

Potomac Bonsai Festival

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Biographical Information on Featured Artist

Harry Hirao

Harry Hirao is a master in the art of bonsai. His love for bonsai began in the late 1950s when he studied with another famous master, John Naka. He earned his title "Mr. California Juniper" by collecting and creating masterpiece juniper bonsai, two of which can be seen in the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum. In addition to being active in many California bonsai organizations, he is an honorary member of the National Bonsai Foundation. Selected trees and viewing stones of Harry's are on permanent display at the National Arboretum, the Golden State Bonsai Collection, and the Huntington Library and Botanical Garden. His kind and giving spirit makes Harry a friend to all who meet him. Harry Hirao turns 96 this year and remains active in his passion for bonsai and viewing stones.