



## BONSAI OHANA II

Aloha and welcome to the Hawaii Bonsai Association's second convention --- Bonsai Ohana II! We are honored to have Mr. Tohru Suzuki from Japan, who comes from a distinguished family of bonsai masters, as our guest demonstrator. Three generations of founder Saichi Suzuki's family have owned and operated Daiju-En. Mr. Suzuki has won the Education Prime Minister's Award as well as the Sakufu-Ten Prime Minister's Award.

Sensei Mel Ikeda from California has also graciously agreed to join us. Mel literally grew up with bonsai as his father, Masayuki Ikeda, owned and operated Ikeda Bonsai Garden. Mel worked with his father and later trained with noted bonsai masters Harry Hirao, Kahn Komai and John Naka. Mr. Ikeda has performed numerous demonstrations throughout the U.S.

Bonsai Ohana II provides a rare chance to personally meet these highly respected and sought after bonsai masters. This will be an excellent opportunity to gain new knowledge and skills to improve your bonsai.

Mr. Suzuki will present demonstrations on Friday and Sunday, and Mr. Ikeda will do his demonstration on Saturday. Mr. Suzuki, Mr. Ikeda and Mr. Dennis Makishima will critique the trees in the exhibit display. Mr. Suzuki will conduct a "Bring-Your-Own-Tree" workshop as well, where participants will receive personal help and information on styling, maintenance, and care of their bonsai.

The bonsai exhibit will highlight plants from various Hawaii bonsai clubs. In addition to the larger bonsai, shohin and mame of different species will be displayed. There will also be a display of suiseki.

There will be delicious banquet dinners on Friday and Saturday. Each evening's festivities will include silent and live auctions, benefit drawings, and award presentations.

This exciting weekend of bonsai activities and camaraderie will enrich your experience and knowledge of bonsai, which will improve the quality of your bonsai trees. It will also provide an opportunity to reunite with old friends and make new ones.

Do come and join your Hawaii friends,

Mahalo,

Bonsai Ohana II Co-chairs

  
Keith Schultz

and

  
Jim Meyer