



San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

June 2015



President's Message

First of all, I want to thank everyone who worked so hard and long hours putting on such a great show.

Everyone really stepped up this year. Your trees looked great, it was very nice to have so many of Bob Knox's

trees to show, he really enjoyed seeing all of them. As most of you know Bob and Bari have moved to Idaho. Set up and tear down went very fast, it's easy when you have so much help. We sold all but 6 trees, not bad. Once again we had a great turn out, over 10,700 visitors saw our show.

John Voss was interview by KUSI, on Sunday. With all the generous donations from members, sale of trees, pots and books, and after everything was paid, we netted over \$550.00 not bad for a small group.

We also signed up several new members. I Am very thankful to you all who showed trees, brought food, coffee, treats, worked the show, did our demos, thank you so much, without your help, there would be no show.

Please note: Time change starting with our June meeting, we start at 6:00 pm for the next 3 Summer months.

June program, please bring your own tree to work on, get help with, get advice on what to do, or how to fix it. Bring your tools.

I'll bring the treats for this meeting, there is another month, we need help with, see me if you can help.

Cary Sullivan-Valentine

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Moving Sale!
All Trees Must Go!
 With Discounts Up To
50% OFF!
Saturday June 6th, 2015
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 at
FREE PUMICE!
Don't forget your buckets!
 back to the roots
BONSAI 7344 Vega Ave. 92509
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SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

SPRING JUVENILE GROWTH, BECOMES SUMMER MATURITY

As spring Equinox passed the new growth and awakening buds developed with new vigor --on the brink of summer. The ongoing process of snipping new growth as soon as it hardens is continues into May and June before it creates long and undesirable internodes. By constant reshaping and cutting back, the growth of deciduous trees encourages delicate side branching and a softer overall look. Remember, the object of cut back is to maintain a relationship between the size of the leaves and branches to the overall size of the tree. The process of constant cut back also encourages branch thickening and adds an aged look. Watch the exposed end cuts. Apply a tree seal, or just old-fashioned Elmer's glue, to larger cuts or carvings.

Pay attention to the azaleas in your collection. March or April was the best months to repot and trim long whips and branches. May is the blooming season for most azalea varieties (remember-Satsuki means 5th month) you may enjoy the flowers well into June without concerns for feeding and trimming. Keep the plants moist but avoid overhead watering as this causes blooms to lose their color and vigor. Cut back shoots that have outgrown the design perimeters. After the flowers have reached their peak, remove all faded blooms. A flat cut at the base of the flower removes excessive stem elongation and allows new buds to form next year.

Hold off any activity on the soft deciduous growth until it hardens. Keep your eye on the upper portion of deciduous trees. Upper

branches tend to thicken and ruin the taper of the design. Heavy top growth deprives the bottom branches of light and nourishment. Watch the wires you put on since damage occurs quickly when growth is active. Remove fast growing water shoots coming out of the root system or the lower trunk area. Cut back on the long internodes and opposite branches.

Leaf pruning may be done later in June or early July. Be sure the trees are healthy and growing vigorously. Feed those well two weeks before you proceed. It's often better to leaf prune only partially. Start with oversized leaves, damaged leaves or selected areas of the tree. This piecemeal approach reduces the shock to the tree. It's also best to leaf prune a tree in alternate years. New leaf growth returns, slightly smaller, with a fresh spring like color and beauty. Better fall color is your reward.

Watch the hot summer breezes since new growth can be easily harmed. If you leaf prune almost all of the foliage you must treat the tree as you would during dormancy. Reduce the water and don't feed until new growth appears.

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Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 6, 2015	9am - 2pm	Back to the Roots Bonsai Sale 7344 Vega Ave, 92509 For more info PM or call Ryan (951) 852-8131
Tuesday, June 9, 2015	6 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Tuesday, July 14, 2015	6 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Tuesday, August 11, 2015	6 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Tuesday, September 8, 2015	7 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA