



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club



June 2017



President's Message

Well our club deserves a big congratulations and thank you for a wonderful show and for everyone's hard work.

The tress looked great, lots of food and treats for all. We had about 10,000 guest during the weekend show. The flower fields had about 17,000 guests.

We almost sold everything we had to sell, the left over trees we sold back to club member Tom Oghi and he deserves a big thank you for his donation of \$100.00 and his wife Ayako donated all the lucky bamboo and their pots that we sold. It is with this great generosity that really makes our club. Thanks to show chairman John Voss and Steve and everyone who helped setting up the show. Chelle and I were busy setting up the sale table making sure everything was priced to sell and we had club information hand outs Darryl did all the copying for us, which is such a great saving to our club. Once again the Vess family spent the night to watch over our trees. Ken and John did great job on demos for the public to see. Darryl did a nice job with the soil samples for the public to see how we use them for our bonsai and Steve showed bonsai from raw stock to a finished tree. These both were well received. I think we will do this again with more print out information about these two displays. We had several people who were very interested in joining our club.

June's meeting will be a 2 part meeting, Steve will do a short demo talk on the tiny leaf ficus, and will show us how to open and clean them up. John has found these trees and the club bought 15 for club members to buy. We will be selling them for \$20. A great price for everyone to be able to get one or two of these little ficus. They are very nice, very small leaf, great for shohin. So come prepared with your tools and checkbooks.

Treats this month will be provided by Debra.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting. Remember you can always bring in a tree for help or advice you may need, or just to show and share.

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One of the Ficus trees that will be available at the June meeting.



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SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

SPRING JUVENILE GROWTH, BECOMES SUMMER MATURITY

As spring Equinox passed the new growth and awakening buds developed with new vigor --on the brink of summer. The ongoing process of snipping new growth as soon as it hardens is continues into May and June before it creates long and undesirable internodes. By constant reshaping and cutting back, the growth of deciduous trees encourages delicate side branching and a softer overall look. Remember, the object of cut back is to maintain a relationship between the size of the leaves and branches to the overall size of the tree. The process of constant cut back also encourages branch thickening and adds an aged look. Watch the exposed end cuts. Apply a tree seal, or just old-fashioned Elmer's glue, to larger cuts or carvings.

Pay attention to the azaleas in your collection. March or April was the best months to repot and trim long whips and branches. May is the blooming season for most azalea varieties (remember-Satsuki means 5th month) you may enjoy the flowers well into June without concerns for feeding and trimming. Keep the plants moist but avoid overhead watering as this causes blooms to lose their color and vigor. Cut back shoots that have outgrown the design perimeters. After the flowers have reached their peak, remove all faded blooms. A flat cut at the base of the flower removes excessive stem elongation and allows new buds to form next year.

Hold off any activity on the soft deciduous growth until it hardens. Keep your eye on the upper portion of deciduous trees. Upper

branches tend to thicken and ruin the taper of the design. Heavy top growth deprives the bottom branches of light and nourishment. Watch the wires you put on since damage occurs quickly when growth is active. Remove fast growing water shoots coming out of the root system or the lower trunk area. Cut back on the long internodes and opposite branches.

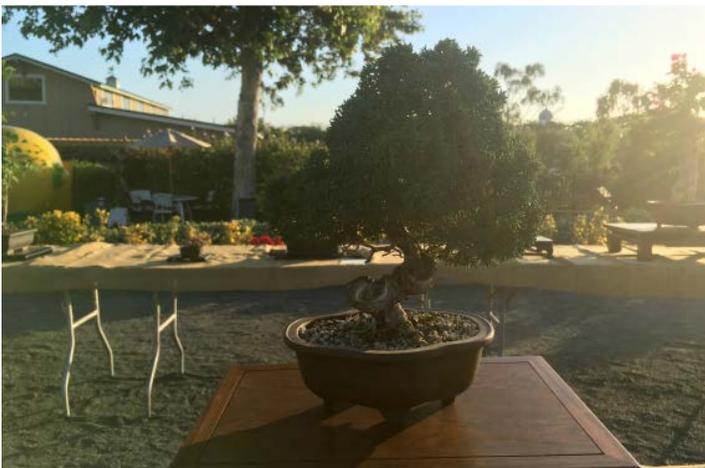
Leaf pruning may be done later in June or early July. Be sure the trees are healthy and growing vigorously. Feed those well two weeks before you proceed. It's often better to leaf prune only partially. Start with oversized leaves, damaged leaves or selected areas of the tree. This piecemeal approach reduces the shock to the tree. It's also best to leaf prune a tree in alternate years. New leaf growth returns, slightly smaller, with a fresh spring like color and beauty. Better fall color is your reward.

Watch the hot summer breezes since new growth can be easily harmed. If you leaf prune almost all of the foliage you must treat the tree as you would during dormancy. Reduce the water and don't feed until new growth appears.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 13, 2017	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, June 17, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, July 1, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
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