



San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

May 2017



President's Message

Remember please NO club meeting in May, just our show.

Friday 5-12 4:00 pm set up: Cary, Steve, John, Forrest, Ken and any one else, this goes really fast now that we have changed the show around. I will have everyone's show badges to hand out on Friday

or Saturday early morning. If you come to the show after the flower field opens, please call Steve's cell 760-445-2548, so we can get your passes to you.

Saturday 5-13

Setup 7:00 am:

Steve, Cary, Sally, Sandra, Ken, Darryl, and Chelle . We need to have all cars out by 9 am sharp. So please don't be late, or your trees will have to come in by cart in the front gate.

We are having one table showing the steps to making a bonsai, from raw stock to a bonsai in a pot, it will be very educational for our guests.

NOTE: if you have trees and did not sign up please let me know asap, so we know just how many trees we will have in the show.

During the day: Cary, Steve, Chelle, Ute, John, Ken, Forrest, and Finn.

Demos: John, and Ken

Over night security: Forrest, Connor, and Finn

Food sign up: Cary, Chelle, and Chris. Please note we need more food, treats, and water, for both days. If you can help out please let me know.

Sunday 5-14

During the day: Cary, Steve, Chelle, Ute, John, Ken, Forrest, and Finn.

Demos: John, and Ken

Sunday tear down 5:00 pm: Steve, Cary, Forrest, Chelle, and Darryl. This goes really fast, the more members we have on hand the better. We can start about 4:30, but no cars in until 5:00 pm

This is a full club participation, we need everyone's help. This is our major show, fundraiser, and membership drive. I really appreciate everyone's help in advance. I know it is a long 2 days and a lot of work, but the flower field guest really love our bonsai and look forward to us being there. Remember this is your show.

Thank you and see you at our show

Cary Sullivan-Valentine

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We are saddened to learn Ruth Mann passed away after a courageous battle with cancer



Ruth S. Mann

April 1, 1928 - April 23, 2017



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SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

SPRING JUVENILE GROWTH, BECOMES SUMMER MATURITY

Different trees have varied needs, as one may be more vigorous than another. The soil mix, pot size, and the environmental exposure to wind and sun affect watering methods. Just follow the ideals: water deeply; keep your bonsai damp, not wet and never dry. Judge by the weather conditions. Daily routines might instead become patterns of early morning watering on alternate days, as needed.

Continue to pinch and trim but hold off on wiring soft deciduous growth until it hardens. Direct your attention to the upper portion of most bonsai since this is the area that tends to grow fastest. Allowing this growth to develop too freely will deprive the lower branches of strength and nourishment. Check your wiring during this fast growing period. Don't let it cut into the tree.

Eliminate spurts of new branch growth. Cut back young whips to two or three leaf clusters to encourage fine twiggy branching and shorter internodes. Remove opposite branches that tend to form on many species naturally. Avoid bar branches throughout your design, however, this is not too important in the upper structures.

May's mild weather conditions encourage the population of undesirable insects such as aphids, white flies, spider mites and that nasty scale. Particularly, if you failed to spray the wintering trees with a dormant spray application then you will have to be attentive to the presence of a new crop of insects. Pay attention to regular applications of insecticides such as Malathion, Sevin, Isotex, etc. Maples are particularly susceptible to fungus diseases such as mildew when kept in the shade. Apply general-purpose fungicides such as Ortho Garden Disease Control at this time to ward off early summer damage. Avoid watering the foliage and allow air circulation and good light exposure.

Continue your repotting schedule into early May, if you have not already begun. Don't overlook the deciduous material that has already opened; however in these cases care should be taken to retain more of the old rootage and soil ball to prevent transplant shock and dieback. Be sure to provide good after-care.

Protect from too much strong sun and wind for at least 2 to 3 weeks. Maintain the schedule of trimming and plucking as you repot. Prune the Elms, Maples and Gingkos.

We still hear criticism by many Japanese Masters about the timid habits of underfeeding American trees. The best all around fertilizer is still the basic mix of 70% cottonseed meal and 30% bone meal or, if you have it, rape seed cakes. Foliar feeding with Miracle Gro is excellent. In all cases it's important during this fast growing period to feed as the new growth emerges. As this growth increases in size and diverts its sugar production from photosynthesis to woody growth, keep your eyes open for wire damage from earlier training efforts.

Azaleas require special care during this period. Some varieties may have completed flowering while others may still be in full bloom well into June. Wait until the blooms are faded before trimming, shaping, repotting or feeding.

May and early June are excellent air-layering months since this fast growing period encourages the formation of new roots much more easily.

It's also a good time of year to sit back and enjoy your trees.

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Calendar of Events

Saturday & Sunday May 13 & 14, 2017		San Pu Kai Bonsai Show Carlsbad Flower Fields
Saturday, May 20, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, June 3, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, June 13, 2017	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, June 17, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday