



# San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

November 2015



## President's Message

Well we are all back from the GSBF Riverside convention. What a weekend it was, great exhibits, bonsai trees, stones and a judged exhibit. Many San Pu Kai members participated, Martha gave a workshop, Steve was co-

chair of the convention and we also handled the vendors and the judged exhibit. On a very happy note my Shimpaku jumper won best in under 10". I was very surprised and happy.

Daryl and Chris were there, Daryl was San Pu Kai's power of one and he was a life saver with our AV systems. Ken was a great help with John who chaired the workshops. Ken and Ron were big help in the judged exhibits. Jeff came and I am sorry to say we were so busy, didn't get much of a chance to talk with him. Sandra had a great time, and took advantage of all the goodies in the vendor room.

The headliners were really wonderful, nice to meet Bjorn and to see John Wang again, he has done demos at the SDBC many times. It also was very nice to see Maro again from Italy.

The next GSBF convention will be in Sacramento.

I will have a few goodies from the convention for those who were not able to go.

This months meeting, Martha will be doing a demo on one of the juniper that were used in her workshop. So you won't want to miss it.

Uta and Chris provided treats for our October meeting.

Remember Ted Matson will be here at the December meeting doing a demo on Shohin trees.

I will have flyers for the February Shohin convention if you never have gone you know it's great fun, learning, just a different convention.

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## SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Light conditions begin to change. Trees that have had full sun exposure find themselves in more shade. Watch the location of trees at this time of year. Rotate them into more favorable light exposures. Allow them to continue storing strength and food for the winter. Late summer feeding, with reduced amounts of nitrogen, may be continued throughout the fall months into November. The recommended basic mix of 70% cottonseed meal, 30% bone meal may be supplemented with foliar feeding for evergreen, conifers and other non-deciduous material.

Warm spells are common at this time and trees often respond with new growth. This tender growth is susceptible to damage if any sudden cool weather occurs.

This is the best time to study the main trunk line and branch structure. Consider style changes suggested when the skeleton of the tree could be seen. Any activity after October should be limited to pot-to-pot transfers only. Wait until spring, just before new growth begins to do most repotting. Additional potting information for specific species is available in the recently published book, BONSAI IDEAS, by Marty Mann.

Expose pine trees and other conifers to full light during the forthcoming months. This encourages the formation of new candles and healthy root formation. Much of the new growth forms after the pines are de-candled early in May or June. New growth appears in clusters of three to five candles. Remove all but two. Pluck all old needles to free the tree from a dense foliage mass to permit light and air to penetrate into the heart of the tree and encourage new interior growth.

Deciduous trees will begin to show fall colors as soon as cooler nights become more common. After they have had their moment of glory, be sure to remove any brown leaves as they appear. Keep the trees free

of accumulated trash that can house many undesirable wintering insects and encourage fungus buildup. Keep the trees open, light and airy.

Cut back on your watering schedule but don't allow the trees to dry. As the length of the day's sunshine is shortened, the trees require less water. A balance must be maintained between the minimal watering and the loss of moisture by transpiration during intermittent hot spells.

Continue to rotate all trees to maintain even exposure to the limited light conditions. This is the time for trees to store food for winter dormancy. It is also the time to keep

trees free of accumulated trash. They could be the home for winterizing insects and fungus.

Keep up applications of an all-purpose insecticide and fungicide. Insect, such as aphids continue to suck sap and can be best controlled with an oily or systemic pesticide. Watch for signs of fungus infection such as dark spots on needles and leaves or a white powdery substance at the base of the leaves. Fungus infection can be prevented with applications of a copper-based Bordeaux® or Daconil® is effective for above ground infections.

**By Marty Mann**

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## Bonsai Pavilion at the Safari Park

October was a beautiful and active time at the Pavilion . . . thankfully, we had a great turnout of volunteers who accomplished so much. . . as they always do! The October Pavilion volunteers also welcomed another new SDBC member, Mike Shelly, who has recently moved back from the east and a guest and donator of several bonsai to the Pavilion, Brian Jackson. They both joined in the Pavilion activities with: Neil Auwarter, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Jeff Gerringer, Bob & Janet Hale, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jim Kirchmer, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim Lane, Charlie Mosse, Janie & Ron Ogdon, Janet & Ron Palmer, Marcella Perez, Sally Prestele, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, 'lyn Stevenson, John Voss, Dennis Wagner, Mark Walters, Dave Woodall, and Roger Ziegelman.

Delicious donations were supplied by Charlie, Marcella, Curator John, Cathy, Janet, Julia and 'lyn along with treats from the Park's Volunteer Office (which we keep in the closet refrigerator). Robert Thurston from the Park's Horticulture Dept. donated an African evergreen, *Scotia afra*, which is a two feet tall stock now and will be kept in the work area for future styling, etc. Harlan Price added another \$100 to his past donations which are included on the Honor Board at the entrance to the Pavilion. It is wonderful to have all these generous donors who are also great volunteers. THANK YOU always to these special people!

Our October 17th workday was one of the three days during the year at the Safari Park in which we provide a program for interested Park visitors, employees, and other Zoo-Park volunteers to do demonstrations of some of the work we do with the bonsai. . . This time, we did trimming and styling of a juniper and an olive, repotted a large seiju elm, and Curator John did some clever grinding and shaping of a new apex on a very large juniper. The guests are always appreciative, ask lots of questions, and are often surprised that bonsai are actually "garden" trees that have been enhanced in the art and are not their own special species of plant materials.

We continued to add some minor trenches and secondary drains in the work area, Jeff and Dennis did some major trimming on pines and Tecate cypress that we maintain in the garden area within our

Pavilion. Ron Ogdon again donned his tall boots and did some great pond cleanup. Of course, much bonsai trimming, shaping, and pruning continued by all the volunteers. Watering is always a major concern at the Pavilion and the Safari Staff are most helpful but we must continuously check and revamp any problem lines, drippers, and spitters that can clog up or pop off or lose proper pressure. We always aim to have the Pavilion "show ready" all the time! This past month, visitors took special note of the blooming and fruiting pomegranates and bougainvillea.

Besides participation at the SDBC Show and the SDBC October Picnic-Auction, several of our volunteers visited the Artisan's Cup Exhibition in Oregon and the Pacific Bonsai Museum in Washington. Former SDBC-Pavilion Volunteers, Tom Anglewicz and Florentina Cruz who now reside in Colorado sent their regards to SDBC friends while they were there also. Several volunteers will also be in Riverside for the GSBF Convention at the end of October. Outgoing GSBF President Abe Far, is an active SDBC member former SDBC President and volunteer and Pavilion supporter. . . we congratulate ABE!

We are anxious for November and more planning and transplanting . . . we also invite SDBC and San Pu Kai members to join the volunteers at the Bonsai Pavilion in Safari Park. We learn, share, and accomplish much!

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## Calendar of Events

Tuesday, November 10, 2015	7 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, November 21, 2015	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, December 5, 2015	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, December 8, 2015	7 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, December 19, 2015	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday