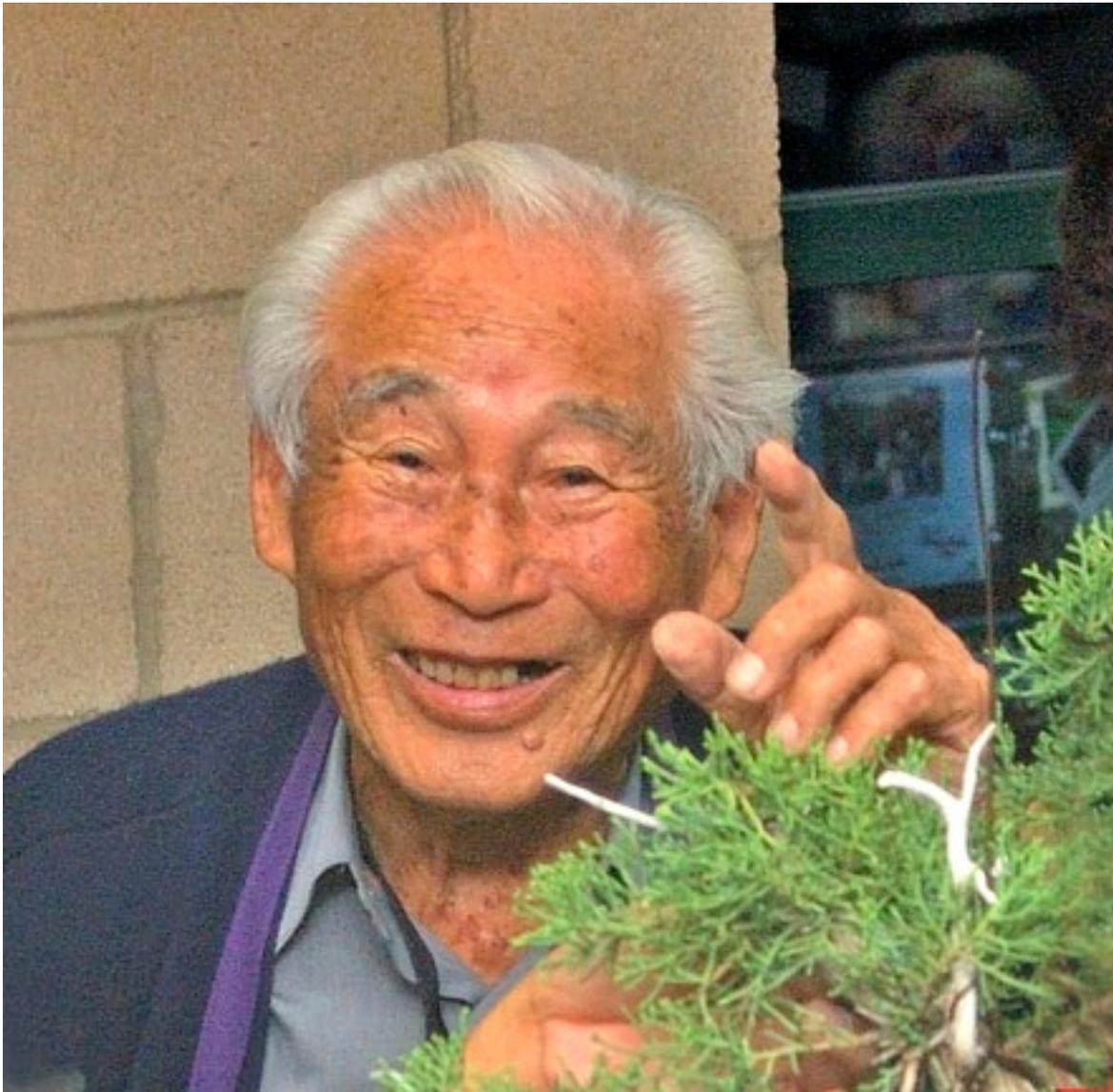


## Harry Hirao Pictured Last Year



### SANSUI KAI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - August 2015

by Jack Reynolds

We have a show date for our annual show in 2016. It is May 21-22 at the Japanese Garden in the same facility we had this year. Having the date nailed down early like this will give us a better chance to get our publicity out in a timely way. It also removes any ambiguity from our yearly schedule.

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# Something from Mary- July Meeting Notes at SSK *Mary Tatro*

Sonia's Foemina: "Wierd ... what to do with it?" Bring it to the mountain: Jack Reynolds, who rescued it from a lifetime of ugly.

Al Espinoza brought his favorite Itoigawa juniper for a haircut, as did Josh Miller bring his favorite itoigawa juniper for a haircut. Are they psychically connected? Is the Itoigawa juniper SPECIES speaking to us through Josh and Al? Are we letting them have their voice? HEARING THEM SAY "Help! Cut my hair! NOW!" Are we listening?

Jack brought a weeeeping willow in a bucket of water to pot in a teacup. He took it home submerged in the same bucket of water wired, potted, looking beautiful for the Reynolds touch.

John brought his Chinese elm, calling it his "ugly" elm. As if responding to the ugly label, the elm refused to yield itself to any amount of care and attention, appearing uglier when it left than when it came.

Grace Sy transformed her wild boxwood into a an afully styled bonsai tree. Nice.

Margaret worked on her skylark small leaf olive, starting with a basic pruning. Margaret then allowed herself to be persuaded by Jack to defoliate, leaving the poor thing naked.

That's all I got!

Mary Tatro

Below Naka San at Merritt



## S'UP

David Nguy at Sansui-kai Wednesday August 12 at 7:30

Don't miss him

Sepulveda Garden Center 16633 Magnolia Encino

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August 22 - 23, 2015 Los Angeles, California

Nanpu Kai Bonsai Society annual show at the

Japanese American Cultural and Community Center

244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

10 am - 5 pm

This is a fun show with lots of extras from the Japanese Community

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October 29 - November 1, 2015 Riverside,

California. Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) presents 2015 Convention "Bonsai Fusion: Where Tradition Meets Innovation" at the Riverside Convention Center, 3637 Fifth Street near Main.

Headliners: Bjorn BJORHOLM and John Wang. Guest artists: David Nguy and Tak Shimazu. Demonstrations, seminars, critiques, workshops, benefit drawings, vendors, and much more. More information available at [www.GSBF2015.com](http://www.GSBF2015.com).

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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The Artisans Cup held at The Portland Art Museum. This is the first Artisans Cup, and Ted Matson has a Foemina grove in competition. visit the website at <http://www.theartisanscup.com/>.

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You can volunteer to be a docent at the Huntington

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Conejo Show October 3,4 in Thousand Oaks

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Sansui-kai yearly BBQ and Auction September 9th to be held at

Sepulveda Garden Center (our usual meeting place)  
16633 Magnolia in Encino 91436

*Naka Notes - Lessons from a Master is Jack Reynolds's collection of guidelines primarily from Sansui-Kai founder and master John Naka's texts, **Bonsai Techniques I and II** monthly care of your bonsai.*

# Naka Notes

## *Lessons from a Master*

by Jack Reynolds  
Contributing Editor

The bonsai are in their summer slump. By now most of their growth has slowed or stopped completely. What should we be doing? Be very vigilant. Check everything at least once a day and make sure that nothing is going too dry. Water in the morning and spray everything including trees, benches and surrounding walls and ground beneath them. The humidity is good for the trees. Keep your pots from getting hot by covering with shade cloth and perhaps moss. Check again about sunset and water anything that looks too dry.

If you have nerve enough to go on a vacation, make sure that someone reliable will take over the watering. Organize your plants in groups to make it easier for the person to water correctly. Ask them to come before you leave to demonstrate competence. Consider a drip system, but even that needs to be checked daily to see if there are any clogged drippers or if the cat has knocked it out of a pot. John Naka says that automatic sprinklers are not completely accurate because there is a tendency to over-water. In addition, every tree requires different watering.

Pinch trees to shape and contour and cut shoots back but avoid hard cutting, which will promote tender growth. Trees may be trimmed for shape, to remove dead leaves a

and unwanted (crossing) branches, but no hard cutting because it will promote new tender growth that will tend to either burn off in the heat or freeze off this winter.

Rotate trees regularly every two to three-weeks to prevent one-sided growth.

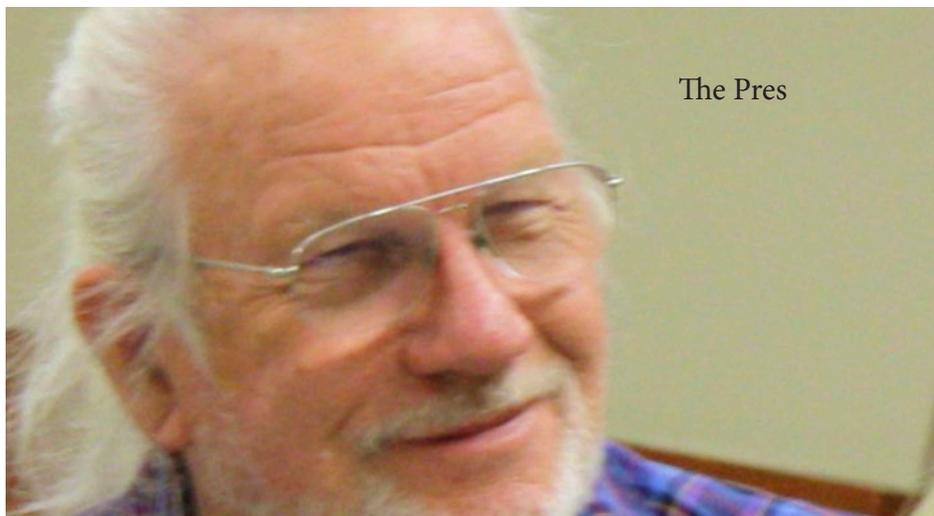
Don't transplant or repot anything at this season. Possible exceptions would be olives, pomegranates and bougainvilleas, bamboo and ficus that love the heat. Bougainvillea should be cut back hard after the bloom but do not over water them.

Wiring can also be done. Look for ingrown wire. Remove so the green layer (cambium) is not disturbed and the wire falls off.

Fertilize as usual. Why fertilize if growth has stopped? The answer is that growth hasn't really stopped. Everything is pushing its root growth now. And fruits may be growing on the fruiting varieties. To be safe and not "burn the roots" use dilute low nitrogen fertilizer.

Cut pine candles may now be having shoots, which can be limited to two for branch ramification. Those at the top may have the verticals saved.

Be on the alert for infestations. See July Naka Notes for suggestions.



The Pres





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I want to remind everyone that the annual GSBF convention will be in Riverside this Oct. 29-Nov. 1. Early bird registrations are on now and will run until Aug. 15. After that the early bird discount is gone. Registration forms can be found on line at the GSBF web site, or if you get the Golden Statements magazine. As always there will be great demonstrations and workshops as well as the bazaar with great deals on bonsai stuff. There will be two shows, a non-judged display of masterpiece bonsai and a judged show for any paid up club member with money prizes for various categories. Get out your best tree and give it a good grooming and take a chance.

Many of you know that the world bonsai community lost a great teacher. Harry Hirao died recently. There will be a service on Aug. 4, at the Orange Co. Buddhist Church, 909 Dale Ave. Anaheim. Harry was a great collector and styler of California junipers. He introduced many bonsai lovers to these trees both as a participant in the collecting process and in the care and styling of these trees after they were collected. Needless to say he will be missed.

David Nguy is the demonstrator this month. I'm not sure what he will work on but it will probably be a juniper or a pine.

**SEPTEMBER WILL BE OUR ANNUAL BBQ AUCTION FUND RAISER**

