



## Mr. Hirao Cancels July 9th

Personal conflicts necessitated Mr. Hirao's cancellation for the next meeting July 9th. Please bring your own trees to work on instead. We will reschedule him at a further date.

Mr Hirao  
at a  
prior SSK  
Demo  
Pic byEYHO



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Jack Reynolds*

First I would like to thank all the people who helped with the show either by exhibiting trees or just showing up and helping out. They include Mary Tatro, Sonia Kobler, Grace Sy, Steve Riley, Al Espinoza and family, Hank Fawcett, Michael Jonas, Dan Kashinsky, Eric Percifield, Armando Trinidad, Dave Williams and Artie. I hope I have not left anyone out and apologize in advance to anyone who was omitted.

The show went off without a hitch and the public appreciated the display of trees, which complimented the succulent show, which filled two thirds of the room. More on that at some future time. I believe we had twelve members enter trees this year. I don't know if this is a record but it is a good number. I hope that with our program of workshops at regular meeting even more people will be able to get trees well prepared for showing. Some of the participants and board members have come up with a list of ideas on ways to improve the show next year. The board will conduct a "debriefing" at our next meeting and at least some of these ideas will be acted on in future shows. Any member who has an idea of a way to improve the show is invited to inform the board at any time in the next weeks.

Remember to drink in the beauty of your trees every day. Have a love affair with them.

show photos on web site [Sansui-Kai.org](http://Sansui-Kai.org)



Show-Armando T's  
Olive  
Photo by EYHO

# July Refreshments Michael Jonas, Mary Tatro, Emma and Maria

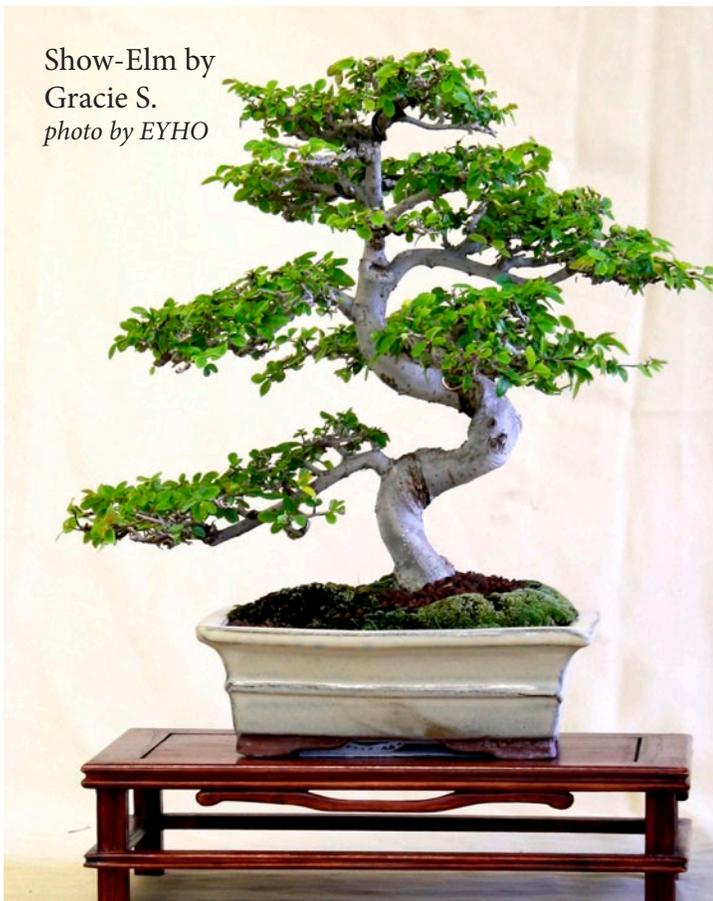
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## Coming Events

SSK Annual BBQ and Auction at Don and Ileene Berkus home August 17th 5PM

San Diego Bonsai Club  
[www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com/](http://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com/)

June 6th to July 7th - SDBC will host a bonsai booth at the San Diego Fair. July 13th (Sunday)



Show-Elm by  
Gracie S.  
photo by EYHO

## SSK Members Annual Bonsai Show

Intertwined with Fathers Day Weekend, the Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society Show and the Descanso Bonsai Exhibition was the Sansui-Kai Bonsai Yearly Member Bonsai Exhibit. Past president Eric Percifield was show chairperson.

Jack, Mary, Sonia, Eric, Betty, Ben, Dave, Dan, Armando, Gracie, Steve, Albert, Hank, Artie and Michael actively supported the exhibit. The public was quite receptive to the show and especially in awe of Hanks 100 yr old olive. Many signed up for our newsletter. Sales were satisfying as well. Jack's demo on Sunday was well received.

The next Board meeting will review the event and look for ways to improve it. More table space would allow for more trees. Scheduling away from holiday weekends and other bonsai society events is a reasonable goal. Club members are welcome to give their opinions.

For the full exhibit go to [www.Sansui-Kai.org](http://www.Sansui-Kai.org)



Your main concern this time of year should be to carefully tend your trees during the heat. Rotate them every week or two. Hot pots can cook roots so protect the pot by covering it with sphagnum moss or burlap or place a board over the surface of the pot to shade the soil and the side toward the sun. Set trees on the damp ground in the shade. Put up shade cloth on an overhead frame. Water overhead in the morning so as to dampen the benches and surrounding ground. The higher humidity is good for the trees except for pines. Something I have learned from the scientific literature on needle cast disease in pines is that high humidity promotes it so I spray my pines infrequently. Junipers and deciduous trees all seem to like a good wash off though especially good for pests.

Fertilize everything. Remember frequent dilute fertilizing is better than infrequent heavy applications. Also read about the argument for organics.

Trees can be defoliated this month but not later. Remember to remove all leaves and set the tree in a shady place for a couple of weeks until the new leaves are just beginning to pop. You should cut down on the water also because without leaves there is little transpiration and the soil will remain too wet.

Flowering trees should have any remaining buds removed and most of the fruit. Leave a few for fall enjoyment but don't leave all the fruit on one branch. If you left fruit on the tree last year it might be a good idea to strip it all off this year. Fruits are very taxing to the tree.

Don't transplant this month. Exceptions are pomegranates, olives, bougainvilleas, willow, and tamaris. Consider keeping the last three in water during the heat.

Shaping of trees can go on as for June but you should have already done your candle pruning on pines.

Air and groundlayering can be done this month. Check for insect pests. Woolly aphids might show up in any apple relative. Spider mites are always a potential problem in junipers. Mealy bugs are

always a problem at our house. Spray with a combination of malathion and Volk oil or malathion and Ultrafine. Be careful not to mix too strong an oil mixture. Spray according to directions or weaker. It is possible to burn trees with a combination of malathion and Volk oil or malathion and Ultrafine. Don't spray anything in the sun. Wait till sunset or move the tree into shade.

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Le Show - Jack R's elm was guarded by sentry Steve R.



Photos by EYHO





Sansui-Kai is dedicated to the learning, use and teaching of the horticulture techniques and artistic principles needed to grow, design and care for bonsai. Regular membership is \$22 & \$27 for Families.

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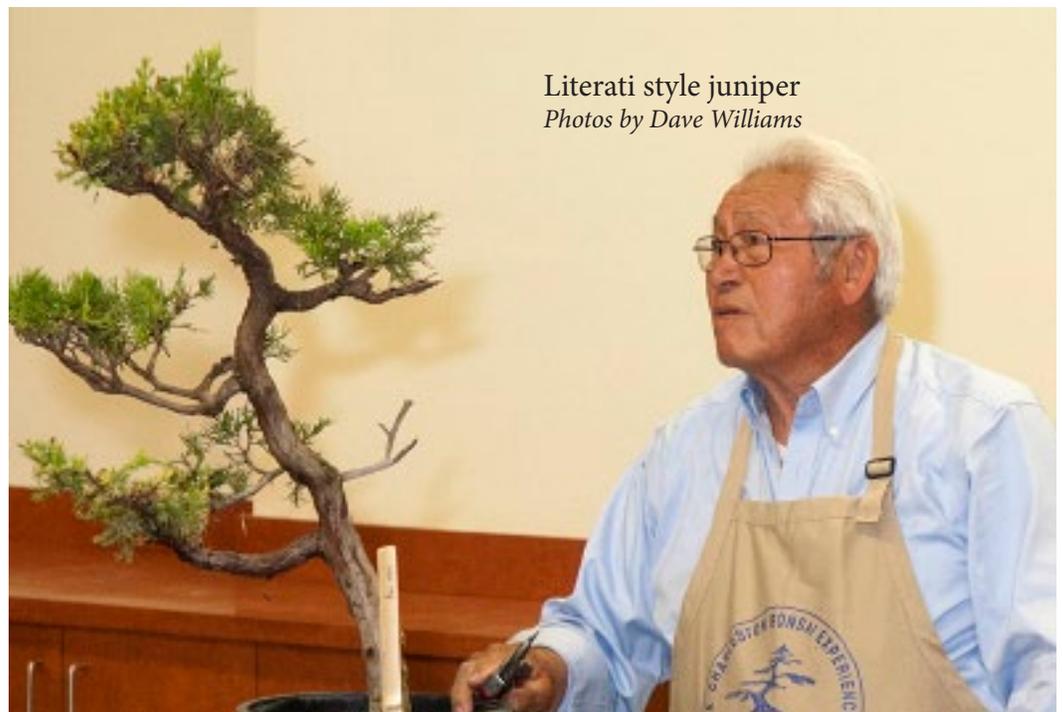
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## BEN OKI *By Dan K.*



Mr Oki started this tree 60 years ago and finished with the help of David and June Nguy at SSK in June to a big crowd and happy raffle winner Gracie S.



Literati style juniper  
*Photos by Dave Williams*