

# *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

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# **Dai Ichi Gratitude**

## **Benefit Drawing Contributors**

Doyle Saito, Gib & Elissa Hoxie, The Koller Family

## **Refreshment Contributors**

Doyle Saito, Allor & Mary, Jason Saito, Kei Ikara,  
Keith Waters

## **Welcome New Members**

Tyler Ferrer  
Christian Burke & Jyenny Babcock



# **Refreshments**

**July**—Jason Saito, Allan Sugimura

**August** —Jason Saito, George and Judy Unrine

**September**– Barry Miller, Gib and Elissa Hoxie

**October**—TBD

**November**—TBD

**Please help out by volunteering to bring  
refreshments!**

## President's Message

I hope that everybody enjoyed their Fourth of July! I have been tied up with life this summer so I have missed a couple of events that have happened recently. I heard that the Dai Ichi Juniper Dig at the old Del Amo Mall that Doyle organized went really well. The trees were around 50 years old and our members were able to take home some tree with thick old trunks. There also were two bonsai sales that I'd love to hear more about if you were able to attend them. We can discuss/critique at our meeting next week. Next month 8/16-17 is the Nanpu Kai show in Little Tokyo during the Neisei festival. This year Nanpu Kai is celebrating the 100th birthday of John Naka so come down and celebrate his life and legacy. Much of bonsai as we know it in this country is due to John's efforts to reach out and educate. Summer is in full force, things are growing nicely with warm weather and long days. Be diligent with your watering but remember California is still in a severe drought. See ya all soon.

-- john

The Golden State Bonsai Federation  
With The American Bonsai Society Presents:

BONSAI VISIONS OF THE WEST

# GSBF37

October 30th - November 2nd, 2014 | The DoubleTree Hotel | Sacramento, CA

#### HEADLINERS



Peter Tea



Kathy Shaner



David De Groot

#### SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS WITH:

Sam Adina, Ron Anderson, Yuko Carson, Juan Cruz, Gay Lynn Goetz, Dennis Makishima, Yuzo Maruyama, Hideko Metaxas, Frank Mihalik, Kenji Miyata, Seiji Morimae, David Nguy, Mike Pistello, Steve Price, Tak Shimazu, Bob Shimon, John "JT" Thompson

#### ABS LEARNING SEMINARS WITH:

Ted Matton and Jack Suttle

# **Dai Ichi Club Meeting Friday, July 18, 2014**

## **Ben Oki**



Japanese-American Ben Oki was born in Sacramento, California, in 1927. At age six, he moved to Japan, where he learned Japanese landscape and stone techniques. In 1950, Ben returned to the United States after graduating from Matsu Moto Business School, and has managed his entrepreneurship in landscape gardening ever since.

Ben is admired and in high demand worldwide as a Japanese Garden designer, especially for his use of stones in his compositions. Ben's design work includes the garden of screen star Cybil Shepard in Memphis, Tennessee, and others in the Pacific Islands and South America. Ben is a curator of the Bonsai Collections at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California.

Ben studied bonsai under world master John Naka, and has assisted him with demonstrations and meetings. Ben has become one of the internationally known bonsai masters, and takes a key role at conventions by conducting workshops, demonstrations, and critique sessions

# Dai Ichi Club Meeting Friday, June 20, 2014

## Cesareo Perez



This Liquid Amber has nice nabari that grips into the soil. Good drainage is needed around the trunk. The design is a slant style. The branches are young so not a lot of wiring right now.

Seal the cuts on Broadleaf trees. Carpenter's wood glue can be used as a sealant to protect the living bark to heal and avoid die back on branches. It takes a while to cover cuts but it will happen.







Tree can be defoliate now. For directional pruning, look at the direction the buds are growing. Cut on an angle leaving 1/16th inch from bud.. Don't cut on a bud.  
Remove low branches. Shape in an oak tree style not pine tree style allowing for a more loose design.





You don't have to do final cuts—give the eye space to see how best to style the tree.



Use a dental tool to pick back to the living bark. It stimulates and smooths the bark around the edges of old cut.

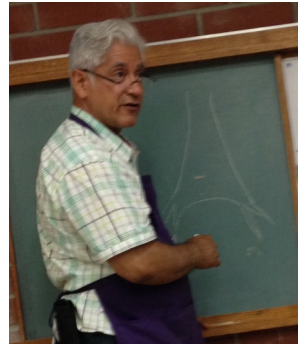




Liquid Amber comes in many colors—semi-evergreen; multi-colored with purple, red, yellow; dark maroon or yellow.



Repot next winter in a cactus mix which holds more water. Curve in at tap root to develop a healthy root structure.



Feed the tree with a slow release chemical fertilizer or organic. If mold develops, use a fungicide.



Big Winner of the demo tress was Ed Walters. Congratulations!

# A Club Big

## At the Del Amo Fashion Center Mall

June 22, 2014

### 40+ year old Junipers



Thuan Lam  
Barry Miller  
Kei Ikari  
Doyle Saito



Nelson Sanabria  
Jason Saito  
Robert King  
Kevin & Aki Sweeney  
Frank Goya



# Coming Events



## August 9-17 , 2014 Los Angeles, California

**Nanpu Kai Bonsai Show celebrating 100 year birthday of John Naka at the Nisei Week Japanese Festival** cultural exhibits, entertainment, food, games, arts and crafts. Little Tokyo ((213) 687-7193

## August 23 – 24, 2014 Santa Rosa, California

**Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS):** 31th Annual show at the Santa Rosa Veterans building, 1351 Maple Ave. 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday with demonstrations both days at 1 PM by club sensei Kathy Shaner. Large exhibit of members' trees, vendors' sales room, members' sales room, raffle and silent auction. Free admission, parking and treats. Contact Bob Shimon @ 707-884-4126 or [shimon@mcn.org](mailto:shimon@mcn.org)

## 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. Reservations for hotel 916-929-8855. Headliners include Peter Tea, Kathy Shaner and David De Groot, ABS Learning Seminars with Ted Matson and Jack Sustic, Joshua Roth New Talent Bonsai Competition, and Special Tribute to John Naka – 100 years (b. August 16, 1914). Demonstrations, seminars, critiques, workshops, excursions, benefit drawings, vendors, and much more. More information available at [www.gsbfcconvention.org](http://www.gsbfcconvention.org).



How Frank collects Rocks  
at Mojave January 2014

(pictures courtesy of Keith  
Waters)



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*Club Meeting Friday July 18, 2014—Ben Oki  
Club Meeting Friday August 15, 2014 - Robert Pressler  
Club Meeting Friday September 19, 2014—Robert King*