



San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

October 2016



President's Message

We had a great meeting last month. Everyone had a great time at our club annual fundraising raffle. Chelle reported that we had an income of \$200.00 from that night. Not bad for a small club. There always such a wide variety of goodies to pick from. I want to thank everyone for their generosity to our club. It really helps with being able to have

outside demos.

Thank you goes to Debra for the wonderful treats. This month treats will be provided by Uta.

We want to welcome new members Joe and Gerry De Los Santos.

October meeting we will have our bring your own trees in to work on, get help, ask questions, or just to share with other club members. It is always great to get some advice on your trees if you stuck on design, or what you need to do next.

Several members will be going to the GSBF convention in Sacramento. It will be great to get a report from them when they get back. Ken Bross November meeting will be doing a demo for us.

Ken has volunteered to sign up for our Vice President, we still need nomination for other offices, if you would like to get involved please let me know.

John Voss and Darryl showed their trees in the San Diego bonsai show last month.

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Darryl Elmer



John Voss



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GSBF Convention 39

Oct 26-30 2016, in Sacramento

Register online at: 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

Fall is generally the climax of the luxurious growth of summer and the last spurt of activity before settling down for winter dormancy. As leaves begin to drop, be sure to remove the trash around your trees and on the surface of your pots. If cleanup is neglected these areas become a refuse for slugs, sow bugs and other undesirable creatures.

Transplanting is permissible at this time of year, specifically bamboo, boxwood, conifers, hornbeam, cotoneaster, podocarpus, privets, pyracantha, wisteria, willow and most varieties of deciduous trees. The key to safe fall repotting is to minimize root disturbance and severe pruning but trees can be transferred into larger or different containers. If in doubt about the health or condition of a tree, wait until spring to repot.

Now is the time to anticipate and enjoy better autumn color by reducing watering time as well. 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 warm spells.

Once the leaves on trident maple, Japanese maple, liquid amber, ginkgo, hornbeam and other colorful deciduous trees begin to lose their vigor and drop, keep the bonsai areas and pot surfaces cleared. Remove trash promptly. Continue to spray benches with an all-purpose insecticide and a final spray of fungicide. Pests seem to make a final effort to destroy and injure trees as they feed heavily prior to moving into the pupa stage.

Light conditions begin to change. Trees that have had full sun exposure find themselves in more shade. So, watch the location of trees at this time

of year and rotate them into more favorable light exposures allowing them to continue storing strength and food for the winter.

This is a good time to work on basic training and design. Remove the wire applied this past year. Check for wire cuts. New wire can be applied but avoid the curls and marks of previous efforts. In spite of this period of slow growth, fall and winter training can still be effective. Before spring approaches don't overlook the new wire since new growth quickly causes wire damage. Study improper branch placement – crossing, bars, up and down growth.

There is still time to give bonsai a last good feeding. Evergreen and conifers may be lightly fertilized on a regular basis through the winter months since they continue

to grow in our mild climate. Use food with little or no nitrogen-- mainly potash and phosphorous, a 0-10-10 fertilizer. Low nitrogen fertilizers build dormant buds and store food in the form of starch used to produce healthy growth in spring. This is especially important for fruiting and flowering trees. Specifically azalea, crabapple, plum and pomegranate improve after late feedings.

Limit cuttings, at this time of year, to hardwood specimens or tropical varieties. The use of a rooting hormones and a pre-soaking of a rooting stimulant, such as B-1 or Superthrive, improves the odds of success. A basic rooting medium such as 2 parts peat moss with 1 part perlite or coarse sand will serve you well. Keep the rooting medium slightly moist and shaded until evidence of new growth appears.

By Marty Mann

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Bonsai Pavilion at the Safari Park

Volunteers for the summery September workdays included: Neil Auwarter, Susan Baker, Dave Barker, Ken Bross, Alan Burrows, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Bob & Janice Hale, Curator John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim Kirchmer, Jim Lane, Carla Marasco, Charlie Mosse, Janet & Ron Palmer, Shawn Palmer, Marcella Perez, Sally Prestele, 'lyn Stevenson, Chusub Sresethadatta, Chris Straws, Dennis Wagner, Mark Walters, and Dave Woodall.

Thanks to each of them and more thanks to Janet & Ron, Marcella, Chusub, John, Jaya, Cathy, for 'lyn supplying extra delicious treats!

Shawn has researched more solutions to our continuous battle with the pond algae and donated a new product for healthy ponds that may be answering our request — anyone who has fought this battle will understand why we do not want to spend so much time keeping the ponds clear when we really want to be working with bonsai! Thanks to the volunteers who have raked, scraped, waded and donned the hip riders to clean the beautiful upper and lower ponds. The visitors and mosquito fish all approve!

We have added a gift from the SDBC Library of a souvenir book from the Washington National Federation's Naka Pavilion dedication that was held in 1990. Since we have a John Naka bonsai that he donated to our Pavilion many years ago, the booklet will be held in our inventory with the story line of his tree. The book was among the materials from RuthAnn Newman's Estate. A nice tribute to all.

Occasional meetings during our refreshment breaks the volunteers have discussed Pavilion concerns also. We are trying another idea for fundraising, so for each of the last three months, we have offered a silent auction item at the SDBC meetings. Our thanks to those who donated materials as well as to the winners of the items. We appreciate generosity of Mark Patton, Abe Far, Susan Roan, Janice Hale, 'lyn Stevenson, the Pavilion inventory and a couple of anonymous bidders for participation in donations or purchases. We will continue to test this fundraising option in future months.

The Palmers answered our earlier azalea request for our garden area along the stream. More containers of one or five gallon azaleas are also appreciated.

It was most informative to hear reports from Cathy and Mark Edgar and Curator John from their trip to NewYork for the juried bonsai exhibit there which had trees from many parts of the USA as well as some foreign entries. There are trees that do not necessarily do well in our climate but are great to see and appreciate.

In preparation for the grant submission to the S.D. County Board of Supervisors for the needed financial assistance for additional cement construction, Jim Kirchmer arranged for a represnetative to visit the Pavilion. She appreciated the presentations from President Bob Hale, Curator John Jackson, Grant Writer Jim Kirchmer, and Liaison 'lyn as we answered her questions and heard her suggestions re the grant. Twice before in this five year old Pavilion, we have received assistance from San Diego County Board for funds and we are hopeful that they will respond once again.

A reminder from the Zoo-Pavilion volunteer offices is encouraging all volunteers to add to their hours for consideration of special perks at the December recognition party. We continue to keep an inventory of Pavilion hours which are submitted regularly and we welcome all SDBC members to consider joining our cadre of volunteers. It is a great volunteer experience and offers an opportunity to work with experienced bonsaiists and with great mature show quality trees.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 11, 2016	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, October 15, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, October 26-30, 2016		Sacramento, CA www.gsbfcconvention.org
Tuesday, November 8, 2016	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, November 5, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday