

Omachi Relief Fund

Award winning bonsai artist Isao Omachi is one of the rising stars of the Japanese bonsai world. He lives with his wife, two young daughters and parents near Sendai, Japan, in Iwate Prefecture. On March 11, 2011 the devastating earthquake and subsequent tsunami in Japan swept away Omachi's home, bonsai garden and entire town. Fortunately, the Omachi family ran away and escaped the tsunami. They are fine, homeless and without anything.

Isao Omachi's bonsai garden had numerous fine-quality bonsai specimens he has created. His father has been working on four masterpiece juniper bonsai for nearly 30 years. These were considered his retirement fund after spending his life in the shadow of the big bonsai movement in Japan.

Isao Omachi has made several trips to the United States helping his friend Shinji Suzuki teaching bonsai. In 2003 they traveled to Rochester, New York and taught at the "Collected Bonsai II Symposium" and the following day conducted a workshop and demonstration for the Bonsai Society of Upstate New York. Mr. Omachi has also been a presenter at a Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention in California. Additionally, Mr. Omachi has presented bonsai demonstrations in Puerto Rico, Italy and France.

Marco Invernizzi from Italy has established the **Omachi Relief Fund** to assist the Omachi family. Please join me along with others from around the world to give financial support to the Omachi family. *William N. Valavanis*

Contributions should be sent to:

THE OMACHI RELIEF FUND
P.O. Box 22
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Donation accounts have been set up around the world to assist the Omachi family. Please contact Marco Invernizzi (marco@marcoinvernizzi.com) for details.



Isao Omachi carefully wiring a Juniper at the 2003 Collected Bonsai II Symposium in Rochester, NY.



Isao Omachi at his sales area during the Kokufu Bonsai Exhibition on February 17, 2011.



Sargent's Chinese Juniper bonsai created by Isao Omachi. This bonsai won the Prime Minister Award at the 2003 Japan Bonsai Creators Exhibition and is now gone with all his other bonsai.