



# San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

May 2018



## President's Message

It is show time!

This is a whole club event. If you are new to the club, we have our show at the Carlsbad Flower Fields, Mother's Day weekend. There is NO club meeting this

month.

We start off on Friday afternoon, 4 pm until we get everything set up. It doesn't take very long, as long as we have enough members help out.

Saturday morning we bring in trees at 7 am, all cars must be off the grounds by 9 am sharp. Have your trees dressed and cleaned for the show, also bring your your accent plants and stands. If you need stands please call Steve 760-445-2548.

I will have show badges with me to get into the show free on Friday at setup and on Saturday morning if you don't get a badge, just call Steve and we will meet you at the entrance to the flower field with your pass.

Chelle and I will be at the sales table. We will need members to talk with visitors and provide security for our trees.

Please think of bring treats to share. I will have a cooler with water for everyone.

Forrest and his son Finnegan will be spending the night to guard our tress. This is very nice of them. The club buys them dinner for working so hard.

We will need all member helping on Sunday when the show ends for take down. It usually goes pretty fast with everyone helping out.

Lets make this another great show, enjoy ourselves, and share our bonsai knowledge. We will have a few demos, but anyone can work on a tree, visitors love watching members work on trees.

If there is any questions, please feel free to call us.

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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

### SPRING JUVENILE GROWTH, BECOMES SUMMER MATURITY

Different trees have varied needs, as one may be more vigorous than another. The soil mix, pot size, and the environmental exposure to wind and sun affect watering methods. Just follow the ideals: water deeply; keep your bonsai damp, not wet and never dry. Judge by the weather conditions. Daily routines might instead become patterns of early morning watering on alternate days, as needed.

Continue to pinch and trim but hold off on wiring soft deciduous growth until it hardens. Direct your attention to the upper portion of most bonsai since this is the area that tends to grow fastest. Allowing this growth to develop too freely will deprive the lower branches of strength and nourishment. Check your wiring during this fast growing period. Don't let it cut into the tree.

Eliminate spurts of new branch growth. Cut back young whips to two or three leaf clusters to encourage fine twiggy branching and shorter internodes. Remove opposite branches that tend to form on many species naturally. Avoid bar branches throughout your design, however, this is not too important in the upper structures.

May's mild weather conditions encourage the population of undesirable insects such as aphids, white flies, spider mites and that nasty scale. Particularly, if you failed to spray the wintering trees with a dormant spray application then you will have to be attentive to the presence of a new crop of insects. Pay attention to regular applications of insecticides such as Malathion, Sevin, Isotex, etc. Maples are particularly susceptible to fungus diseases such as mildew when kept in the shade. Apply general-purpose fungicides such as Ortho Garden Disease Control at this time to ward off early summer damage. Avoid watering the foliage and allow air circulation and good light exposure.

Continue your repotting schedule into early May, if you have not already begun. Don't overlook the deciduous material that has already opened; however in these cases care should be taken to retain more of the old rootage and soil ball to prevent transplant shock and dieback. Be sure to provide good after-care.

Protect from too much strong sun and wind for at least 2 to 3 weeks. Maintain the schedule of trimming and plucking as you repot. Prune the Elms, Maples and Ginkgos.

We still hear criticism by many Japanese Masters about the timid habits of underfeeding American trees. The best all around fertilizer is still the basic mix of 70% cottonseed meal and 30% bone meal or, if you have it, rape seed cakes. Foliar feeding with Miracle Gro is excellent. In all cases it's important during this fast growing period to feed as the new growth emerges. As this growth increases in size and diverts its sugar production from photosynthesis to woody growth, keep your eyes open for wire damage from earlier training efforts.

Azaleas require special care during this period. Some varieties may have completed flowering while others may still be in full bloom well into June. Wait until the blooms are faded before trimming, shaping, repotting or feeding.

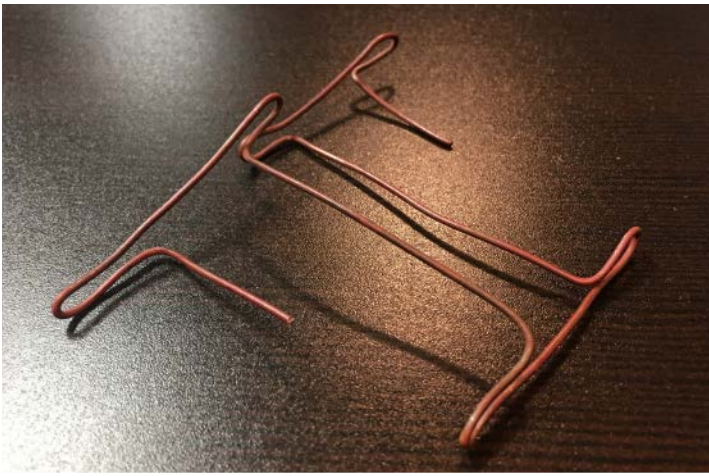
May and early June are excellent air-layering months since this fast growing period encourages the formation of new roots much more easily.

It's also a good time of year to sit back and enjoy your trees.

**By Marty Mann**

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## Calendar of Events

Saturday & Sunday May 12 & 13, 2018		San Pu Kai Bonsai Show: Carlsbad Flower Fields
Saturday, May 19, 2018	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, June 2, 2018	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, June 12, 2018	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: 973 Vale Terrace Dr. Room #108, Vista
Saturday, June 16, 2018	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday