



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club



September 2016



President's Message

This month we will have a busy club meeting. First we will have a guest, Micah Pruett of American Edge sharpening service. He is a mobile on site tool sharpening. He will give a short talk on keeping your tools sharp and clean and how important it is to maintain your tools. Then he will sharpen

your tool while we have our raffle. So please bring tools, scissors or knives that need to be sharpened. Please bring cash to pay Micah for sharpening services.

This is also our annual Club Fundraiser Opportunity Night. Please bring Bonsai related items to donate to the drawing. Then a \$20.00 donation to the Club gets you many chances to pick from all the donated goodies. We go around until everything is gone. This is a double way to help your club out, so please do help. Good items to donate are books, pots, plants and gardening items. We only have 2 fundraisers, this and our show. This is a very fun evening, it is always a big surprise on what the club gets.

We have lots of goodies donated by June and David as well as pots from Peter. There maybe Trees, books, magazines, pots, soil, fertilizer and many more items. Money raised helps fund our monthly meetings and other things like the Janet Beard award and helps us bring in great demonstrators for our clubs ongoing bonsai education. Cash donation welcome also.

Meeting is from 6-9pm. Treats this month will be provided by Debra. It is getting nice and cool in the evenings, fall is on the way. See you at the meeting.

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Kimura Bonsai Nursery Anniversary Sale

Kimura Bonsai Nursery has been here for 45 years this month. The week of the 17th through the 24th we will have an amazing sale. Everything in the nursery will be 20% off with many selected items 45% off. We will be open on Sat. the 17th, Mon. the 19th, Wed, the 21st, Fri. the 23rd and Sat. the 24th. There will be free drawings on the 17th and 24th. A bonsai demo at noon and free hot dogs and drinks on the 24th. Many items from the not for sale areas will be priced and available for sale including some rare one of a kind pre-bonsais. Come on by and help us celebrate 41/2 decades of bringing bonsai to southern California.

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

Growth patterns of most trees begin to slow down at this time. They no longer show signs of vigor or the blush of summer greenery. They will not show autumn colors yet since the chemical changes required do not begin to materialize until late in September. The "Autumnal Equinox" approaches - the day of equal nights and days that leads us into the fall season, areas in our yard, previously exposed to full sun, have more shade and conversely trees get less light than they are accustomed to having in order to grow.

Notice tree locations. Move deciduous trees into cooler areas if you have had recent periods of regrowth. In spite of periods of cool weather, trees can respond to the warmth of the late summer and develop new foliage.

Fall is generally the end of the luxurious growth of summer and the last spurt of activity before settling down for winter dormancy. Bonsai will no longer grow very much so the need for extensive pruning should be minimal. Since recent growth may have added girth to branches and trunks, check all wired branches to see if they are set and, if they are, remove the wires.

Assuming you have properly reduced the nitrogen feeding during the past few months the fall colors on deciduous trees will show on liquid ambers, maples, gingkoes, hornbeams and Zelkovas. Cool nights and the effect of equal days and nights add to this phenomenon. Winter growth generally goes into the lignification of woody branches and trunks.

Fall is an excellent time to gather tree seeds as they ripen. Seeds from oak tree acorns, pine tree cones and many varieties of maples are in profusion--an excellent source for stratification by over wintering in your refrigerator. Plant them in early spring for new nursery seedlings and future training stock.

Our climate allows plenty of time for new growth to develop and harden before winter cool days

encourages dormancy. Check the growth of new candles on pines. There is still time for second candle removal. Attentive cut back and pinching minimizes unattractive long internodes and loss of compactness. The more you pinch and cut the more branch diversification occurs and new buds form for spring. This constant attention from early fall, throughout the dormant winter season, will intensify your design objectives.

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.

As fall approaches, deciduous trees, in nature and in bonsai, turn gold, orange and crimson. We marvel at the beauty of these changes and accept this metamorphosis as a fact of life. It is generally assumed that these changes are just a byproduct of dying leaves due to the effects of weather and light. Leaves get their green color during spring and summer from chlorophyll, the pigment that captures sunlight. But leaves also contain other pigments whose colors are masked during the growing season. In fall, the absence of chlorophyll allows these color pigments to break out, draw into the leaf tissues and begin to show.

As leaves become more colorful, an interesting phenomenon occurs. Aphids and other insects avoid trees with bright fall color and tend to lay their eggs in less colorful trees. When the eggs hatch next spring, the larvae feed on the tree and are very destructive. Some studies suggest that trees with strong fall color tend to suffer less damage from insects in spring.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 13, 2016	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, September 17, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, October 1 , 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
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