



DAI ICHI BONSAI KAI

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THE DAI ICHI GAZETTE



Happy Holidays

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Dai ichi Bonsai Kai gather together to wish all of you a very Happy Holidays.

Holiday decorations adorn Gib and Elissa Hoxie's Christmas bonsai tree.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful year we have had this year! Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai has grown with new

members and we continue to bring our activities to the public's attention be it through our show in May, through our newsletter (I'm always providing the web address to people expressing a bonsai interest), or through our live-streaming media coverage which has really taken off this year. It has always been my pledge to expand our outreach and I feel that together we have done that.



As the holiday season washes over us, let us remember the good time we have had this year as a club. Last month we had our annual potluck dinner where we were all able to come together to eat some great food, and once again had a hilarious time playing Bonsai Bingo. Thank you all who participated. We also had an excellent slate of demonstrators this year, and during our member's workshop we filled up each and every table with trees to work on.

One might think that this would be a slow time for bonsai but that's certainly not the case if you look at the Bonsai Calendar at the back of the newsletter with major events happening in December, January, and February. And there are plenty of bonsai chores to take care of too. I've taken inventory of the type of bonsai soil piece-parts I have on hand and what I need to buy in order to mix that perfect soil mix for repotting starting in a couple of weeks. Cleaning up weeds and dead leaves from the display area is a constant. And now that my tortoise is hibernating I can start to contemplate my winter pest control spraying.

Lastly, I want to remind everybody that our club functions so well because we all take an interest in our club's mission and are willing to volunteer and contribute to the club's success. Next year we have a new slate of officers and they too will be relying on your continued support. I have had a wonderful four years as your President and I look forward to being a part of this organization for many years to come. Jason Saito is our new President. Please welcome him and show him your bonsai love. I know that we will continue to be a great resource in spreading the art of bonsai.

John van de Wouw

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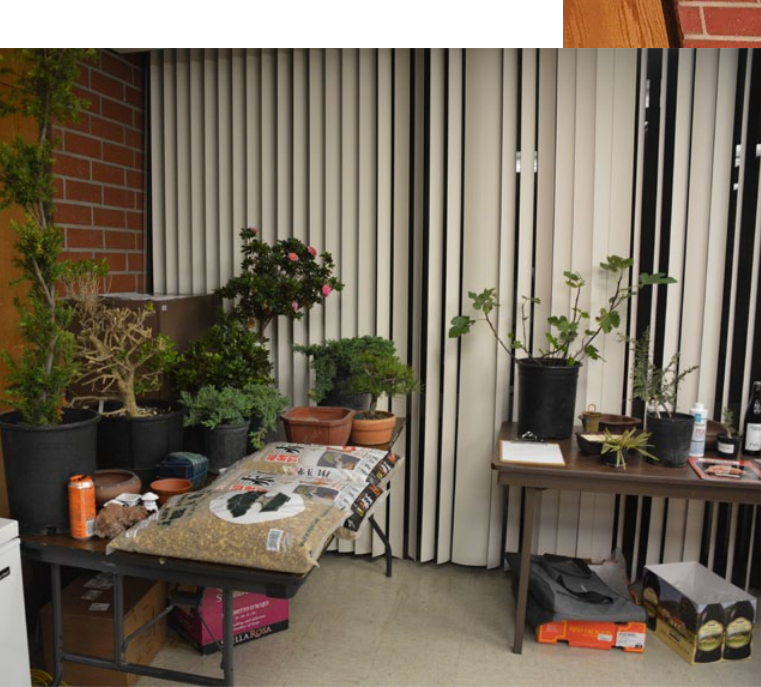
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HOLIDAY PARTY BONSAI BINGO



Continuing an old tradition, DIBK held it's annual Holiday Potluck Party during the November meeting. This year's party was well attended by friends, old and new. After munching on some really delicious food, brought in by club members, the crowd was treated to a rousing night of Bonsai Bingo. The game is your standard simple Bingo game, with the exception that instead of calling out letters and numbers, the card was filled with bonsai terms. Kevin Sweeney served as bingo caller, and he did a great job. Everyone had a blast!



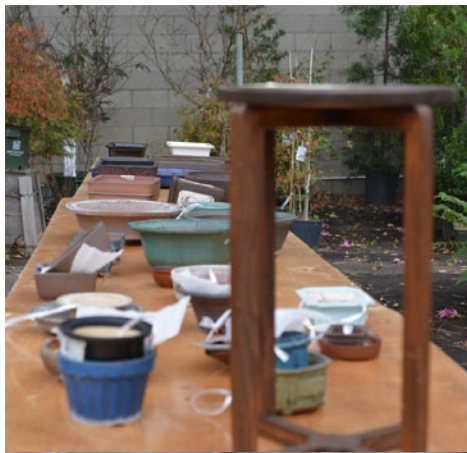




CBS SALE

Once again, Yamaguchi Bonsai Nursery in West LA was the scene of the California Bonsai Society's Annual Bonsai Sale. Many people journeyed into the frosty cold morning, for a chance at some great material at even greater prices. The crowd showed up early to get the best bargains. Here are some scenes from the event.









It's time to renew your ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

**Individual Membership
\$25.00 per year**

**Family Membership
\$35.00 per year**

Your dues enable the club to present activities such as our annual show, guest demonstrations, workshops, the *Dai Ichi Gazette*, club library, as well as refreshments and club raffles and events.

You can pay your dues in person at the next club meeting, or by mailing your check to:

**CJ Levinstein
827 East Marshall Place
Long Beach, CA 90807**

Or pay online via PayPal:
daiichibonsaikai.com/membership

DECEMBER

NO MEETING

*May the magic
and the wonder
of the
holiday season
stay with you
throughout the
coming year ...

See you all in
January!*

EVENTS

Dec 26 – 30, 2017

California Aiseki Kai 28th Annual Show

The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino

Hours: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

For more information, visit:

www.aisekikai.com or contact

sashaichris@gmail.com

Jan 13 – 14, 2018

Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

54th Annual Winter Silhouettes Show

Arboretum of Los Angeles

310 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

Hours: 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Exhibit, sales area, Saturday night reception
featuring entertainment, food, giant raffle and
auction.

For more information, visit:

www.baikoenbonsai.com

February 24-25, 2018

Bonsai-A-Thon XXII

The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Road

Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Admission to the event is free with Bonsai-A-
Thon “early bird” registration between
8 AM – 9 AM. Pancake breakfast, demonstra-
tions, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area,
raffle and auction.

For more information visit www.gsbfhuntington.com

For more event information, please visit
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GRATITUDE

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

*A big thank you to all Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai
members, friends, and supporters,
for making 2017 a great year
for the club, and for bonsai in general.*

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.

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

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