



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

May 2014



President's Message

Well it is that time of year again when we are gearing up for our Mother's Day weekend bonsai show and plant sale. We will be setting up the tables and back drops Friday May 9 around 4 pm. We will be bringing trees on Saturday morning May 10 no later than 8 am, as the fields open at 9 am. I will have name badges to hand out. If you arrive late, please call Steve's cell phone (760-445-2548) so I can meet you at the gate to give you your name badge and let you in. Our show time is from 9-5 pm, the fields close at 6 pm.

Please remember what you signed up for. We still will need EZ up shade tents, I will be bring 3 so we will need at least 2 more to cover the area where our guests sit to watch our club demonstrations. We will have demonstrations both days at 1:00 pm. On Sunday **Martha Choy** will be coming to help out by doing a demonstration on one of Steve's Japanese garden junipers.

Please bring items that you would like to put in our plant sale, bonsai related books etc. The club will provide coffee and sweets in the morning and ice tea, water and lunch each day, if you would like to bring something to share that

would be very nice. Remember we have the cell phone "square" so we can accept credit card purchases.

The following members have signed up to show trees this year: **Sandra Knowles, Jeff Gerringer, Debbie LaRoi, Darrel Elmer, Bob Knox, Dave Woodall, Steve Valentine, Cary Valentine and John Voss**. If you did not sign up, but would like to show a tree, please bring it. The following members have volunteered to staff the show: **Chris Williams, Ute Keim, Ron Peterson, Deanna Brigham, Chelle and Forrest Vess, Debbie LaRoi, Darryl Elmer, Sandra Knowles, John Voss, Bob Knox, Maria Barbosa, Steve and Cary valentine**. Forrest and his sons are staying the night again to keep our trees safe.

Bob was able to get Allies Party Rentals to give us a great discount on our tables this year, way to go and many thanks; also Darryl has handled all of our printing on a complimentary basis, thanks so much. This really helps a small club like ours.

We will once again have our membership drive during the show; anyone joining San Pu Kai will receive an autographed copy of Marty Mann's book "Bonsai Ideas". Let's all turn out to help make this a great show year.

I am pleased to announce that an article was printed in Golden Statements magazine volume 37, no. 3 May/June 2014 about being the workshop grant winner, which funded the **Ted Matson** demonstration including the cost of the tree. So if you have a copy, please make sure to read it. I will bring my copy to show you all.

It has been in the 90's this week, so I hope everyone are watching their trees and watering extra, plus drink plenty of water yourself.

I am happy to say at this time we are back in our new home, lots of work still to do. We are just about to build our new storage shed to house the club's show back drops and supplies.

Happy bonsai and happy Mother's Day to all our mothers,

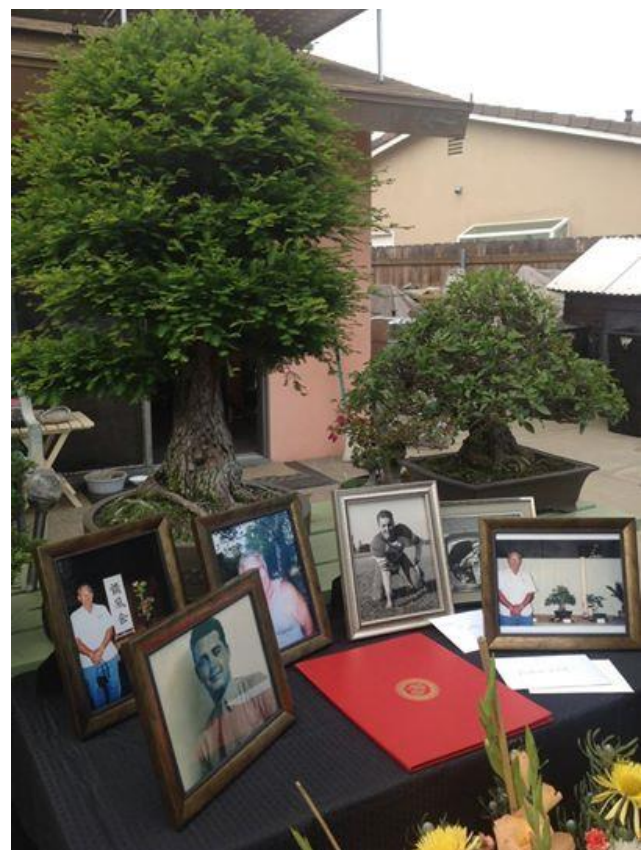
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Steve and his Olive at the Flower Fields last year



Memorial to BJ Patterson at last year's show



Dave and Sally at last year's show



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 tends 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 aftercare. 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.

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Calendar of Events

Saturday and Sunday May 10 and 11, 2014	8 am - 5 pm	San Pu Kai Annual Bonsai Show and Sale Carlsbad Flower Fields
Saturday, May 17, 2014	9 am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday June 7, 2014	9 am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, June 10, 2014	7 pm – 9 pm	Regular Meeting: David Nguy demonstration! Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, June 21, 2014	9 am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday