



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

July 2012

Editor: Maria Barbosa



President's Message

I would like to thank **Bob Knox** for stepping in and running the meeting for me while we were out of town. I was able to do what I had to do and know that the club was in good hands. Additionally a big thanks to **John Voss** for taking the treat box and the table tarps to the meeting. This makes it easier for us to clean up after working on trees.

June Treats: I am sorry I missed the wonderful treats provided by **Dave Woodall**. I know what a good cook he is and thank you so much for doing your turn with the treats! The treats always make for a nice break during the meeting. Treats for the **July meeting** will be provided by **Ruth and Marty Mann**.

Membership: I would like to welcome new member **Chris Williams**, from Ramona. Please make her feel welcome and share some of your bonsai knowledge with her. She was one of the lucky new members to get a free signed copy of **Marty Mann's**, "*Bonsai Ideas*". Let your friends know, if they join this summer, their membership packet includes Marty's book. Thank you so much Marty for selling them to our club at a price where we can do this.

July Program: This month's program will be a demonstration focusing on Styling by **Glen Jensen**. Glen brings his artistic eye as a professional photographer and love of Japanese arts to the sensibilities of bonsai styling. We are very lucky to have him. Glen is an active member of the San Diego Bonsai Club, the California Bonsai Society and has been creating bonsai for many years.

(see Glen's photography of the Ficus palmeri at http://www.bajaphotographer.com/#/baja-landscapes/Baja_landscapes014)

THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING A GREAT MEETING WHILE STEVE AND I WERE GONE.

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JOE DUPONT (June 2012 Workshop):

Joe Dupont's workshop looked at two new plantings of *Bougainvillea Bambino Baby Mia*. These were from old 3-gallon plants potted in mid-May 2012 into Bonsai containers. Joe mentioned it is always best to pot in May or June to allow rooting throughout the summer before going dormant around December.

The group also looked at samples of *Bougainvillea Pink Pixie*. 6" container plants 6" to 8" tall and then a couple that were pruned down to 3" in May 2012. Two of these 3" tall plants were potted into small bonsai pots.



Bougainvillea Bambino TM Baby Mia



BONSAI PAVILIONS AT THE SAN DIEGO ZOO SAFARI PARK

Many thanks to our continuing volunteers at the Bonsai Pavilion! Almost 200 hours of dedicated, careful and truly wonderful help in the month of June from our cadre of members kept the Pavilion bonsai and garden a beautiful show piece for all.

Our June team included: Neil Auwarter, Susan Baker, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Barb French-Lee, John Jackson, Jim Kirchmer, **Marty & Ruth Mann**, Charlie Mosse, Patrick O'Brien, **Sally Prestele**, Jon & Terri Petrescu, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, Dan Sola, **'lyn Stevenson**, Charlie Tamm, new member Kai Tantiratpisan, Dennis Wagner, and **Dave Woodall**.

We received a wonderful and generous donation this past month from Mrs. Virginia Johnston Bish. She donated over 50 bonsai and garden plants, about 15 lbs. of bonsai wire, and about 60 bonsai, shohin, and mame pots. Her husband, Louis, was a bonsaiist for many years in Concord and Escondido, California before his death several years ago. The Bishes had been frequent visitors to the first Bonsai Pavilion at the Wild Animal Park and Mrs. Bish wanted the bonsai to have more care now.

Consequently, we have inherited many bonsai and plants for the Pavilion as well as great material for bonsai study by our volunteers. The Safari staff has assisted with temporary storage area for this plethora of acquisitions while we plan for future use and locations of the materials. Fortunately, our newly built closets had space for the pots.

We are in the process of getting updated photos of all the Pavilion bonsai for cataloging. Dan Sola has had his camera at our sessions and Dave Rochester is anxious to get the photos on a web site. John Jackson is really ready for shohin donations! The beautiful Shohin area is complete and John has arranged the security and watering lines in a most discreet manner.

We will be spending extra time at the Pavilion this summer with some added construction along with the extra care needed for the new plants and the need for increased garden maintenance. At our June anniversary meeting, the volunteers agreed to come in more often. Wonderful news!

We were happy to welcome **Marty Mann** back to the Pavilion after his time out for health maintenance. We offer our sympathy to **Steve Valentine** on the recent death of his Mother. We thank our volunteers always for bringing refreshing recipes and snacks to our work sessions. The San Diego Bonsai Club and San Pu Kai can be truly proud of this Bonsai Pavilion priority and everyone who makes it possible.

'lyn Stevenson
SDBC-Safari Park Liaison



MaMa and PaPa Ducks at Pavilion Pond



Volunteers at work at the Pavilion



BONSAI IDEAS

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SUMMER SUNSHINE MEANS SLOWER GROWTH

Summer reduces the need to do any serious 'training' of bonsai. This is a period of watchful attention to the results of earlier care. July is the month to plan for the seasonal changes related to care and feeding of bonsai. Start a program that provides fall colors by reducing the nitrogen content of your fertilizer. Continued use of a suggested cottonseed/bone meal mixture (70/30%) provides most of the nutrients required for summer growth and good health. Introduce a change in food by using half strength liquid Hi-Bloom (2-2-10) that provides an excellent source of phosphorus. Continue to feed all conifers and other evergreen material to promote good summer health. Frequent feedings of milder solutions are best.

Regular feeding during the hot summer months can also be supplemented by early morning refreshing foliar feeding of Miracle-Gro® or a diluted solution of fish emulsion. Avoid daytime heat. Allow wet foliage to dry during the day to prevent night forming fungus infection. A brisk spraying of trees before feeding removes dust layers and discourages red spider, mites, ants and other insects. Spray both the top and the bottom of the foliage.

Summer is the time to monitor the Shari and Jin portions of styled trees. Apply a second application of lime-sulfur (Orthorix® Dormant Spray) to dampened dead wood areas to protect against wood rot. Avoid seepage of this chemical into the soil and root area. Avoid live wood surfaces.

Early July is still time to consider leaf pruning. Be certain to work with healthy trees only. The removal of large and sunburned leaves enhances the look of mature tree. Moss on the surface of the plantings becomes brown in summer heat. If the color remains green, it can indicate an excess of water or a poor draining soil mixture.

This is not the best time to consider transplanting most material however, certain plants such as Pomegranate, Ficus, Buttonwood, Cotoneaster, Pyracantha and most

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By Marty Mann

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HAIKU POEM

*As the sun does shine
The birds, the bees arrive
The bright day begins*

Marty Mann

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, July 10, 2012	7 pm – 9 pm	Regular Meeting: Glen Jensen Bonsai Demonstration Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, July 7 & 21, 2012	9 am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion <i>Workdays</i>
Tuesday, August 14, 2012	7 pm – 9 pm	Regular Meeting: John Jackson Bonsai Demonstration Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, August 4 & 18, 2012	9 am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion <i>Workdays</i>
Tuesday, September 11, 2012	7 pm – 9 pm	Regular Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA