



# San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

May 2015



## President's Message

Well it is here! Our show is this coming weekend at the Carlsbad Flower Fields.

I know it is going to be a great show.

I will be picking up the show badges and will have them

Friday night when we are setting up.

If you have signed up to help set up, please meet at our house Friday at 3 pm, we will load everything up and go to the flower fields by 4:30, it is hard to get the trucks in with their guests.

Our address is 1010 Phillips street, in Vista right off Civic Center Drive off the 78, first street on the right is Phillips St. If you pass the train tracks you have gone too far. Steve's cell is 760-445-2548.

If any one needs to be reminded of the times you have signed up for, please email or call me.

Remember besides our show trees, this is a club fund raiser. We have our trees for sale, if you have any trees, pots, books or related items you no longer need, this is a great place to sell them.

We will be bringing extra stands to share, if you do not have one.

See you this coming weekend,

**Cary Sullivan-Valentine**

*President*  
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Martha Choy did a wonderful job on the demo talk at the vista Buddhist Temple. Thank you very much Martha and Andrew for your time. We handed out club information and show flyer's.



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## 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 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 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.

It's also a good time of year to sit back and enjoy your trees.

**By Marty Mann**

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## Calendar of Events

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
Tuesday, July 14, 2015	6 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Tuesday, August 11, 2015	6 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Tuesday, September 8, 2015	7 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA