

# *The Gazette*

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## *Dai Ichí Bonsai Kai*



*“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

President	John Van de Wouw
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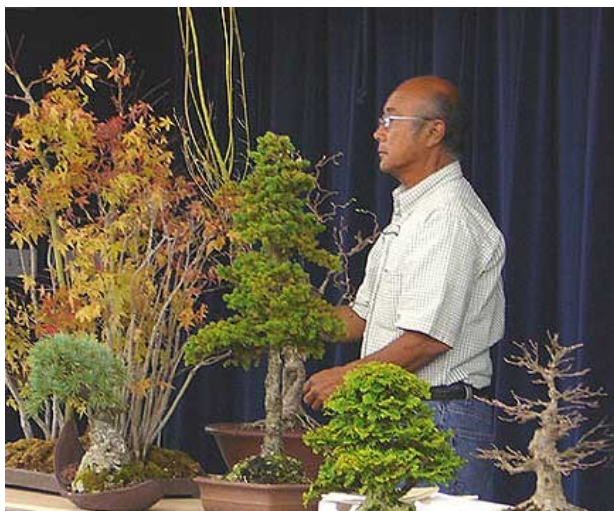
# **Dai Ichi Club Meeting**

## **Friday, April 18, 2014 at 7:00pm**

**Dennis Makashima**



Bonsai instructor and professional ornamental tree pruner specializing in Japanese gardens. Mr. Makishima lives in the San Francisco Bay area, California, where he teaches both bonsai and ornamental tree pruning at Merritt College. His training in Japan is evident in his thorough and comprehensive programs specializing in pines and freely shares his pruning techniques and serene bonsai philosophy.



## **President's Message**

This month we are in the countdown for our annual show which will happen May 3rd and 4th. Again I want to encourage everyone to participate and show one of your trees so that we can put on a really good show. Doyle has also been coordinating with other clubs so that we can show other aspects of Japanese art to the community. To a large extent bonsai is all about the processes involved with horticulture. When you mention bonsai to people its not the horticultural aspects that people think of first, they think of the art of bonsai and the serenity invoked by the display of a tree of nature and accent planting. It is for good reason then that the Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai motto is Serenity Through Bonsai!

Please come to help setup for the show Friday afternoon, make your self available for some part during the day Saturday and Sunday to meet the public and answer questions, and enjoy the show. We will be having our beginners workshop Saturday morning and can always use more teachers. This is actually one of the more enjoyable aspects of bonsai that I enjoy, working with newbies and teaching them my thoughts and techniques. Pot luck is Saturday evening 6PM sharp. Tear-down will be Sunday afternoon around 4PM.

This months demonstrator is Dennis Makashima from Northern California, but we won't hold that against him. Dennis is a very accomplished Bonsai Master and always has a lot to say. He is a past President of the Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) but before that he was in charge of the GSBF Grants and Scholarship Program chair for which I was fortunate enough to have been awarded a grant by him that I used for intensive studies with Ben Oki where I was able to increase my knowledge of the development of my favorite bonsai tree the Black Pine. It will be enlightening and memorable.

-- john

# Dai Ichi Gratitude

## Benefit Drawing Contributors

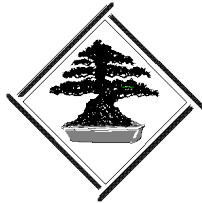
Kevin Sweeney, Hank Sugimoto, Leila Kusumi, Nelson Sanabria,  
Jason Saito, Doyle Saito

## Refreshment Contributors

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

## Welcome New Members

Gib and Elissa Hoxie  
Louis Carrillo  
Nelson Sanabria  
Michael Izumoto  
Jonathan Arreola



## Refreshments

**April—** Doyle Saito

**May—** Sign up for show & reception refreshments

**June—** TBD

**July—**TBD

**August—**TBD

Please help out by  
volunteering to bring  
refreshments!



# March 21, 2014 Club Meeting

Gib and Elissa Hoxie



Cork Oak

2003



2011



At Meeting



Monterey Cypress

2007



2012



At Meeting



2004



2012

Willowleaf Ficus



At Meeting



**California Juniper**



**2008**



**2013**



**At Meeting**

**Coast Redwood**



**2002**



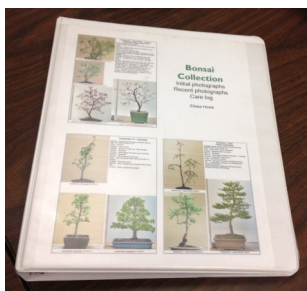
**2011**



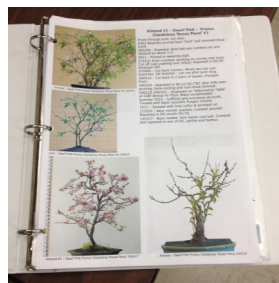
**At Meeting**



Thank you to Elissa and Gib for bringing a table full of trees and pictures to help us learn. Chronicling the history and growth of your trees is a great idea.



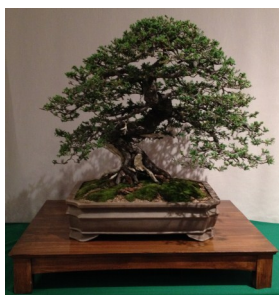
Gib and Elissa keep a journal of all their trees to help keep track of what work was done on them and pictures of their progression. We can all benefit from this example of organization.



CALIFORNIA BONSAI SOCIETY AT THE HUNTINGTON  
MARCH 22 & 23, 2014



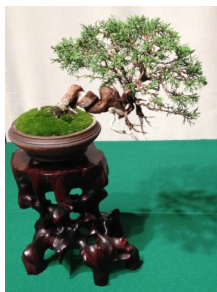
Bald Cypress  
Leila Kusumi



Prostrata Juniper  
Kei IKari



Prostrata Juniper  
Shig Miya



Shimpaku Juniper  
Peter Macasieb



San Jose Juniper  
Carol Upston



California Juniper  
Harry Hirao



Boxwood  
Ben Oki



Ume  
John Naka



Shimpaku Juniper  
Frank Goya



# **Dai Ichi Show May 3 & 4, 2014 Planning**

**(Please sign up to help—Doyle cannot to everything)**

## **Setup and Breakdown**

Friday 3:30 Setup

Scott Pogolian, Barry Miller,  
Ed Walters, Keith Waters,  
Kei Ikari, Doyle Saito

Sunday Breakdown

Barry Miller, Mark Levinstein,  
Nelson Sanabria, Ed Walters, Louis  
Carrillo, Doyle Saito

## **Plant Sale**

Saturday-Sunday:

Vendors:

Tags/Forms are available.

Doyle Saito, CJ Harmatz, Jason Saito  
David & June Nguy, Mel Ikeda,  
Dai Ichi Sale

## **Food Reception**

Friday Setup:

Doyle Saito

Saturday Morning Setup:

Doyle Saito

Saturday Dinner Setup:

Doyle Saito, Judy Unrine

Sunday Morning/Lunch Setup:

Doyle Saito, CJ Harmatz

## **Beginners Workshop Saturday 10:30am**

Scott Pogolian

Kevin Sweeney

Carol Upston

Kei Ikari,

Barry Miller

Leila Kusumi,

Doyle Saito

## **2014 Dai Ichi Dinner Sign-up**

Salads:

Bread & Rolls:

Main Dish:

Side Dish:

Dessert:

Drinks:

Table Cloths, Plates, Utensils:

**Remember to donate a**

**Saturday Night Reception raffle prize!**

***Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai***  
**28<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Bonsai Exhibit**  
***Serenity Through Bonsai***

**May 3 and 4, 2014**

**Ken Nakaoka Community Center 1670  
W. 162<sup>nd</sup> St., Gardena**

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**Show Schedule**

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**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



**April 24 – 27 2014, Costa Mesa, California**

**Orange County Bonsai Society: 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.springgardenshow.com) or contact David Nadzam at (714) 345-6966 or [dnadzam@socal.rr.com](mailto: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](http://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. Exhibit hours are 9 AM to 4 PM both days with demonstration at 1 PM each day by local experts. Beautiful bonsai displayed along with plants sales

**May 24 – 26, 2014, Arcadia, California**

**Santa Anita Bonsai Society: Annual Show** at the Los Angeles County Arboretum – Ayres Hall, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM each day, with a demonstration at 1 PM. Bonsai tools, trees, and pots available for purchase during show. For more information visit our website: [www.sabonsai.org](http://www.sabonsai.org).



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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 April 18, 2014—Dennis Makashima*  
*Club Meeting Friday May 16, 2014 - No Club Meeting for Annual Club Show May 3 & 4*  
*Club Meeting Friday June 20, 2014—TBD*