



# San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

April 2015



## President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter.

Last months meeting everyone worked on our junipers , cleaning them, repotting them, and getting them ready to sell at our May Mothers Day

show. Once again these little junipers looked really nice. This is a club project, that really helps our club, educationally and financially. Thank you all so much. Several members took home a tree (please pay for them at the meeting). Thank you Maria for the great treats last month.

This is our last meeting before our show, we have some planning to do. I'll have all the sign up sheets for the show. Please bring in your trees you are planning on showing, any accent plants and stands you are going to use. This way, show chairmans Steve and John can tell what is still needed. We have plenty of stands if you don't have one. If it is your first time showing, please don't not show your tree because you don't have a stand or accent plant. We are here to help. Once again, Bob was able to get a nice donation on our table rental, which really helps the club. Thank you again Bob.

If you have not renewed your membership, you will not be able to show your trees in our show, please, renew your membership at this meeting, if you have not already done so.

San Diego Bonsai Club is having their 50th anniversary show and plant sell on April 25 & 26. Several members will be showing their tress, stop by and see the show.

Martha Choy will be doing the demo at the Vista Hanamatsuri on April 26 at 4:30-5:00, this is a great festival at the vista Buddhist Temple, lots of fun, food, Japanese demos on Sumie, dancing, drums and plant sales, come see Martha do her demo. We will have club information and our show information on hand to hand out. This is a free event.

Steve and I will be going to the GSBF spring board meeting this month. We will also be visiting the new and 3rd GSBF Clark Bonsai collection in the Shinzen Garden in Fresno under the curator ship of Bob Hilvers.

See you at our meeting,

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## SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

A good potting mix may include a small amount of bone meal and Ironite to encourage development of new fine rootage. There is a difference of opinion as to the value of including cottonseed meal at this time, however we believe that this fertilizer is better applied a month or so later since early feeding can be harmful to new growth. Cottonseed meal is a slow starter before it adds any nutrient benefit to the plant.

Reotted plants may be fed as soon as signs of new growth are apparent. A suggested mix is 75% cottonseed meal / 25% bone meal.

Newly potted trees should be shaded from direct sun until new growth begins. By moving trees into sunny areas, it will stimulate the growth of foliage. Newly potted trees should first be allowed to develop new fine rootage that can then support new foliage. When new growth is evident, it's time to begin light fertilization. Full sun encourages smaller leaves and shorter internodes.

Early bloomers such as Forsythia, Sasanqua Camellias and Quince develop during early spring months. After flowers have faded, trees are pruned to restore shape, allow new growth and bud setting.

Azaleas are bare rooted and repotted in March. Be sure to comb out as much of the old soil or growing medium peat without destroying the fine root system. Incorporate as much new coarse azalea soil mix as you can when repotting to develop strong healthy new roots and improve acidity.

Finally, prepare selected trees for display at the many spring bonsai shows held throughout the state. Select your best tree(s)--be critical of their appearance. Show trees should be free of any infections and should not show signs of ill health. Pots should be clean. Plants surface must be cleared of trash and very heavy layers of moss. Spring is usually the time when most trees look their very best.

Remember---- For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

Doesn't this seem to apply to bonsai? The best way to escape your problem is to solve it.

**By Marty Mann**

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## 3RD L.A. BONSAI SWAPMEET

SUNDAY APRIL 12, FROM 10:00 TO 3:00

**JESSE OWENS PARK**  
7100 WHITE OAK AVE., RESEDA, CA 91335  
South of Sherman Way on White Oak Ave.



### CAN YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO SELL?

Come out and enjoy a day of buying, selling or swapping bonsai trees, tools, pots and paraphernalia with the Los Angeles Bonsai Community. Everybody is welcome and there is no charge to attend or participate.

If you plan to sell please arrive between 8 am - 10 am to unload on the east side of the park on Jellico Ave. and then move your vehicle further down the block to allow others access to loading and unloading.

YOU CAN VISIT THE LA BONSAI COMMUNITY  
SWAPMEET TO TELL US WHAT YOUR BRINGING

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/983584171671710/?fref=ts>

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## Bonsai Pavilion at the Safari Park

Even though March had record high early spring temperatures this year, we still had much routine winter maintenance. About 100 bonsai were fertilized with slow release pellets. Three of the larger displayed bonsai were also transplanted with new soils and replaced on their respective benches. A very nice large procumbens nana cascade in a traditional cascade bonsai pot was donated to the Pavilion by SDBC newcomers, Jenny and Joe Cho. They have been having weekend sales of their bonsai also due to a planned move. We appreciate their generous gift. Marty Mann has also donated another large old maple group bonsai planting in a large glazed oval pot from his collection. It is most generous of our members to remember the Pavilion when they are “downsizing” their collections. Our newly expanded work area will have several new benches to house these significant trees that are being groomed for future display.

March volunteers at the Pavilion included: Neil Auwarter, Julia Chow, Peter Choy, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Tina Flores, Jeff Gerring, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim & Sue Kirchmer, Charlie Mosse, Janie & Ron Ogdon, Ron Palmer, Marcella Perez, Jon & Terri Petrescu, Sally Prestele, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, Dan Sola, ‘lyn Stevenson, John Voss, Dennis Wagner and Mark Walters. Thanks to each of them and to John, Mary Ann, Charlie, Cathy, Julia, and ‘lyn for providing refreshments for our breaks and meeting times. Thanks also to Cary & Steve Valentine for procuring name plates for our new additions to the bonsai benches.

The volunteers often have short meeting breaks during our work sessions to discuss schedules and upcoming work in the garden areas as well as with the bonsai. Also, it’s a good time to discuss with the group any problems that anyone may detect. . .ie insects, faulty water spitters/emitters, washed out areas, etc. Presently, we also are preparing programs for April, June, and October for Park visitors at the request of Safari Horticulture. These sessions will be held in the Pavilion during our work sessions to introduce the art of bonsai and techniques to casual Park visitors and to answer questions with more detailed presentations. We are also preparing for the annual visit to the Pavilion of all our SDBC members for the annual picnic and silent auction on May 17th which will also be a meeting day for the SDBC. Pre sign-ups for that meeting will be at the April SDBC meeting at Balboa Park. It is important that members sign up so that we will have enough tables, chairs, and passes for everyone. This year, this meeting will take place in the Pavilion instead of Kapanda so members will have a better opportunity to see the working areas with the volunteers.

In preparation for the May 17th Picnic Party, all the volunteers are doing a great spring cleaning and sprucing up of the Pavilion. Special thanks to Ron Ogdon for diligent pond cleaning. He keeps his hip boots ready at each session! Very special kudos to Jim Kirchmer and Charlie Mosse for assessing and procuring new gravel and bark and peeler poles, etc. to renew worn out spaces throughout the Pavilion. They and a few more volunteers have been putting in extra hours and days to have the Pavilion ready for the May meeting. We are also looking forward to greeting special guests visiting the Pavilion during the SDBC’s 50th Anniversary Celebration weekend on April 25th and 26th including a bonsai study group from Phoenix, Arizona. Thanks to the Safari Park Staff also who have been tree trimming along the outer fences of the Pavilion as we requested.

The most wonderful news also is that THE WATERFALL IS AGAIN FLOWING! . . .It has been a major concern for some time and the Safari Park Horticulturist had promised to have it back in running order before our April 50th Anniversary Show. HURRAH! The moving waters from the waterfall into the stream and ponds is a very important element in the garden. We will look forward to the duck families returning to the garden also. Visiting children especially like to see the wild animals at the Park but are enamored by being up close to the water and ducks at the Bonsai Pavilion. . .we all are too!

There is always an open invitation to all SDBC members to join the Bonsai Pavilion volunteers! It is a great opportunity to work on truly beautiful, old bonsai and to have learning and sharing experiences whether you are new to bonsai or have been involved for many years. . .since these bonsai are also presented in a lovely garden, there are always several gardening projects for all of us too. Becoming a Zoo/Safari Park credentialed volunteer offers several extra advantages also.

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## Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 14, 2015	7 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
April 17th & 18th, 2015	7am	Clark Bonsai Collection: Shinzen Garden Opening of the collection Shinzen friendship garden, in woodward park. <a href="http://shinzenjapanesegarden.org">shinzenjapanesegarden.org</a>
April 12, 2015	10am - 3pm	3rd L.A. Bonsai Swapmeet Jesse Owend Park
May 9-10, 2015		San Pu Kai Mothers Day Show Carlsbad Flower Fields
Tuesday, June 9, 2015	6 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA