



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club



April 2017



President's Message

Please bring in your trees to work on at the April meeting, we are starting to get our trees ready for our May show. Yes the Carlsbad flower field is open, our show is only 1½ months away on May 13th and 14th.

There is a lot to prepare for our show, getting your trees ready, accent/complement and plant stands. We hope all members will have a tree to show and can help with setup, be at the show on Saturday or Sunday and than help with take down. I will have sign up sheets at the meeting, as this will help show chairmen John and Steve.

Steve will be doing a demo on how to clean pots, how to properly apply moss to your tree and how to get them show ready.

I have ordered our trees to sell from Jason, the 2 sizes of elms, and from Tom some Junipers. They will be ready to sell, so no repotting or styling for us to do. Hopefully members will bring in tress, pots and books to sell, all of this helps our club. This is the one big fundraiser that helps our club keep going.

Even if you don't think you have a tree to show, please bring it in or a tree to work on.

Thank you to Darryl and Chris for bringing treats for us last month, Treats this month will be provided by Ute.

We had our board meeting, discussing the Years programs, lots of fun meetings, learning and very educational. We discussed our spring show, our club, getting and maintaining our members and getting the club to grow. More classes/study groups/study clinics at the meeting with John etc. stay tuned.

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Koen Nai No Bonsai Bonsai in the Park

GSBF Clark Bonsai Collection Shinzen
Garden

April 22 & 23

9-4:30

114 W. Audubon Drive

Fresno, CA

Free, just mention "GSBF San Pu Kai
Bonsai Club Member"

SDBC Spring Show

April 29 & 30.

I hope everyone will be able to get there
to see the show and check out their
plant sale.



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SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

A good potting mix may include a small amount of bone meal and Ironite to encourage development of new fine rootage. There is a difference of opinion as to the value of including cottonseed meal at this time, however we believe that this fertilizer is better applied a month or so later since early feeding can be harmful to new growth. Cottonseed meal is a slow starter before it adds any nutrient benefit to the plant.

Repotted plants may be fed as soon as signs of new growth are apparent. A suggested mix is 75% cottonseed meal / 25% bone meal.

Newly potted trees should be shaded from direct sun until new growth begins. By moving trees into sunny areas, it will stimulate the growth of foliage. Newly potted trees should first be allowed to develop new fine rootage that can then support new foliage. When new growth is evident, it's time to begin light fertilization. Full sun encourages smaller leaves and shorter internodes.

Early bloomers such as Forsythia, Sasanqua Camellias and Quince develop during early spring months. After flowers have faded, trees are pruned to restore shape, allow new growth and bud setting.

Azaleas are bare rooted and repotted in March. Be sure to comb out as much of the old soil or growing medium peat without destroying the fine root system. Incorporate as much new coarse azalea soil mix as you can when repotting to develop strong healthy new roots and improve acidity.

Finally, prepare selected trees for display at the many spring bonsai shows held throughout the state. Select your best tree(s)--be critical of their appearance. Show trees should be free of any infections and should not show signs of ill health. Pots should be clean. Plants surface must be cleared of trash and very heavy layers of moss. Spring is usually the time when most trees look their very best.

Remember---- For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

Doesn't this seem to apply to bonsai? The best way to escape your problem is to solve it.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 11, 2017	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, April 15, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, May 6, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday & Sunday May 13 & 14, 2017		San Pu Kai Bonsai Show Carlsbad Flower Fields
Saturday, May 20, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday