



# San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

August 2016



## President's Message

All I can say is we had a great meeting last month. So much fun, thanks to Darryl and his pinch pots. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. I can't wait to see how they turned out. It taught us a real appreciation of bonsai pot masters.

Thank you so much Ken for providing the treats.

This month we will have a bring your own tree or tress to work on, get help with etc...

We also will have a guest, Micah Pruett of American Edge sharpening service. He is a mobile on site tool sharpener. He will give a short talk on keeping your tools sharp and clean and how important it is to maintain your tools. Than he will sharpen your tool while we work on our trees. So please bring tools, scissors or knives that need to be sharpened. Please bring cash also, this will just make things easy. Should be a great evening and we'll get a lot done.

Treats this moth will be provided by Larry.

Remember our club now meets 6:00-9:00 pm.

Several club members meet at Mariscos las Palmas,

777 E Vista way #206, 5:00 pm for dinner. Feel free to come join us. It is on the way to the meeting. Turn right at the light by Jack in the box and you'll see it on the right.

September's meeting is our yearly fundraising raffle. So start putting aside goodies you want to donate to the club. We have lots of stuff donated by June and David and from Peter, and lots of pots. This meeting really helps our club, as the funds help with paying for outside demonstrators. \$20 get you in to play the game, and you get a turn until all items are gone. Trees, books, magazines, pots, soil, fertilizer and many more items. Please join in and help our club in September. Cash donations are welcome also. Besides our show this is the only fundraiser we do.

Water your trees and stay cool see you at the meeting,

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## **GSBF Convention 39**

Oct 26-30 2016, in Sacramento

Register online at: [www.gsbfcconvention.org](http://www.gsbfcconvention.org)

Hotel info and reservation: The Double Tree Hotel by Hilton  
Convention room rate \$110 plus tax  
1-800-222-TREE, 916-929-8855 and ask for GSBF room rate.

Headliners: Bjorn Bjorholm, Ryan Neil, Kathy Shaner,  
David Nguy & Peter Tea.

# SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

## TIME TO THINK, PLAN, AND CARE FOR YOUR TREES

Watering is an important summer chore. Warm summer breezes encourage increased moisture expiration through healthy leaf surfaces. For balanced plant health regular, increased watering schedules must consistently renew 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 ideal for the formation of fungus and the related health threatening damage.

Be reminded that summer vacationing puts an additional burden on your 'bonsai sitters'. A suggestion would be to let them water your trees for you 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 audit its functions. 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.

With the arrival of summer, most of the formal bonsai shows have passed and the bonsaiist has the pleasure of displaying his trees. The objective of a good hobbyist is pride in the finished tree. Accomplish this by maintaining its good health, continuing a selective feeding routine and paying attention to weather conditions that set the guidelines for proper watering requirements. Summer maintenance prepares trees for fall and winter. Plan ahead.

Start with the constant surveillance of fast summer growth. Warm days and cool nights encourage the development of new tip growth, long internodes and lush foliage. Maintenance must include pinching and plucking the growing tips as well as cutting back the branches. Reducing the branch extensions encourages shorter internodes, tighter evergreen formations and develops desirable twiggy-ness on deciduous trees. Trim and shape unwanted growth to maintain form and design

This is not the best time to consider transplanting most

material however, certain plants such as Pomegranate, Ficus, Buttonwood, Cotoneaster, Pyracantha and most Bamboos can be repotted or transplanted during the warm weather.

Recently defoliated material such as Maple, Olive, Privet, Zelcova, and Ginkgo can be transplanted just prior to the re-emergence of the new growth. Remember that transplanting of any material during these warm months is risky but it can be done if proper after-care is taken. Keep them cool and not too wet. Anything done during the summer months should be done with restraint and proper attention given to the affect of warm weather. Propagation by cuttings of softwood or semi-hardwood material can be done in July. Keep cuttings in shade and in a sandy, moist mixture. Don't rush to transplant any cuttings just because the new signs of growth tell you that they have 'taken'. Let them harden-off first.

Summer months are so important when trees are being cared for. Protection from insects and fungus is appropriate. Know the shelf life of some common products. The following chart may be used as a guideline:

Ortho Garden Disease (liquid)	3 to 4 years in the bottle
Isotox	2 to 3 years in the bottle
Malathion	6 to 8 years in the bottle
Orthene	4 to 5 years in the bottle
Sevin (liquid)	5 to 6 years in the bottle
Captan	5 to 6 years in the bottle
Daconil	6 to 7 years in the bottle

Bonsaiists develop a feeling for their trees--perhaps not as a child or family member but a commitment is undertaken for their care and well being. In this hectic, active world, we don't take enough time to sit back, reflect, and watch the sunset, stroll though a forest or garden, and just enjoy nature. Fortunately, bonsai involvement gives us an outlet. We are drawn into and are captivated by this natural world. Ignore the violence that appears to be all around us and reflect on the marvel of a growing, creative art that allows us to enjoy part of the good world that surrounds us. We are a lucky people. (I feel so philosophical).

**By Marty Mann**

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## Bonsai Pavilion at the Safari Park

July volunteers included: Ken Bross, Alan Burrows, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim Kirchmer, Jim Lane, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Ron Palmer, Marcella Perez, Sally Prestele, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, 'lyn Stevenson, Dennis Wagner, Dave Woodall, and Roger Ziegelman. They welcomed and greeted out newest volunteers: Carla Marasco, Shawn Palmer, Dave Barker and Chris Straws!

Andy Schucker, the Zoo Staff member in the Safari Volunteer Office, once again, generously supplied some ice cream, chips, and cookies to go along with the treats from the Palmers, Marcella, John, Julia, Cathy, Charlie and 'lyn this past month. Pastries, cake, muffins, fruit breads, bottled waters, and lemonade are fund enticements and rewards for our hard working volunteers — especially in the warm, summer weather. Many thanks to all!

Pond algae growth is not as bad as the river scum we are reading about in Florida where there is a crisis this summer but it remains a cleaning problem for us. Newcomer, Shawn, and Charlie generously tackled the cleaning this month. Warm weather and slow water flow has unfortunately caused more than normal pond cleaning. We are hoping the Safari Park can find a solution that will alleviate the problem without endangering the mosquito fish, etc.

We were delighted to have Mary Ann and Harlan back with us in the Pavilion after several months of sick leave. . .Now, we are sending get well wishes to Janie Ogden and Sonya Holmquist, both of whom had surgeries this past month.

Thanks also to our volunteer, Charlie Mosse, who generously donated two junipers for in-ground planting in the Pavilion. . .a lovely nana and a prostrata. . . they will fit nicely into the garden. . .

WANTED : Three or four shade type, low height, azaleas (about 5 gallon size) for in the ground planting. We would like to fill in the area inside the front gate of the Pavilion along the stream — on the right side as you enter. Please let us know if you can help. . .thank you!

There are so many different chores to do at the Pavilion whether it's visiting in front with our many visitors or gardening projects with in-ground, paths, trees, etc. or with grooming, transplanting, and cleaning bonsai pots and plants. We can always accommodate volunteers with jobs which involve sitting or standing in sun areas or shade.

Come visit your Pavilion and the invitation is always open for SDBC and San Pu Kai members to join us too!

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## Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 6, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, August 9, 2016	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, August 20, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, September 3, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, September 13, 2016	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA