



DAI ICHI BONSAI KAI

Serenity through Bonsai

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THE DAI ICHI GAZETTE



POTTING WORKSHOP with FRED MIYAHARA and MICHAEL SYKES

DAI ICHI BONSAI KAI

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On the Cover

| Fred Miyahara and Michael Sykes share their repotting knowledge and skills with our club members.

Inside Cover

| Accent frog and child just chilling out in Kevin Sweeney's Foemina Juniper.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I love it when our club comes together and involves everybody who shows up. Our last meeting was such an event, and we literally got our hands dirty. Our repotting club meeting, led by Fred Miyahara and Michael Sykes, was a great success. We had old pros and first timers all working together, going through the motions of placing their bonsai into new homes. I certainly hope that some of the repotting activity will lead to new participants in our upcoming show next month.



Speaking of the annual Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai show, it's time! As always I expect 100% participation from our club members. I think it is important for our newest members to show a tree too. Don't be a closet artist, come out and show the community your unique perspective and talents. The DIBK show takes place over three days, from Friday afternoon, through Sunday afternoon; there are many activities, and I hope that everyone participates and volunteers.

The DIBK show is our biggest recruiting event for new members, with the Beginners Bonsai Workshop being one of the most important single show event we draw from. We will have 15 to 20 students and hope to have one sensei per three students. We would love to have eight teachers signed up at the conclusion of our next meeting.

The City of Gardena is very generous to our club and bonsai community. They love the fact that we bring "community" to the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, welcoming all that come to experience and learn about the art of bonsai. Be sure to come hang with your bonsai ohana.

John van de Wouw

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President

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai



THE DIRT ON REPOTTING

Our March meeting was a potting workshop with longtime DIBK supporters Fred Miyahara, and Michael Sykes. They both endured the long drive from San Diego to share their wisdom with our club. The meeting was well attended, and many member trees are now ready for summer and new growth!



Fred Floresca getting to the root of the matter...



Michael Sykes talks wire...



and potting options...



Shirley Floresca taming an unruly Olive...



It can seem like a lot of work to bring your material, tools, soil, and pots to a workshop, but the end results are worth it. More importantly is the knowledge you go home with, that will benefit you long after the workshop is over.

Learning proper techniques like root prep, soil composition, best time to repot, maintenance and aftercare is invaluable, and having two great teachers with years of experience is the best way to learn.



Fred Miyahara working the roots of Glen Takahashi's Juniper...



Glen watches intently as Fred explains the root prep process...



Discussing root work with Glen and Carol...





Michael Izumoto and Michael Sykes (Mike²) adjusting the planting angle....



Fred weighs in on Michael's pot selection...



As did Michael...



"Now mom can have her strainer back!"
~Michael Izumoto



"Keep it."
~Michael's mom



Root combing...
pick pick pick...
poke poke.



Getting the angle just right...



Approved!



Liz Do showing Doyle
how it's done...

as Phillip watches...



Kevin Sweeney's
All-American bonsai...

Peter Macasieb and CJ Harmatz chatting about life, love and bonsai...



John Monos and John van de Wouw hangin'...



Ivan Salas preparing to
WIN ALL THE
RAFFLE!



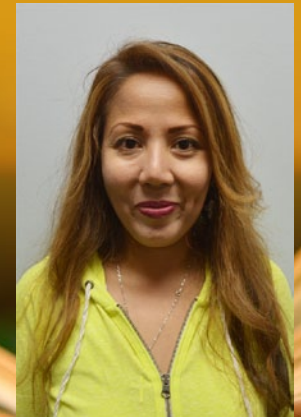
Allan Sugimura and Marisa Macasieb catching up...



CLUB LIBRARIAN

Please welcome DIBK's newest club librarian, Carol Takahashi. Carol will be in charge of our collection of printed and digital media archives. From time to time, she will also be writing feature book reviews for the *DIBK Gazette*, and that book (along with a small selection) will be available for loan at the next monthly meeting.

Books from our library are available to club members in good standing. Check out the library at www.daiichibonsaikai.com/media/library and let Carol know which books you want to check out!



GET YOUR SHOW TREES READY!

All DIBK members are encouraged to show a tree in this year's show.

Start getting your best trees ready, and please send back the response card as soon as it arrives so we may facilitate the display planning.



DAI ICHI
BONSAI KAI

Serenity through Bonsai

32nd ANNUAL BONSAI EXHIBIT & SALE

May 6 and 7, 2017
Ken Nakaoka Community Center
1670 W. 162nd St., Gardena

SATURDAY • MAY 6

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

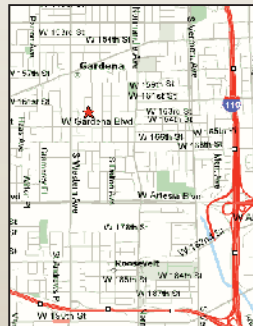
SUNDAY • MAY 7

10:00am - 3:00pm Show & Sales Area Open
1:00pm 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.

For more info, call Doyle Saito at
(310) 539-9265
or visit
daiichibonsaikai.com

Directions:
405 Freeway or Artesia Boulevard (91 Freeway) to Western Avenue. Western Avenue north to 162nd Street. Turn east (right) on 162nd Street to the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, located on the south side of 162nd Street at 1670 W. 162nd Street.



With the 32nd Annual DIBK Show and Sale, *Serenity through Bonsai*, just around the corner, now is the time to get your trees ready. The annual show is our yearly opportunity to introduce the art and beauty of bonsai to the public. The sale is a great way for club members to reduce their collection, and to support the club by selling their finished and pre-bonsai stock that they have outgrown. The after-show reception is also a great networking event that cannot be missed.

We are still in need of volunteers to assist in the show setup, and to contribute food for the reception. As you can see from the sign up list (so far), we really need our club members to contribute where they can, so please support the club and sign up at the next club meeting or call Doyle Saito at (310) 539-9265.

Friday 3:30 Setup

John van de Wouw
Allan Sugimura
Jason Saito

Sunday Breakdown

John van de Wouw
Allan Sugimura
Jason Saito

Plant Sale

(Tags/Forms are available)

Saturday-Sunday:

Shirley & Fred Floresca
Jason and Alyssa Saito

Vendors:

Mel Ikeda
DIBK Club Sale

Food Reception

Friday Setup:

Doyle Saito

Saturday Morning

Setup:

Doyle Saito
Jason Saito

Dinner Setup:

Glen & Carol Takahashi,
Judy and George Unrine

Sunday Morning/ Lunch Setup:

Doyle Saito
CJ Harmatz

Beginners Workshop Saturday 10:30am

John van de Wouw
Jason Saito

Round Robin

**Contact Doyle if
interested!**

Reception Dinner Sign-up

Appetizers:

Please sign up!

Salads:

John van de Wouw

Rice, Bread & Rolls:

Please sign up!

Main Dish:

Allan Sugimura - Sushi
Carol Takahashi - Pancit
Fred & Shirley Floresca -
Lomeli's Italian
Jason Saito - Hawaiian
style Char Siu Pork

Side Dish:

Please sign up!

Dessert:

Peter Macasieb -
Leche Flan

Drinks:

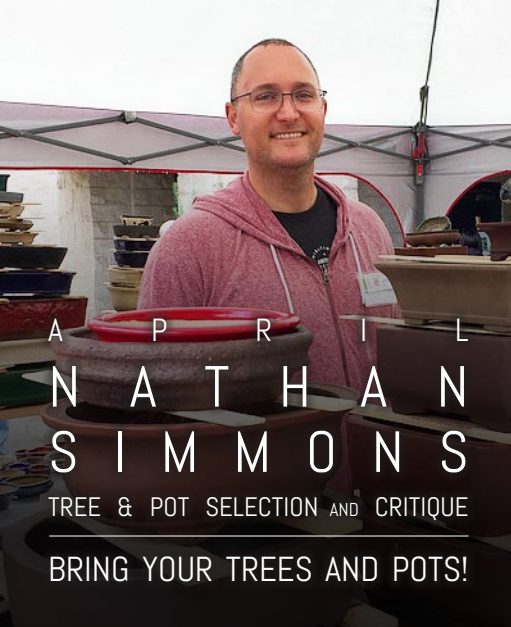
Please sign up!

Table Cloths, Plates, Utensils:

Please sign up!



**As in years past, this is sure to be another
successful show and sale, and it is all
because of generous DIBK members like you!**



APRIL 21, 2017

Our April seminar will be on tree and pot pairing. Bring several options of trees and pots, and learn what to look for when deciding.

Nate Simmons has been practicing bonsai for 8 years. He has studied under Roy Nagatoshi, Tak Shimazu, Ted Matson, Ryan Neil, Mauro Stemberger and John Wang.

He currently has hundreds upon hundreds of pots and approx 500 trees including ones in the ground. More about Nate, by Nate:

"My parents were hippies, no just kidding. I've been interested in pots after befriending Bruce Hisayasu, and from there, the passion just grew out of control."

~Nate Simmons

See you there!

UPCOMING

All events are tentative and subject to change.

MAY 2017 | **NO MEETING**
CLUB SHOW & SALE

JUNE 16, 2017 | **TAK SHIMAZU**

JULY 21, 2017 | **GUEST DEMONSTRATOR**

AUG 18, 2017 | **ALBERT RIVERA**

EVENTS

April 29 – 30, 2017
San Diego Bonsai Exhibition
Casa Del Prado, Room 101
Balboa Park
Hours: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Demonstrations at 11 AM and 1 PM. Free admission. Bonsai pots and trees for sale, as well as other bonsai-related items.
For more information visit
www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com

April 22 – May 14, 2017
Bonsai Exhibit at The Fullerton Arboretum
1900 Associated Road, Fullerton
Hours: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Weekends Only
The exhibit will be staged with participating clubs and individuals, cycling their trees throughout the event. Demonstrations to be announced.
For more information, please visit
www.fullertonarboretum.org

May 6 – 7, 2017
Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai
Serenity Through Bonsai Show & Sale
Ken Nakaoka Community Center
1670 W. 162nd St.
Hours: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
For more details about our club and show please visit: www.bit.ly/DIBK-Web or
www.bit.ly/DIBK-FB.

May 27 – 29, 2016
Santa Anita Bonsai Society
53rd Annual Show
Los Angeles County Arboretum
301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia
Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Demonstrations will begin each day at 1:00PM. There will also be bonsai trees, pots, tools, and related items for sale.

For more information, please contact
Marge Blasingame at 626-579-0420,
or email, margeblasingame@att.net

For more event information, please visit
bit.ly/GSBF-MoreEvents

GRATITUDE

*Thank you to all of the members who contributed.
The club truly appreciates your generosity and giving spirit.*

Benefit Drawing Contributors
Leila Kusumi, Mel Ikeda, Doyle Saito,
Gary Ishii-Chikugo-En, Fred Floresca,
and Ivan Salas

Refreshment Contributors
John van de Wouw, CJ & Mark Levinstein,
and Doyle Saito

Refreshment Signup for April
Tucker McClure & Tina Hsu, and Tom Vuong

Please remember to sign the contribution sheet so that we may acknowledge your generosity.

Special thanks to
Fred Miyahara, Michael Sykes, and Liz Do
for their contributions to this issue of the DIBK Gazette.

ABOUT DAI ICHI BONSAI KAI

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai ("Number One" Bonsai Club) was established in January, 1986.

Our club is dedicated to promoting the art of bonsai, and takes great pride in its family-oriented character.

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 the public is welcome.

www.daiichibonsaikai.com

**Please feel free to forward this publication to friends, family
or anyone with an appreciation for bonsai.**

Do you have any comments, questions, or submissions? If so, please contact:
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