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General News

I am repeating my plea to all members.

A board meeting is due to happen within the next month and on the agenda will be various aspects of the business of the Association. Some other subjects to be covered are how we support members, how we advertise across the world and how we can encourage more individuals into the practice of Saikei. We would welcome any suggestions regarding any of these or other subjects that you may think we need to discuss.

Website

The re writing of our website is well underway but we are still seeking input from members. One of the major changes will be the simplification of the country pages we will be seeking to put the information onto one page instead of 3 to make the information more accessible to users of the website.

We would like to include a welcome in the language of the country they are accessing, so if anyone is able to provide a translation it would be greatly appreciated.

Learning Opportunities

We are looking for individuals to sit on a group to further develop the learning opportunities program. There will be no travel required as all communication will be done via email. If you are interested please contact learning@saikei.co.uk

Membership

If you are aware of anyone that could be interested in joining the association we would be delighted to welcome them into our association.

If you wish for us to make contact please provide the individuals email address to the membership team membership@saikei.co.uk

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SHOWS

We have been invited to display two shows this year and we have included the details. If you are aware of any shows concerning Bonsai and Saikei we will be delighted to hear about these and we will of course put them in the magazine so that all members are aware. In order to enter an event we only need to know the name of the event, where it will take place, dates and times and contact for further information.

Eastbourne and Wealden Bonsai Club Annual Show 2012

Stone Cross Hall, Stone Cross, Eastbourne.
16th of June 2012
Bonsai, Saikei, Martial Arts, Bonsai Related Items for Sale, etc…

Green Lawns Bonsai Nursery 2012 Show

Hadleigh Road, Boxford, Sudbury, CO10 5JH
01787 210 501
1st of September 2012
Bonsai, Saikei, Bonsai Related Items for Sale, etc…

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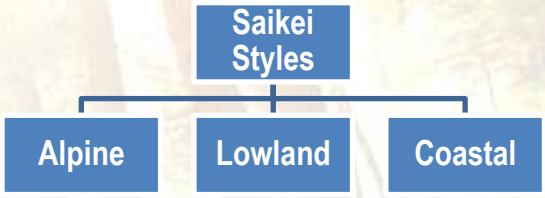
BACK TO BASICS

Reprinted from 1998

The Saikei Styles



Alpine

The alpine landscape is based around a mountain scene this style can be varied but will normally carry larger rocks that portray the mountainous nature of the composition.

During construction rocks are often used in a upright form so that they can portray the cliffs that are so common in mountainous areas. It is important that you study photos of mountains and alpine areas to gain a feel for the environmental aspects.

Lowland

Usually composed with fewer and smaller rocks this composition reflect our valleys and will often include water elements (aggregate to represent water.

The construction of lowland will only include a limited number of rocks perhaps to represent stones in a meandering river with trees on the bank. The secret to this style is to blend in soil levels and have gentle movement.

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Coastal

These can be cliffs with windswept trees or a lake shore the use of rocks here is to create different levels so that the water can be imagined.

Probably one of my favorites to create the coastal gives a good range of possibilities. Like the alpine style this uses rocks to create the effect of cliffs but these are more varied in height and shape to reflect the scene. The placement of the rocks is very important in coastal scenes.

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IN THE WORKSHOP

Trees and their placement in Saikei

Look at this picture of the 1 tree 1 rock style and see if you can see how the harmony of the rock and tree is achieved.

Now study the rock, in which direction is the movement?

I am sure you already know but the movement is to the right!

Now study the tree, which direction is the movement?

Again it is to the right!

Harmony is achieved because the tree and rock move in the same direction this also ticks another of the boxes which is consistency.

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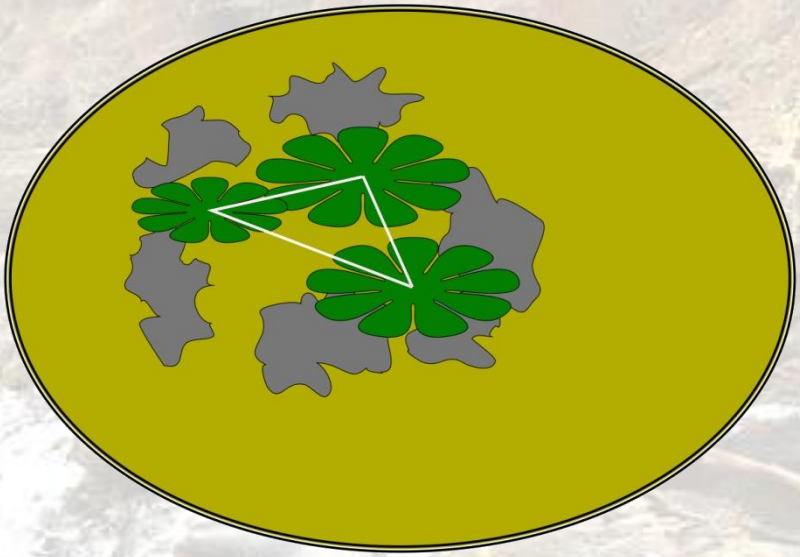
If you look closely you can see the centreline which clearly demonstrates the movement of the tree to the right, this is mainly achieved by the movement at the top of the tree.

Now if we look at another planting with, say 5 rocks and 3 trees, will it make any difference to the relationship between the trees and rocks? the answer of course is no, in order for the harmony to be there the trees must move in relation to the rocks and the rocks must move in relation to the primary rock which is always placed first. That is how we achieve harmony in Saikei.

When we place trees we try not to end up with straight lines or 1 tree hiding another.

If you look at the picture below you will be able to see the triangulation of the trees which gives depth and avoids one tree hiding another.



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VIEWS FROM A LENS—GALLERY

Alaska Landscape

Moorland Rocks

Mountain Top

Lakeland Peninsular

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CLUBS

Name	Telephone	Address	Day of Meeting	Website
Dai Ichi Bonsai Group (Essex)	01277 625 298	Shenfield Village Hall	1st Monday of each month call	
Eastbourne and Wealden Bonsai Club (Sussex)	01323 731 369	Hellingly Village Hall	2nd Monday of the Month	www.bonsai-club.co.uk
Eastleigh Bonsai Club (Hampshire)	01489 789 962 or 07795 187 632		2nd Monday of the Month	

If you would like to have your local club details added to this list please contact the newsletter team by e-mail newsletter@Saikei.co.uk

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