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GENERAL NEWS

As this is the last issue before Christmas the board would like to wish all our members who celebrate the season a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous new year.

WEBSITE NEWS

The website is increasing in size and content on a daily basis please check the website regularly to keep upto date with the content.

David Penny has asked that if there is anything in particular that people would like to see he will endeavour to arrange for it to be posted on the site.

SAIKEI WEEKEND

Unfortunately the weekend event is not going to be financially viable due to the low response. However the board have decided to run a small scale event which we will inform you of once arrangements have been made.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

There is a new video on Toshio Kawamoto that has been uploaded to the website. It gives a brief history of the great man and is based on the new Introductory Certificate Syllabus under history.

It is possible that we may create a series of videos to help any individual studying Saikei.

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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 2013

Stone Cross Hall, Stone Cross, Eastbourne.
Date to be confirmed
Bonsai, Saikei, Martial Arts, Bonsai Related Items for Sale, etc…

Green Lawns Bonsai Nursery 2013 Show

Hadleigh Road, Boxford, Sudbury, CO10 5JH
01787 210 501
Date to be confirmed
Bonsai, Saikei, Bonsai Related Items for Sale, etc…

Your Event Name Here

Where
When
Description

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BACK TO BASICS – A MATTER OF SIZE

A number of times recently the subject of size and scale has come up at discussions about Saikei. Firstly let's talk about the size of a Saikei.

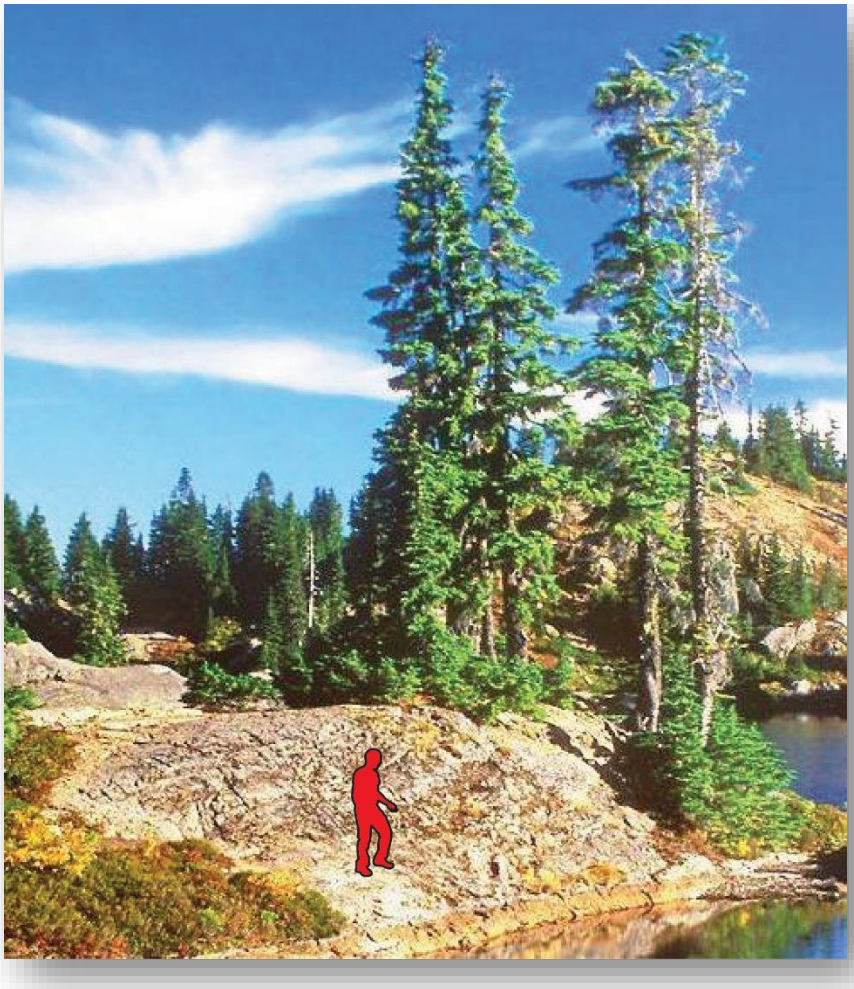
SIZE

The size of the Saikei can be as large or as small as you wish. Let us clarify what this means if we look purely at the horizontal size we are only limited by the size of the container and the ability to move it therefore it would be perfectly okay to utilise a 3 m pot as long as we have a strong structure to support it and plenty of students (friends) to help us move it when required. If an individual was particularly interested in small Saikei it will be possible to create a landscape in a 15 cm pot, which of course would not require additional help to move it.

From the point of view of vertical height the only limitation would be the ability to work on the composition and supported in a container at the base.

SCALE

The scale of Saikei depends entirely on a on the viewpoint of the Creator. I have used some images to try to better explain this concept.



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Middle

Far

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The scale of the Saikei is achieved primarily by the size of the materials at all a tree will suggest a landscape that is closer to the viewer smaller trees will suggest that the viewer is further away. We can use this to our advantage when creating Saikei by utilising large rocks with small trees it is possible suggest a mountain side which gives a sense of grandeur and stability.

Within this issue why not try to apply what is in this article to the Saikei you see in the pictures and determine the scale of each composition.

I would like to point out at this stage that the information in this article is purely my own point of view through what I've learnt from the books on Saikei by Toshio Kawamoto.

I would like to send seasonal greetings to all the members and it is my hope that you will have a prosperous and rewarding 2013.

David Penny

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SPECIAL GALLERY

We have put together this gallery to help inspire you in 2013. We are not endorsing the Saikei displayed within this gallery as being good or bad we simply wish to provide images of Saikei for your study, the most endearing feature about Saikei is its ability to be interpreted in different ways by different people. We hope you will enjoy the images and find something within them that helps you in your study of Saikei.

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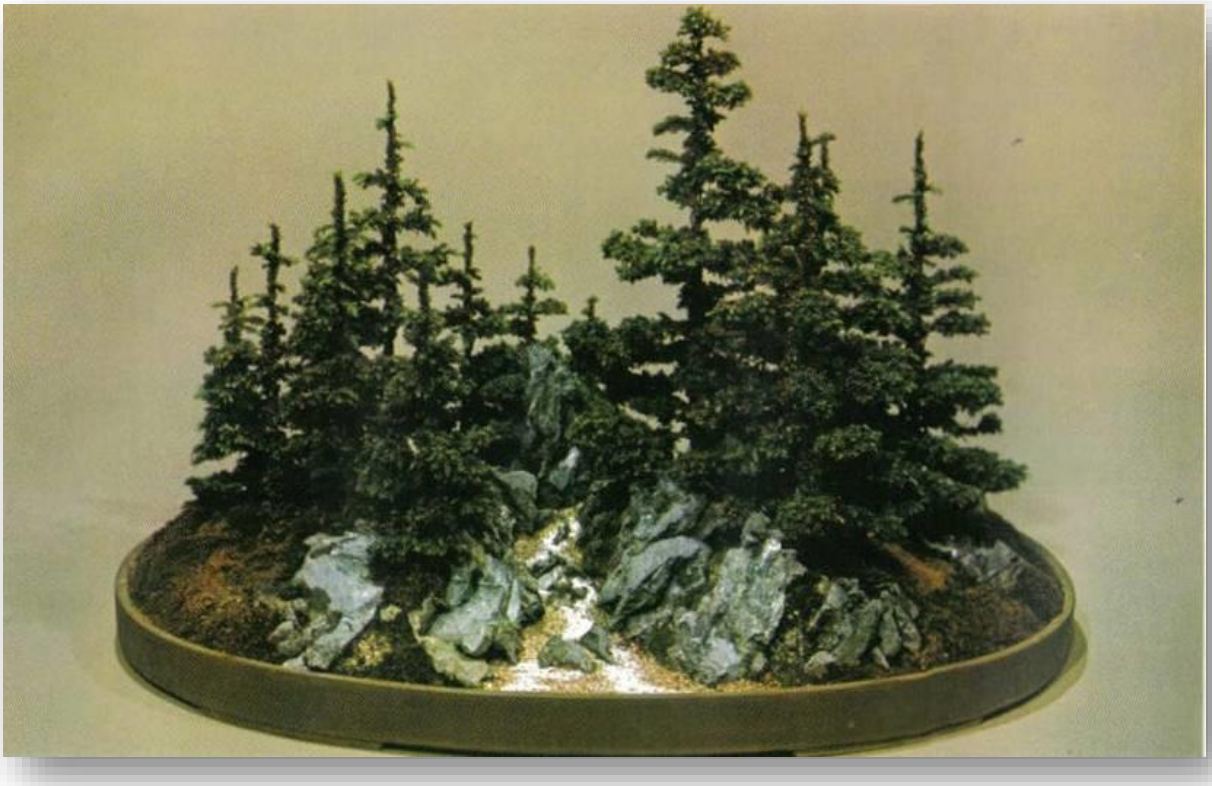

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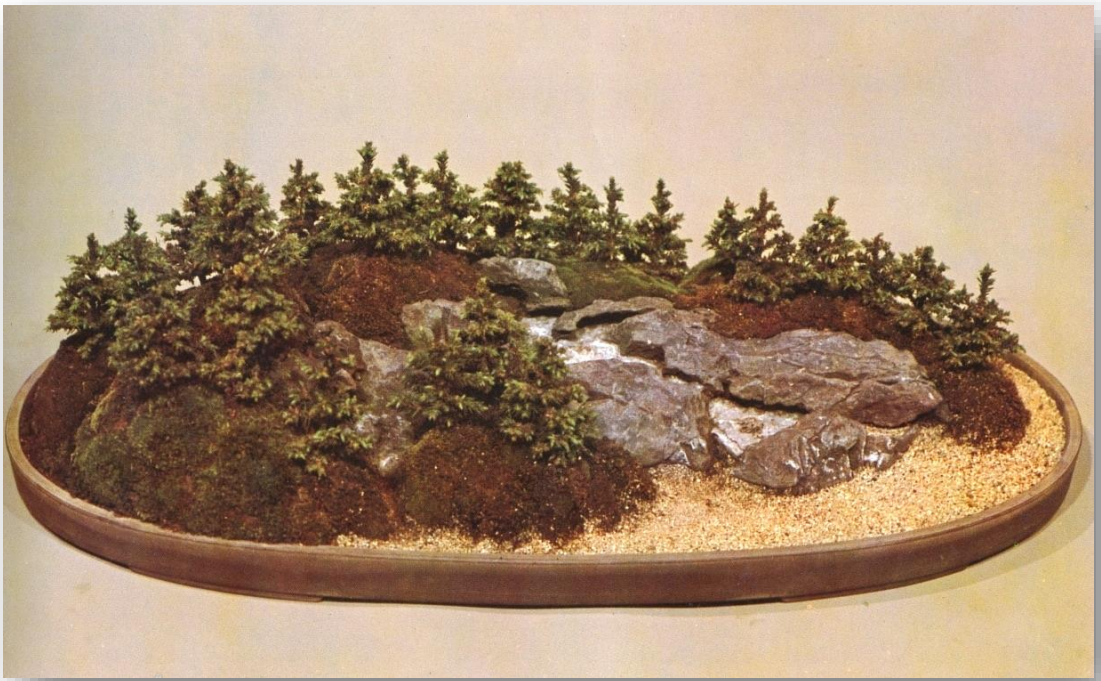

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CLUBS

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.eandwbonsaiclub.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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