



San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

November 2018



President's Message

At our October meeting Darryl did a great job teaching us pot making. We had slabs of clay for our pot making. It was a lot of fun. I think everyone made more than one pot. It will be great to see how they all come out. We will be working on them

again at Darryl's house on Nov. 17 th. At 1 pm. I must apologize for having us outside, some how in my mind it was not going to get so dark and chilly so fast. Lesson learned, no outside meeting after September.

We had great treats provided by Ute, the candy bags were very special, a big thank you. The Valentines will be providing treats this month.

At the November meeting we will have our bring your own trees to work on, and get some advice. This is always a great meeting. I love seeing everyone working on trees. This is what bonsai is all about, working on getting our trees better. It's always great to hear a bit about each members trees also, so plan on sharing a little info on your tree. Bring your trees, tools etc. and let's have a great meeting. It's also is a good idea to have a bonsai tree log book where you can have photos of your trees as they progress, what and when you do things to your trees. Much better than trying to remember when you last re-potted or fertilized your trees. Our lives are busy enough with out having extra things to remember. There are some great ones on the internet.

The Shohin meeting this month will be at Darryl's house on November 17th, from 1-4 pm. We have been having a great turn out at these meetings. Please come, bring your trees, tools come and learn. We will also will be glazing our pots we made.

Remember the bonsai pavilion at the safari park is open again, and they have workdays, the 1st & 3rd,

Saturday of the month, they may be having extra work days. Check with Lyn Stevenson.

Also the Huntington gardens needs your help, become a bonsai volunteer. They can use your help on the first Thursday and first Saturday of each month, you get in free, get volunteer hours, talk with guest who want to know about bonsai. These are dates when guest get in free to the Huntington, so extra help is needed. If interested please email: Ellen Keneshea GSBF Huntington chairman ekeneshea@socal.rr.com

Ken will have come back from this years GSBF convention, I am sure he will give us a report on the convention.

See you all at the meeting, it is nice to see cooler mornings and evenings, but keep checking your trees.

Cary Sullivan-Valentine

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SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Light conditions begin to change. Trees that have had full sun exposure find themselves in more shade. Watch the location of trees at this time of year. Rotate them into more favorable light exposures. Allow them to continue storing strength and food for the winter. Late summer feeding, with reduced amounts of nitrogen, may be continued throughout the fall months into November. The recommended basic mix of 70% cottonseed meal, 30% bone meal may be supplemented with foliar feeding for evergreen, conifers and other non-deciduous material.

Warm spells are common at this time and trees often respond with new growth. This tender growth is susceptible to damage if any sudden cool weather occurs.

This is the best time to study the main trunk line and branch structure. Consider style changes suggested when the skeleton of the tree could be seen. Any activity after October should be limited to pot-to-pot transfers only. Wait until spring, just before new growth begins to do most repotting. Additional potting information for specific species is available in the recently published book, *BONSAI IDEAS*, by Marty Mann.

Expose pine trees and other conifers to full light during the forthcoming months. This encourages the formation of new candles and healthy root formation. Much of the new growth forms after the pines are de-candled early in May or June. New growth appears in clusters of three to five candles. Remove all but two. Pluck all old needles to free the tree from a dense foliage mass to permit light and air to penetrate into the heart of the tree and encourage new interior growth.

Deciduous trees will begin to show fall colors as soon as cooler nights become more common. After they have had their moment of glory, be sure to remove any brown leaves as they appear. Keep the trees free

of accumulated trash that can house many undesirable wintering insects and encourage fungus buildup. Keep the trees open, light and airy.

Cut back on your watering schedule but don't allow the trees to dry. As the length of the day's sunshine is shortened, the trees require less water. A balance must be maintained between the minimal watering and the loss of moisture by transpiration during intermittent hot spells.

Continue to rotate all trees to maintain even exposure to the limited light conditions. This is the time for trees to store food for winter dormancy. It is also the time to keep trees free of accumulated trash. They could be the home for winterizing insects and fungus.

Keep up applications of an all-purpose insecticide and fungicide. Insect, such as aphids continue to suck sap and can be best controlled with an oily or systemic pesticide. Watch for signs of fungus infection such as dark spots on needles and leaves or a white powdery substance at the base of the leaves. Fungus infection can be prevented with applications of a copper-based Bordeaux® or Daconil® is effective for above ground infections.

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Calender of Events

Tuesday, November 13, 2018	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: 973 Vale Terrace Dr. Room #108, Vista
Saturday, November 17, 2018	1:00 - 4pm	San Pu Kai Shohin Meeting: Darryl's House
Saturday, November 1y, 2018	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, December 1, 2018	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, December 11, 2018	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: 973 Vale Terrace Dr. Room #108, Vista