



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club



July 2015



President's Message

We had a great turn out for our bring in your own trees to work on. So nice to see so many members working hard on their tree, sharing information helping one another. We need to do

more meetings like this.

Thanks to Uta and Cary for treats last month.

Many thanks go out to Joe for his hospitality at his house for our club juniper dig. Joe and Steve planted seedling that Steve started 10 years ago. These were the trees that were left over and Joe wanted them gone and the boys shared them with club members that could make it. I think everyone got at least one juniper or black pine. It was hard digging, even though we did have Joe's neighbor to help out. But we were all thankful for the club sponsored BBQ and the treats that Uta, Chris and Cary brought. I think we all had great friendship.

I would like to announce the first winner of the San Pu Kai Janet Beard trees under 10" award at the San Diego Fair. This years winner was John Jackson of SDBC. He won \$100.00. Hope more club member try out next year.

Most important please welcome new members, Terry and Mason Yeo, Samantha and Ava Ellis and Ann Schramm. Please help them out where you can.

Both the Yeo's and Ellis's have one of our trees from our plant sale, so they are well on their way.

The July meeting starts at 6 pm, we will have David Nguy back for the second time. He will be working once again on the California Juniper that Bob Knox collected in the wild. This tree is going to be a real

master piece, and yes it could be yours, if you bid on it and win it in our club auction. Great chance to have a special collected tree and styled by David Nguy. I know you do not want to miss out on this demo.

I also wanted to mention that this meeting is a GSBF Workshop Grant that we put in for and won. So we will be fulfilling the requirements for the grant, which are, the demo, photos and writing an article for Golden Statements. And we will be reimbursed for fees spent.

Treats this month will be provided by Chris and Darryl.

We have been asked by Diane Cottingham of the Rancho Carlsbad Woman's Club to give a talk/demo on Bonsai on August 19th. If any one would like to do this please call or email me asap, so I can let her know.

See you at the meeting!

Cary Sullivan-Valentine

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SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Summertime reduces the need to do any serious 'training' of bonsai. It's a period of watchful attention to the results of earlier care. July is the month to plan for the summer season changes of activities related to care and feeding of bonsai. Start a program that will provide fall colors by reducing the nitrogen content of your fertilizer mix. Continued use of the standard cottonseed/bone meal (70/30%) will provide 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. More frequent feedings of milder solutions are in order. 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 your trees before feeding will remove dust layers and discourage red spider, mites, ants and

other insects. Be sure to spray both the top and the bottom of the foliage.

Watering is an important summer chore. Warm summer breezes encourage high levels of moisture expiration through healthy leaf surfaces. For balanced plant health a change in watering schedules consistently renews this moisture. Avoid wetting the leaves during the warm days- for two good reasons: Daytime water that adheres to leaves can literally cook them and cause severe leaf burn. If overhead watering is unavoidable, do so early in the morning to give time for surface evaporation.

Excessive moisture in the crotch of leaf clusters or on their undersides creates environments that are ideal for the formation of fungus and the related health threatening damages. Be reminded that summer

vacationing puts an additional burden on your 'bonsai sitters'. A suggestion would be to let them water your trees for a few days before you leave to be sure that they are following your instructions. Trees requiring

special care should be grouped together to simplify attention. Don't trust your automatic watering system without the back up of someone who can check from time to time to see if all is well.

Try forming a mutual watering pact with fellow bonsaiists. You do for them when you can and they will do for you. It's a great working arrangement and considerably safer than trusting your 'babies' to strangers.

Repotting ficus, pomegranates or other warm weather tropicals is encouraged at this time. Avoid most other transplanting activity during warm weather. Watch for wire cutting conditions. As bonsai matures in the summer growing period it does so primarily on its woody surfaces.

Chewing insects are hard at work eating their way thru leaves and stems. Spray with Sevin. Mites are also active during warm weather months. Discourage them with a good miticide or one of the new combination fungicides/insecticide products now on the market. A small amount of Volck Oil with these products creates better adhesion.

Approach your summer activity with an eye to enjoyment of the form and color of the trees. Fall soon enough if you keep up with summertime care.

By Marty Mann

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Bonsai Pavilion at the Safari Park

Pavilion visitors and guests often comment and ask about how much work is involved in keeping the Bonsai Pavilion collection and the surrounding fenced garden looking so beautiful, and so well groomed. They are always impressed with the dedication of the volunteers and in awe of the results. Here are some statistics for the first half of 2015: 38 of our volunteers at the Bonsai Pavilion donated over 1500 hours of special care to the collection — that averages to 40 hours per volunteer. The month of May was the highest month thus far this year with over 320 donated hours. Our Pavilion roster lists 50 volunteers so these volunteer hours will undoubtedly grow even more for the second half of 2015. Congratulations to all these dedicated volunteers for their participation ! Hours are kept in a Pavilion notebook and forwarded to the Zoo/Safari Park Offices also and they use these figures in their reports for recognition programs and for grant proposals.

For June, our volunteers included: Neil Auwarter, Susan Baker, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Bob Hale, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim Kirchmer, Lin Koelmel, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Janet & Ron Palmer, Marcella Perez, Jon & Terri Petrescu, Sally Prestele, 'lyn Stevenson, Chas Tamm, Dennis Wagner, Mark Walters, Dave Woodall, and Roger Ziegelman. Many thanks to each of them and special thanks also to Marcella, Charlie, Sylvia, John, Cathy, 'lyn, Bob, and Mark W. for their delicious contributions to our rest breaks and meetings.

In June, we also had a special demo program for Park visitors. Volunteers explained and demonstrated leaf defoliation, transplanting, styling, and different bonsai tools along with answering a myriad of questions about the types of bonsai trees, the ages of the Pavilion trees, and other “whys” and “hows” of this wonderful avocation. Bob Hale had invited a boy scout troop to attend the demo session too and the boys really enjoyed the hands on opportunity under the guidance of the volunteers. We are scheduled to do another special program for Park visitors in October.

A very special gift was donated to the Pavilion this past month. Many thanks to Maude Laracy for gifting the Pavilion and volunteers with a wonderful, large refrigerator-freezer. We now have a great place for a large supply of cold drinking water and other beverages and foods for the warm days of summer. It will be appreciated more and more and the days get warmer and muggier. Curator John Jackson arranged to pick up this large appliance and deliver it to the Pavilion. Fortunately, our talented and strong volunteers moved it, connected it, and arranged the space for it in our storage closet.

We received another lovely bonsai gift to the Pavilion in June also. It is a beautiful, old, red bougainvillea. Dave Woodall is the donor who also helped Curator John repot it at the June demo presentation. Showy, flowering bonsai are always a hit at the Pavilion and this one will be very special. Everyone enjoys seeing flowering bonsai as well as our fruiting and flowering crab apples, pomegranates and grapes that are forming on the branches now.

Be sure to visit the Pavilion this summer and bring your out of town guests. . .Let Curator John Jackson or Assistant Dennis Wagner or Liaison 'lyn know if you have bonsai guests coming from other states or countries so that we can make special arrangements for their visit. People often ask if they can take photos of the trees — the answer is, “YES! . . . but the signs remind everyone to not touch the bonsai or sit on the exhibit tables . . . Just enjoy the beauty of the bonsai and the tranquility of the Garden.

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June 2015 Meeting



Tree Digging at Joe's House





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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, July 14, 2015	6 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, July 18, 2015	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, August 1, 2015	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, August 11, 2015	6 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, August 15, 2015	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday