



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

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President's Message

April Meeting: Once again we had a really great meeting. John did a great job of discussing the art of displaying of our trees. He made some great suggestions for us, on accent plants the right one to use and how to depict the season that your tree is being shown in. One tip is to make sure your trees are cleaned up and ready to show. Take a photo of them with a white background, so you can see what it really looks like and where it may need some more clean-up work. Remember they are like a painting after working on them; you need to stand back and take a look. Let's make this another great show. It was very nice of Steve to bring in some of his books from Japan to see the various show displays and how Japan artists display their trees.

Juniper Dig: We talked about how wonderful the juniper dig was. All our members who went came away very happy with either 1 or 2 trees dug. The weather could not have been better, just the right breeze to keep us all cool as we hiked and dug our prized juniper to bring home. We had two groups, one group headed by **Bob Knox** and the other by **Steve Valentine**, guiding us to the right tree and showing us how to dig and wrap it. Afterwards, we all rested, visited and shared stories of past digs. Much thanks to Bob for planning this trip and for all of Steve's help also. Members who participated in this special dig were **John Voss, Michelle and Forest, Eric Paul, the Grooms, Jeff Talon, Kiyanosh Kandar, Bob Knox, and Steve and Cary Valentine.** This is a must to do next year!

Bonsai Show and Sale: Then we were on to the next topic, our show, which will be held **May 12th & 13th.** At the Carlsbad flower fields, open 9am-6pm.

We will be setting up on **Friday, May 11th at 4pm** until we are finished. We need as many members as possible, as we are setting up the show different this year, using our back drops again. Please bring in your trees on **Saturday, May 12th 7:30** so the show will be set up for opening at 9am. We have to have the cars out by 8:45am. Please bring your tree/trees and stands (*if you do not have a stand or accent plant, please let me know so we can bring extra*) Also this is when you will be bringing in items for the plant sale table. We want a lot of items to sale this year; we do have the junipers that we all worked on earlier in the year, so that is a great start. We are also having a membership drive. So if you have any friends who may want to join--- this is the time to do so since when you join, besides all of the membership benefits, you will get a signed copy of Marty Mann's "Bonsai Ideas". If you do not join you have to buy his book at full cost from Marty. I will have a nice sign for the membership drive and all of the benefits of joining our club.

We also need several members to do demos during the day; this really helps to sell trees on the plant table. If you have a **pop-up canopy tent**, please bring for the set-up as we will need several for show.

This is the list of members that I have as of now, who are going to show a tree or 2 maybe 3.

Bob Knox, Sandra Knowles, Dave Woodall, Tom Ohgi Maria Barbosa, Lanny Chronert, Joe DuPont, James Daigh, Steve Valentine, Cary Valentine. I will call and see if BJ Patterson, Joanie Berkwitz, Sally Prestelle and Ted Shwartz to see if they can show their trees. I will talk with Marty Mann and how we can help him get his trees to the show and get his books for the membership drive and to sale. We will also have a few Suiseki on display. A big thank you to **Joanie Berkwitz** for storing the show material for us this past year!!

The club will provide coffee each show day with donuts or bagels and water.

Link:

<http://www.theflowerfields.com/special-events/bonsai-show-and-sale>

I am pleased to let you all know, founding member **Tom Honda** will be coming to the show this year, please welcome him back. **DO not forget**, we will need all members to help with the take down of the show on Sunday after the show ends at 6pm.

We do have a conflict with the SDBC having their May Picnic meeting/auction on the Saturday of our show opening. So we will need as many members who can come this year as possible. Your participation makes it easier on the ones who are tending our show and it does take a lot of members to run a show. We need you for 2 days, if at all possible! I have show flyers if anyone wants to hand them out please let me know. I will be e-mailing them to other clubs.

Thank you Maria, for all the delicious treats, you went out of your way to treat us. They were so yummy.

REMEMBER NO MEETING IN MAY. The next meeting is **June 12th** and the program will be: Joe DuPont: revisiting the trees from last year – our Pink Pixie's---so please bring your trees back to work on them.

July 10th Glen Jenson will be doing a demo
Aug. 14th John Jackson will be doing a demo

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<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/San-Pu-Kai-Bonsai-Club/184125964939396>

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*Reminder: We need volunteers to do the treats for October and November! See Cary.

SUNSET RANCH BONSAI RETREAT & TAMERISK DIG, October 5-7, 2012
Full resort amenities, cost of weekend includes meals, bonsai-related activities through-out the weekend plus family members are invited. Mark your calendars.



Dave Woodall and Marty Mann at the March 2012 San Pu Kai Meeting. We send our best wishes for recovery to you, Marty! We miss you.



John Voss at the April Meeting discussing display



Steve Valentine demonstrating how to tighten your shears



BONSAI IDEAS

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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 Ginkgos.

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.

By Marty Mann

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HAIKU POEM

***May your trees grow well
Beauty and visual joy
From strength and good health***

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Calendar of Events

Saturday/Sunday, April 28 - 29, 2012 <i>(Reception on Saturday @ 5:30 pm)</i>	10 am – 5 pm	San Diego Bonsai Club Spring Show and Sale- Casa Del Prado Rm 101, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA
Saturday, May 5 & 19, 2012	9 am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion <i>Workdays</i>
No meeting in May- due to our Bonsai Show & Sale on Saturday/Sunday, May 12 - 13, 2012	9 am – 6 pm	SAN PU KAI BONSAI SHOW & SALE At the Carlsbad Flower Fields 5704 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, CA
Saturday, June 2 & 16, 2012	9 am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion <i>Workdays</i>
Tuesday, June 12, 2012	7 pm – 9 pm	Regular Meeting: Joe Dupont <i>(Bring your Pink Pixie's or your own Bonsai to work on)</i> Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA

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