



# San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

July 2018



## President's Message

We had a great olive tree meeting last month. It was nice to see so many different olives from our members. We really enjoyed Kens olive, a trip to his truck to see it, I don't blame him for not wanting to bring it in. It was a beast but beautiful. Thank

you Steve for your demo on several olives.

Thank you Ken for the treats for our meeting. Lanny will be providing the treats this month.

In July we will have a bring your own tree to work on meeting, get help with, do some summer work, some might need repotting. Bring your trees, tools, and anything else you might need to work on your trees.

If there is enough time we might enjoy one of our bonsai learning movies. It's so nice to have everything we need to watch our DVDs at our new meeting room. Makes it so easy.

Starting this month on July 21st we will be having our Shohin Study Group. We will meet the third Saturday of each month from 1 to 4 pm at our house, 1010 Phillips St, Vista. Please let me know at our next meeting if you plan on coming so we have everything set up. Bring your tools and your shohin trees or trees you want to make in to shohin. This is something new for our club, so we will see how it goes. Many members have been asking for this to happen. We all need to work on ours trees more, so this might be a good start. (We are having the shohin study group late enough so members who work at the Bonsai Pavilion can do both.)

Remember the Bonsai Pavilion at the Safari Park is open again, and they have workdays, the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, they may be having extra work days. Check with Lyn Stevenson.

I will have GSBF Convention info to share with the club members, the dates are: October 24-28, McClellan Conference Center, Sacramento, CA. The headliners are Bjorn Bjornholm, Suthin Sukosolvisit, and from Japan Yasuo Mitsuya San, this could be his last trip to the USA.

See you at our meeting.

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## **Upcoming Bonsai Events**

**Nisei Week in LA**

**Japanese festival in little Tokyo**

July 15 - August 19

(if you are a member of SDBC they are having a bus trip)

## SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Summertime reduces the need to do any serious 'training' of bonsai. It's a period of watchful attention to the results of earlier care. July is the month to plan for the summer season changes of activities related to care and feeding of bonsai. Start a program that will provide fall colors by reducing the nitrogen content of your fertilizer mix. Continued use of the standard cottonseed/bone meal (70/30%) will provide most of the nutrients required for summer growth and good health. Introduce a change in food by using half strength liquid Hi-Bloom (2-2-10) that provides an excellent source of phosphorus.

Continue to feed all conifers and other evergreen material to promote good summer health. More frequent feedings of milder solutions are in order. Regular feeding during the hot summer months can also be supplemented by early morning refreshing foliar feeding of Miracle-Gro or a diluted solution of fish emulsion. Avoid daytime heat. Allow wet foliage to dry during the day to prevent night forming fungus infection. A brisk spraying of your trees before feeding will remove dust layers and discourage red spider, mites, ants and

other insects. Be sure to spray both the top and the bottom of the foliage.

Watering is an important summer chore. Warm summer breezes encourage high levels of moisture expiration through healthy leaf surfaces. For balanced plant health a change in watering schedules consistently renews 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 that are ideal for the formation of fungus and the related health threatening damages. Be reminded that summer

vacationing puts an additional burden on your 'bonsai sitters'. A suggestion would be to let them water your trees 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 see if all is well.

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.

Repotting ficus, pomegranates or other warm weather tropicals is encouraged at this time. Avoid most other transplanting activity during warm weather. Watch for wire cutting conditions. As bonsai matures in the summer growing period it does so primarily on its woody surfaces.

Chewing insects are hard at work eating their way thru leaves and stems. Spray with Sevin. Mites are also active during warm weather months. Discourage them with a good miticides or one of the new combination fungicides/insecticide products now on the market. A small amount of Volck Oil with these products creates better adhesion.

Approach your summer activity with an eye to enjoyment of the form and color of the trees. Fall soon enough if you keep up with summertime care.

**By Marty Mann**

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## Bonsai Pavilion at the Safari Park

It's a great joy to have the volunteers enthusiastically greeting the hundreds of Pavilion visitors who are now able to enter the Pavilion again after months of closure. Many guests are seeing the bonsai for the first time since they were unaware of the collection and others are delighted with the new access and the improvements we have made . . . this "soft opening" is also giving us the opportunity to consider some options for the open ground spaces within the Pavilion.

Many thanks to all the June volunteers and a special welcome to our newest cadre of helpers: TOBIN BARROZO, JENNY CHEN, SALLY & STEVE DISCHINGER, BOB & JANET LIGGETT, PARIS HABER, DAVID MEYER, and RAY STIVES, who have joined our more experienced volunteers this past month including: Neil Auwarter, Ken Bross, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Bob & Janet Hale, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kalberer, Jim & Susan Kirchmer, Janet & Ron Palmer, Shawn & Yvette Palmer, Sally Prestele, Clare & Ron Roberts, 'lyn Stevenson, Yochiro Suemori, Dennis Wagner, Mark Walters, and Dave Woodall. Thanks too for the delicious refreshments from the Safari Volunteer Office, Tobin, the Roberts, Jaya, Curator John, 'lyn, Shawn, Yvette, and Cathy.

We are considering being on site every weekend and some weekdays throughout the summer since many visitors are eager to talk with us, and ask questions about the bonsai, the volunteers, and about the San Diego Bonsai Club and San Pu Kai. A part of our time at the Pavilion is visiting with the myriad of visitors; they are interested talking with us when we are wiring, pruning, potting, and weeding. The volunteer red shirts and name tags are an invitation for conversation. We all enjoy that time too! We continue to invite SDBC members to become Bonsai Pavilion volunteers which will make it more convenient to share extra volunteer shifts besides our regular twice a month times.

The SDBC Board suggested that we have our postponed spring anniversary picnic meeting and silent auction in October this year since we were closed in May. This calendar change means that there will not be a picnic meeting at Lake Poway this October. The Safari Park Staff and the Pavilion volunteers all agreed that Sunday, October 14, 2018 would be the Formal Opening Celebration of the Pavilion. We will have the usual Club meeting that day at the Pavilion along with a tribute to deceased Pavilion volunteers: Marty and Ruth Mann and Charlie Tamm. It will be a great celebration! Sign-ups for Safari Park entrance passes will be made available at the August and September SDBC meetings. Please sure to mark your calendars for this venue change and the opportunity to see the Pavilion improvements since our last club anniversary in May of 2017.

There are a couple of the Bonsai from the Pavilion currently on loan to the SDBC for the Exhibit at the San Diego Fair. Thanks to the efforts and coordination of Mark Edgar and Bob Hale. The trees will be returned to the Pavilion after the Fair closes July 5th.

Please contact Curator John Jackson or Assistant Dennis Wagner or Liaison 'lyn Stevenson if you have concerns or questions about the Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion and the volunteer program.

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## Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 7, 2018	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, July 10, 2018	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: 973 Vale Terrace Dr. Room #108, Vista
Saturday, July 21, 2018	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, August 4, 2018	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, August 14, 2018	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: 973 Vale Terrace Dr. Room #108, Vista