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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

President	John Van de Wouw
1 st Vice President	Doyle Saito
2 nd Vice President/Fundraising	OPEN
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Co-Founder/Sensei

Leila Kusumi

Dai Ichi Gratitude

Benefit Drawing Contributors

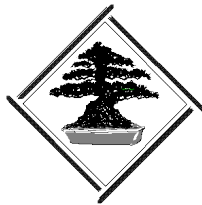
Chikugo-En, Leila Kusumi, Lorra Browne, CJ Harmatz, Mark Levinstein, Ronald Koller Jr, Glenda Turnbull, David & June Nguy, Scott Pogolian, Judy Unrine, Shig Miya, Ken Ueda, Milton Louie, Brian Grant, Nelson Sanabria, Michael Jones, Mike, Jason Saito, Thuan Lam, Doyle Saito,

Refreshment Contributors

Thank you to everyone that helped make the potluck a big success

Welcome New Members

Christian Burke & Jyenny Babcock
Thuan Lam
Manny Martinez
Fred Miyahara
Michael Sykes



Refreshments

June—Jason Saito, Nelson Sanabria, Shawn Stanton, Auor

July—Jason Saito, Allan Sugimura

August —Jason Saito, George and Judy Unrine

September– Barry Miller, Gib and Elissa Hoxie

Please help out by volunteering to bring refreshments!

President's Message

Well I feel that our annual club show was a success. We had some of our newest members show their trees for the first time, which is exactly what I was striving for. I've already put the word out to some of long time members that haven't put a tree in our show yet that I have my eye on them. The Beginners Workshop was fantastic. We had plenty of willing teachers, some great material, and everybody walked away happy. Our potluck went off with out a hitch, great entertainment by the Japanese dance group, lots of good food, and a successful raffle. We had the displays disassembled and packed away in Doyle's car in record time. Thank you all who helped over the three days, we couldn't have done it with out you!

I have some exciting news. At least I think so. Carl Crouse, our club Treasurer, will be stepping down after many years of supporting the club in this important position. I want to thank Carl personally for all the work he has done and staying on in this position until we could workout a smooth transition with our new Treasurer. Our new Treasurer is Scott Pogolian who has been serving as our Raffle Chairman over the past several years and has been doing a fine job. This too is an important position and one that actually teaches you a lot about bonsai and the bonsai community for you have to learn quickly what is good material for a raffle, where to get it, what the winners like to win, and how to gauge how much to bring for the subject matter of that nights meeting. Scott, thank you too for a job well done. Kevin Sweeney will be back filling for Scott in the role of Raffle Chairman. Kevin is a relatively new member to Dai Ichi and he didn't even hesitate when I asked if he would do this for us. That's the spirit! Please all welcome Kevin to the Dai Ichi Board and let's all support him by buying plenty of raffle tickets.

-- john

Dai Ichi Club Meeting Friday, June 20, 2014

Cesareo Perez



CESAREO PEREZ first saw bonsai at age 14 at the Arboretum in Pittsburgh, PA, and knew he had to try to create some himself. He immediately started killing trees through complete lack of knowledge! After moving to California, he saw the California Bonsai Society show at Exposition Park in Los Angeles, and then had two lessons with Khan Komai, but this was not enough to get him sorted out. Later, he found Descanso Bonsai Society and Jim Barrett, who became and remains his principal teacher. Cesareo was also fortunate to work with Harry Hirao and John Naka. He was invited by Mr. Naka to join California Bonsai Society and then Nampu Kai. He has shown his trees with various clubs in Southern California, and has demonstrated his take on the art of Bonsai for numerous clubs and for the Golden State Bonsai Federation Bonsai-a-Thon at the Huntington Library and Gardens. Cesareo aims to bring the experience of meeting with nature to the viewer through his trees. Cesareo is well known for his creativity and ability to find and design wonderful material. Over the years he has found that meticulous attention to detailed wiring and pruning often makes the difference between a nice tree and a truly admirable one.

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



Ted Oka
Kishuu Shimpaku



Carol Upston
Prostrate Juniper



Gary Ishii
Sargent Juniper



Dave Nguy
Bougainvillea



June Nguy
Japanese Black Pine



Gib Hoxie
Chinese Elm



Elissa Hoxie
Natal Plum



Nelson Sanabria



Shawn Stanton
Procumbent Juniper Nana



Frank Goya
Maidenhair Tree



Kei Ikari
California Juniper



Dick Ryerson
Trident Maple



Fred Miyahara
Sargent Juniper



Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai Viewing Stone—Donated by Harry Hirao



Manuel Martinez
Olive



Leila Kusumi
Japanese Black Pine



Shig Miya
American Sweetgum



Doyle Saito
Prostrate Juniper



Ken Ueda
Olive



Kevin Sweeney
Feomina Juniper



Jim Morris
Weeping Willow



Scott Pogossian
Chinese Elm



Louis Carrillo



Allen Sugimura
Japanese Black Pine



Paul Vasina
Feomina Juniper



Brian Grant
Procumbent Juniper Nana



Keith Waters
Umbrella Tree



Herb Eisenberg
Prostrate Juniper



Al Nelson
Prostrate Juniper



Barry Miller
Feomina Juniper



Kaz Murai
California Juniper



Ko Yo Kai Bonsai Club Shohin Display



Ted Oka stands proudly in front of the tokonoma which displays his elegant tree

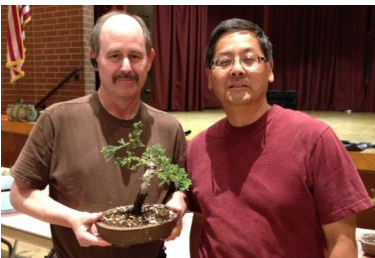
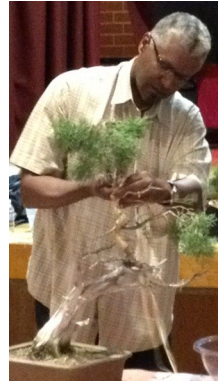


History of Sumi-e

The 2000 year-old art form of Japanese brush painting is spiritually rooted in Zen Buddhism. Sumi-e's earliest practitioners were highly disciplined monks trained in the art of concentration, clarity, and simplicity. These early Zen Masters dedicated themselves to the art form with spiritual intensity through long years of serious reflection and strict discipline. Respect for Sumi-e's demands shaped their aesthetic direction.



Round Robin Bonsai Demonstration



Beginner's Hands-On Workshop





Keep an eye out for these beginners as they join us for our club meetings.

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai teachers promote the art of Bonsai and inspire others with their passion.

What a good feeling knowing we are building a bigger bonsai community!



Dai Ichi Show Reception



We
love
those
raffles



Mai No Kai Traditional Japanese Dance

Classical dance (Nihon Buyo) is known for its refined movements, emotional expressions, and symbolic gestures which incorporate techniques transmitted over four centuries of performing arts.



Mr. Frank Goya Saikei Demonstration



Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai Show

Thank You

Setup and Breakdown

Scott Pogosian, Barry Miller, Ed Walters, Keith Waters, Kei Ikari, Doyle Saito; Leila Kusumi, Allan Sugimura, Jim Morris, Jason Saito, John Van de Wouw, Mark Levinstein, Nelson Sanabria, Louis Carrillo, Kevin Sweeney; Keith Waters, David & June Nguy

Plant Sale

Doyle Saito, CJ Harmatz, Jason Saito, Alyssa Factor Saito, Carl Crouse, Leila Kusumi, David & June Nguy, Mel Ikeda,

Food & Reception Set Up

Doyle Saito; Keith Waters, Shawn Stanton , Judy & George Unrine, CJ Harmatz, Jim & Lynn Morris, Leila Kusumi, Jason & Alyssa Saito

Beginners Workshop

Scott Pogosian, Kevin Sweeney, Carol Upston, Kei Ikari, Barry Miller, Leila Kusumi, Doyle Saito, Robert King Ed Walters, John Van de Wouw, Jason Saito, Fred Miyahara, Michael Sykes, Dr. Chin

Round Robin Demonstrators

Allan Sugimura, Scott Pogosian, Kevin Sweeney, Leila Kusumi, Fred Mayahara, Michael Sykes, Mel Ikeda

It takes a village to put on a great show. This could not have been done without the many volunteers. It is so wonderful to be part of this amazing club and bonsai community! Everyone always pitches in even the president.



Coming Events



June 14 – 15, 2014 La Cañada Flintridge, California

Descanso Bonsai Society: Annual Show at Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive. Hours are 9 AM – 5 PM, with Demonstrations 11 AM and 1 PM each day. Sales area is open to the public. Admission to the exhibition is free with admission to Descanso Gardens. A Saturday night reception 6 PM – 9 PM includes light refreshments, auction and raffle. For more information go to www.descanso-bonsai.com

June 14 – 15, 2014 Encino, California

Sansui Kai of Southern California: Annual show in conjunction with the Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society at Sepulveda Garden Center 16633 Magnolia Blvd. Hours are 9 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 9 AM – 4 PM Sunday. Family friendly venue with club bonsai sales, amazing vendors from the succulent, iris and native plant community. Admission is free. Contact Dan at 818-512-7661 or Kaptankaiser@gmail.com for timing of lectures as well as entertainment and day end feast

June 21-22, 2014 Anaheim, California

Orange County Bonsai Society: 51st Annual Bonsai Exhibit at the Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale Ave. Exhibit hours are 10:30 AM – 4 PM both days. Demonstration at 1 PM each day followed by a benefit raffle that includes demonstration trees. Bonsai pots, tools and accessories along with books, trees and plants will be on sale. **There is a possibility of a schedule conflict with the venue. Please email or call to confirm exhibit dates/times prior to attending.** For more information contact ocbonsai@gmail.com or Ken Schlothman at 714-553-7516

June 21, 2014 Los Angeles, California

VJCC Annual Summer Festival: 12448 Braddock Drive,; 11am—9pm; Admission is free; Food, Games, Cultural Exhibits

June 29, 2014 Reseda, California

1st Annual L.A. Bonsai Swap Meet: Jesse Owens Park, 7100 White Oaks Ave., 10am–3pm, Buy, Sell or Swap. No charge to participate; 818-776-0813

October 30 – November 2, 2014 Sacramento, California

GSBF-37: Golden State Bonsai Federation and American Bonsai Society presents 2014 Convention XXXVII “Bonsai Visions of the West” at the Double Tree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way.

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai is a proud member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation
<http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/>

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Club Meeting Friday June 20, 2014—Cesareo Perez

Club Meeting Friday July 18, 2014—TBD

Club Meeting Friday August 15, 2014 - TBD