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GENERAL NEWS

A board meeting is due to happen within the next two months 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.

Two members from the UK will be visiting Japan for a martial arts event and I've asked them to do a short write-up on their experiences in Japan. I'm also hoping that they will be able to take a number of pictures of landscapes and general interest photos whilst they visit this beautiful country.

I'm happy to be able to welcome a number of new members to the Association and I hope that they will find the experience rewarding and I offer any assistance in their pursuit of Saikei.

WEBSITE

We are now making some adjustments to our website to provide more learning resources via online access. It is also our intention to provide membership forms, packs and advertising media as downloads on the site. We are also looking to complete the country specific pages and would appreciate any help that members outside of the UK can provide in completing these pages so that they advertise and provide information to other Saikei enthusiasts within that country.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

We will shortly be setting up a panel of individuals to help us create and develop the learning programme from the Association. If you would like to be involved please send your details to the learning coordinator who will be delighted to receive your input and involvement.

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...

Your Event Name Here

Where

When

Description

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HOW IT ALL STARTED FOR OUR PRESIDENT

In my teens I was lucky enough to spend a few weeks in the Highlands of Scotland, we travelled all over the Highlands during the two weeks and although much of the holiday remains blurred there is one part which remains as vivid now as if it had happened only yesterday.

We had travelled to the foot of Ben Nevis the highest mountain in the United Kingdom we were staying in a campsite that provided spectacular views of the mountain and of Walker's setting out to hike up Ben Nevis. One morning I set out for a walk and decided to walk up the side of a mountain opposite Ben Nevis the side of the mountain was partially covered by some conifers that clearly been planted a number of years before and had now reached maturity. I walked to the top of the campsite and climbed over a low stone wall and was immediately surrounded by these majestic trees, I continue to walk upwards and after about 15 min came across an area of ground that flattened out. Here I discovered a number of outcrops of rock surrounded by larch, spruce and pine. The area beneath the largest outcrop was scattered with various rocks surrounded by Moss and ferns. I found a large boulder with a flattop that I was able to sit on quietly contemplating the rocks and Forest that surrounded me; I listened but could hear nothing but the wind moving through the trees and the occasional birdsong. At no time before or since have I felt so in tune with nature and so at peace with myself.

You may at this point be wondering why I'm writing this in the Saikei magazine, I believe that it was through this experience that I came to love nature, trees, rocks and landscapes as much as I do. I have often wondered whether my memories of this place are revealed through my love of Alpine Saikei and I am, in fact, trying to recreate that landscape and feeling I experienced over 25 years ago.



I have often experienced the delight in my students when they succeed in creating a landscape which clearly reminds them of a place they once visited and I have often wondered whether like me they could recall the experience of the natural landscape which affected them so much.

I would love to hear from anyone who has had a similar experience if only to ensure that I am not getting odd in my old age 😊.

BACK TO BASICS

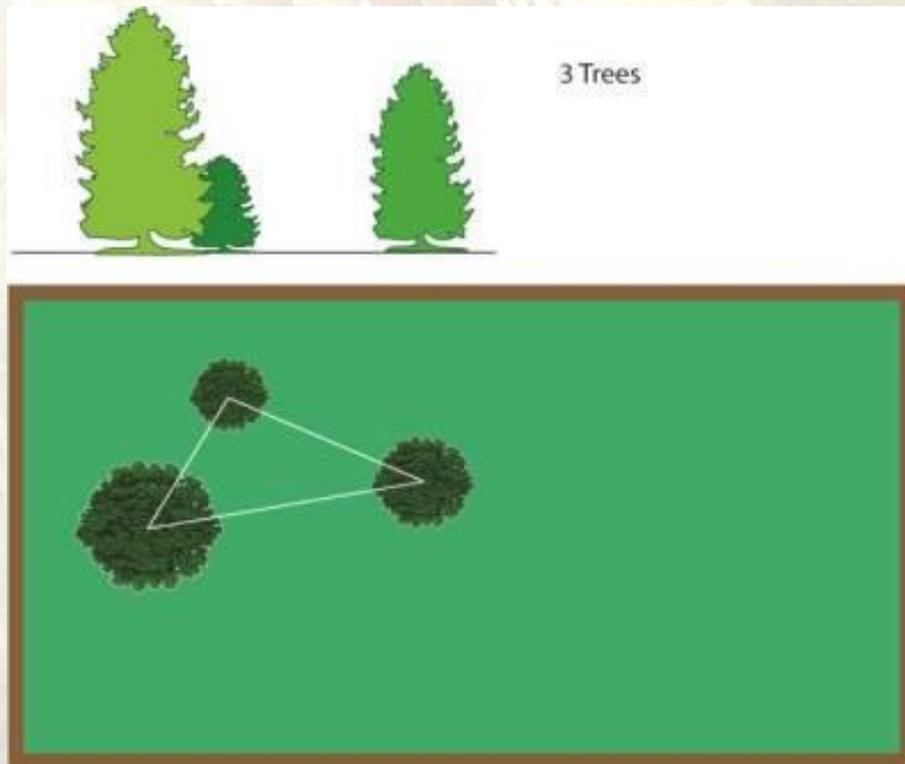
SIMPLE TREE COMBINATIONS (TAKEN FROM THE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM)

As with bonsai group plantings in Saikei we try to use odd numbers of trees to aid in the natural appearance. Ultimately the combination of any trees will depend on the shape and root structure of the material but there are some basic combinations you can use.

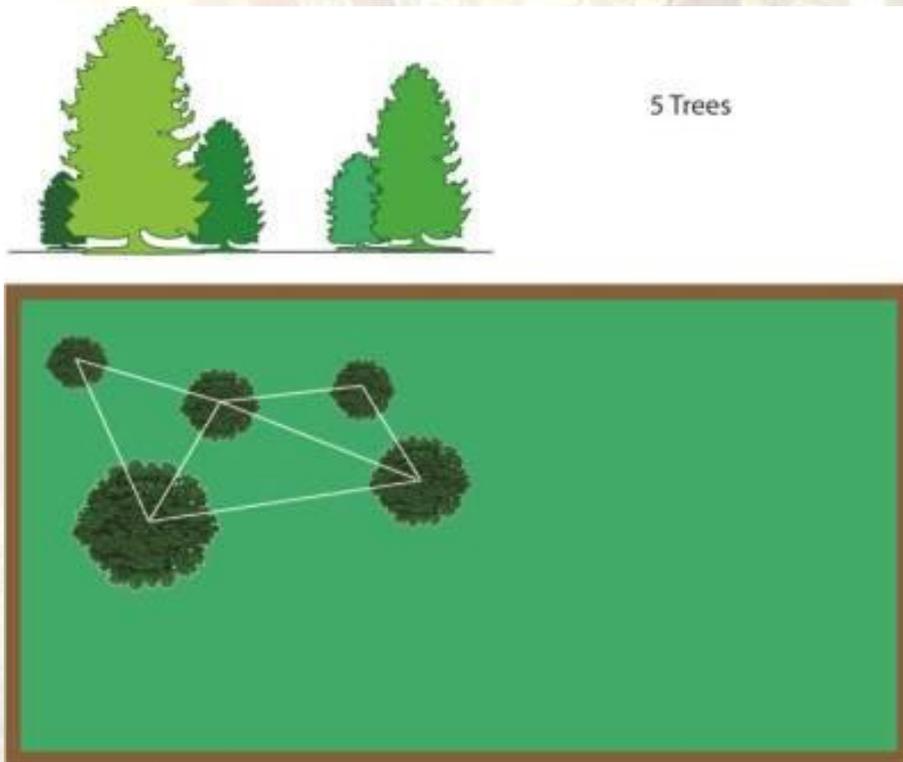
In the following diagrams we show a number of different combinations:

In the last diagram is a design used during a demonstration by our president.

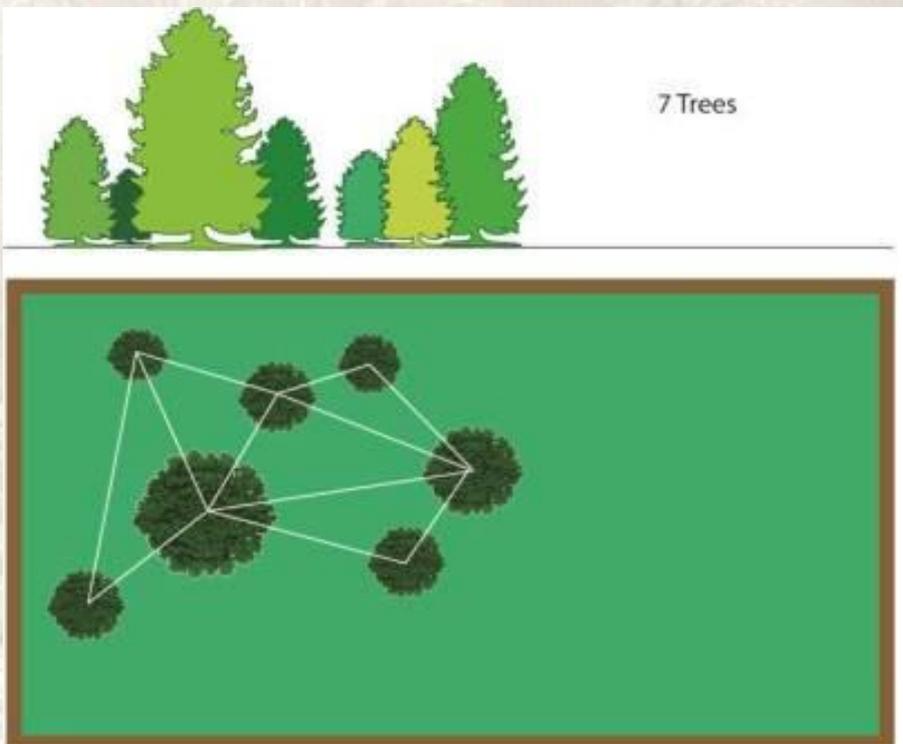
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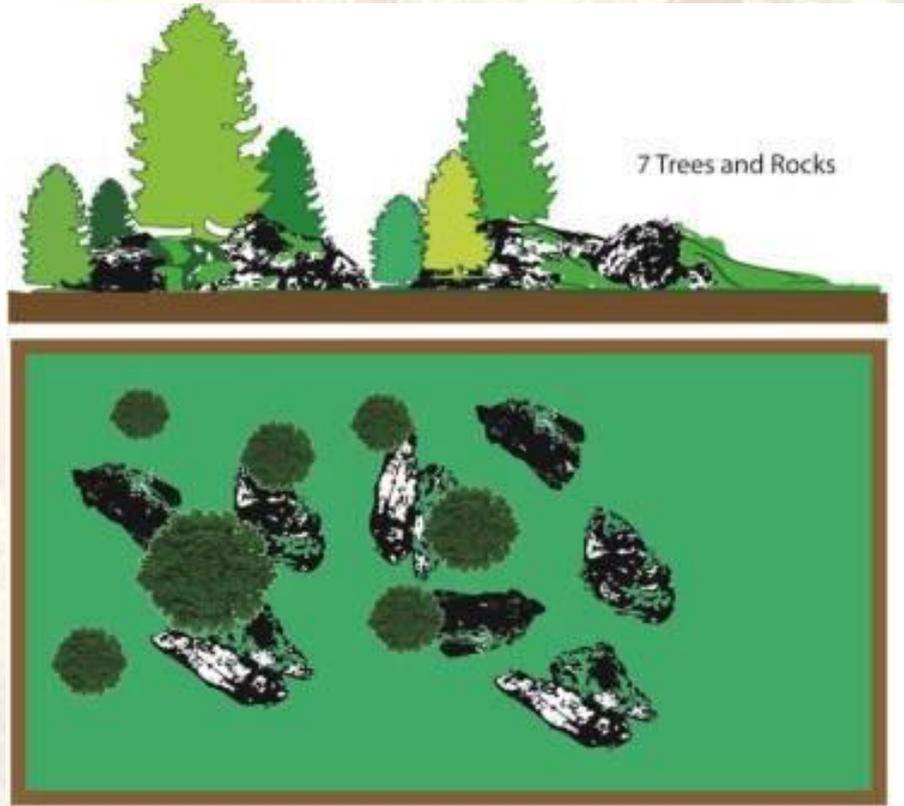
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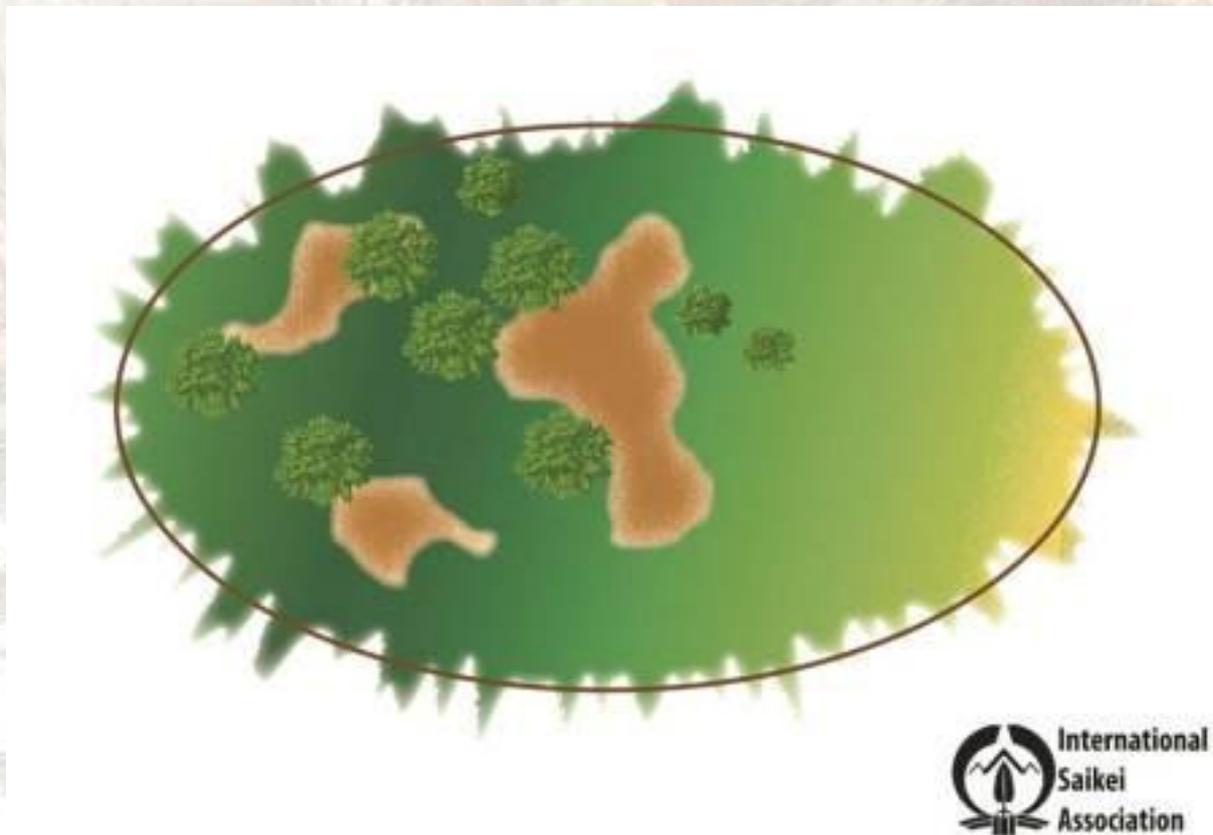
7 TREE



7 TREES WITH ROCKS



A SAIKEI COMPOSITION (DESIGNED FOR A DEMO)



VIEWS FROM A LENS—GALLERY



Alaska Landscape



1 tree multiple rocks



Lakeland Shore



Island

SUPPLIERS

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Southampton Bonsai Trees	02380 495729	6, Farmery Close, Swaythling, Southampton, SO18 2JX	info@bonsai-trees.com	www.bonsaitreessouthampton.co.uk
Downsview Bonsai	01323 485656	126 Wannock Lane, Lower Willingdon, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN20 9SJ	info@downsviewbonsai.co.uk	www.downsviewbonsaitreenursery.co.uk
Green Lawns Bonsai,	08700 347765	Hadleigh Road, Boxford, Nr Sudbury, CO10 5JH	enquiries@greenlawnsbonsai.co.uk	www.greenlawnsbonsai.co.uk

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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