what I say, not what I do", bonsai always look better without weeds and will be healthier too so pull them all!

The Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai show is approaching soon, the first weekend in May. Please volunteer to help during the weekend. This is our yearly opportunity to reach out to the community and to show them what we are all so passionate about. If you have extra stock or no more room in your yard, please consider selling those items at our show. The club makes a small percentage on each sale. I encourage every member to show a tree, even our newest members. We are a club that encourages participation and support for all levels of experience. If you have never shown before and have questions as to how a bonsai is displayed please feel free to contact me or any of our Board members.

-- john

Dai Ichi Gratitude

Benefit Drawing Contributors

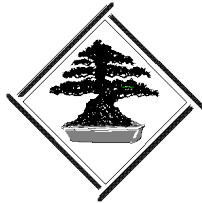
Doyle Saito, John Van de Wouw

Refreshment Contributors

Louis Carrillo, Jason Saito, Doyle Saito, Leila Kusumi,
Kei Ikari

Welcome New Members

Louis Carrillo
Nelson Sanabria
Michael Izumoto
Jonathan Arreola



Refreshments

March—Barry Miller, Jason Saito

April— Doyle Saito

May— TBD

June— TBD

July—TBD

August—TBD



Please help out by
volunteering to bring
refreshments!

February Club Meeting

Members Workshop





We are a great club!
A wonderful night out, working together to master our art.





THE GSBF COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON

Bonsai-A-Thon XVII

Saturday February 22, 2014



Cesareo
Perez



Tak
Shimazu



Mel
Ikeda





Harry
Hirao



Peter
Macasieb



Michael
Sykes





THE GSBF COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON

Bonsai-A-Thon XVII

Sunday, February 23, 2014



Al
Nelson



Cheryl Manning



David Nguy



Frank
Goya



Marcus Juniel



Bob Hilvers





THE GSBF COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON

Bonsai-A-Thon XVII

Hand Crafted Bonsai Pot Exhibit





Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai
28th Annual
Bonsai Exhibit
Serenity Through Bonsai

May 3 and 4, 2014

**Ken Nakaoka Community Center 1670 W.
162nd St., Gardena**

Show Schedule

Saturday, May 3

- 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Show & Sales Area Open
10:30 A.M. Beginner's Hands-on Workshop
(free tree to first 15 newcomers to sign up Saturday morning)
1:00 P.M. Round Robin Bonsai Demonstration
6:00 P.M. Reception & Entertainment

Sunday, May 4

- 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Show & Sales Area Open
1:00 P.M. Mr. Frank Goya, Saikei Demonstration

Novice to master exhibitors, daily demonstrations and drawings, bonsai plants, tools, and accessories on sale throughout the show. Free admission and parking.

Call Doyle Saito (310) 539-9265 for more information.

Coming Events

March 29 & 30, 2014 San Marino, California

California Bonsai Society 57th Annual Bonsai Show - The timeless appeal of an ancient horticultural art form featuring more than 100 beautiful specimens created by bonsai masters. Place: Huntington Library Brody Botanical Center. Time: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm. Free.

April 24 – 27 2014, Costa Mesa, California

Orange County Bonsai Society: 25th Annual Spring Garden Show, South Coast Plaza, 3333 Bear St. Display of trees in the traditional Japanese style. Bonsai and accent plant demonstration by in house Masters. The Spring Garden Show is a diverse and outstanding selection of unusual and exotic plants, garden tools, garden ornaments and art, competition gardens and children's programs. Free admission and parking! For more information, visit www.springgardenshow.com or contact David Nadzam at (714) 345-6966 or dnadzam@socal.rr.com.

April 26 – 27, 2014 San Diego, California

San Diego Bonsai Club: Spring Show at the Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park. Free admission; show hours: 10 AM – 5 PM. Demonstrations will be given both days at 11 AM and 1 PM. There will be Bonsai plants and trees for sale, as well as other bonsai-related items. For more information visit www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com

May 3 – 4, 2014, Gardena, California

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai: Annual Exhibit "Serenity through Bonsai" at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St. Hours are 10 AM – 4 PM, both days. Novice to master bonsai exhibits. Beginner's hands-on workshop at 10:30 AM Saturday followed by a 1 PM round-robin demonstration, and Sunday at 1 PM a Saikei demonstration by Mr. Frank Goya will be held. The demonstration items will be in the benefit drawing, which follows each demonstration. For more details about our club and show visit our website <http://daiichibonsaikai.wordpress.com> (contact tab).

May 10 – 11, Carlsbad, California

San Pu Kai: Bonsai Show & Sale at the Carlsbad Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo Del Norte. Hours are 9 AM – 5:30 PM, both days.





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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.

Club Meeting Friday March 21, 2014—TBD
Club Meeting Friday April 18, 2014—TBD
Club Meeting Friday May 16, 2014 - No Club Meeting for Annual Club Show