



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

November 2014



President's Message

If you want to get recharged and excited about your bonsai trees, just go to a GSBF convention. You learn so much and you see so many beautiful trees and rebound with many old and new bonsai friends. Well that is just what we did. I learned a lot that I want to share and I hope to be able to put a power point show of the 3 exhibits at this year's convention. They had a bonsai exhibit, a judged bonsai exhibit and a viewing stone exhibit. Great vendors, where you could get anything your heart desires.

I spoke with Ted Matson, yes he will be coming to our meeting in December and working on the little olive, refining it and wiring it. So I know you do not want to miss that meeting.

I wrote an application for the GSBF workshop grant of \$400 to be used at our July meeting. The guest demonstrator will be David Nguy and he will be working on the same California juniper collected Bob Knox. The tree will then be auctioned at the meeting. So save your money if you would like a wonderful California juniper styled by David Nguy. San Pu Kai will receive a check of up to \$400 after submitting photos and a write-up of David's demonstration for the Golden Statements magazine.

I have asked member Ken Bross to apply for the GSBF teachers grant by next year's GSBF

convention in Riverside. I give him my full support. This is just one way that GSBF uses funds raised and meets its educational goals. With this grant the selected member studies with a teacher of their choice, gives demonstrations or workshops at their club and they match the \$500.00. Ken has been studying with Fred Miyahara, and has done several demos for the San Diego Bonsai club, so he is almost there. Good luck Ken.

Sally Prestele, Steve and I had the honor of representing San Pu Kai at past president Janet Beard's interment and celebration of life. Janet was a very active member of San Pu Kai, producing the newsletter, club shows, and served as president for many years. Janet loved nature, traveling, card games, and education. She and her sister both graduated in 1940 from UC Berkeley. She is a hard act to follow and surely will be missed. Her trees are being cared for by her son-in-law; member Glen Stewart. Her daughters Kris Stewart and Nancy Douglas have asked in lieu of flowers donations be made to San Pu Kai.



Upcoming events you will want to note on your calendars are:

Winter Silhouettes, January 17 at the Los Angeles Arboretum

This is a wonderful bonsai show of deciduous trees put on by Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai. They have a wonderful evening of bonsai demos, a pot luck dinner and raffle.

Bonsai a Thon, February 28 at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens

There is a wonderful exhibit, demos and vendors, a great raffle and auction. The Bonsai a Thon is really like a small free, yes I said free- bonsai convention

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We will be planning our trip to the House of Bonsai in January. There has been an interest from members to join in on the trip. So we will get a list started and car pool. There seems to be an interest in a stone collecting trip. Let me know if you are interested, so we can set up a date when the weather is a little cooler.

November meeting: We will again have a “bring your own tree” workshop. Everyone seems to enjoy this, and we all need more time to work on our trees. Treats are being provided this month by Uda and Christine.

Our fall weather is still warm, so watch your trees with the heat, and keep them watered.

See you at our meeting,

Cary Sullivan-Valentine, President

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Sierra juniper at the GSBF convention exhibit



Cary's beautiful Shimpaku juniper



Prize winning Olive at the GSBF exhibit



SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

By Marty Mann

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.

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.

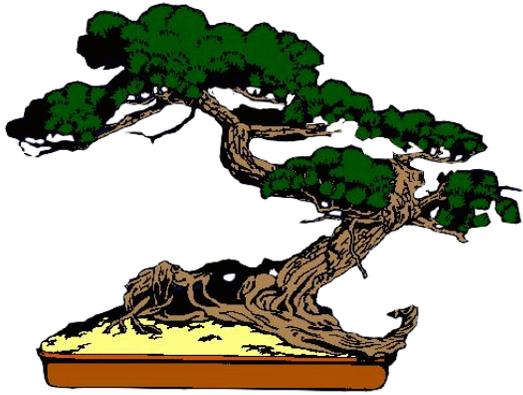
Deciduous trees will begin to show fall colors as soon as cooler nights become more common. After they have had their moment of glory, be sure to remove any brown leaves as they appear. Keep the trees free of accumulated trash that can house many undesirable wintering insects and encourage fungus buildup. 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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SDBC BONSAI PAVILION at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park November, 2014

By 'lyn Stevenson

Congratulations and many thanks to the Bonsai Pavilion Volunteers who have accumulated over 2200 hours of dedicated work in the Pavilion so far in 2014. The October volunteers include: Neil Auwarter, Armand Bryant, Alan Burrows, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, **Jeff Gerringer**, Bob & Janice Hale, Sonja Holmquist, Curator John Jackson, Jaya Kalberer, Jim Kirchmer, Charlie Mosse, Ron Ogdon, Janet & Bob Palmer, Marcella Perez, **Sally Prestele**, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, Dan Sola, **'lyn Stevenson**, Dennis Wagner, Mark Walters, **Dave Woodall**, Roger Ziegelman. Delicious refreshments were donated by: Julia Chow, Cathy Edgar, John Jackson, Charlie Mosse, the Palmers, the Prices, Dan Sola and 'lyn Stevenson. Thanks to **Marty Mann** for his recent donations of buckets and soils. A large Monterrey Cypress, the first bonsai of this type in the collection, was donated this month by 'lyn.

The fall weather has been unpredictable but the volunteers were able to start some early transplanting of well established, old, large, and healthy-hardy bonsai. These projects involved many strong hands and backs. We have an inventory of bonsai pots in our closets and repotting oftentimes includes restyling as well as upgrading and upsizing of the containers. This process also involves critiques and decision making with volunteer participation and

learning. Curator John and Assistant Curator Dennis led the "hands-on" operations this month.

Garden wise, there was much fall pruning and maintenance. The Horticulture Department picks up all our trimmings, recyclables, and trash after each work session. Often, we have considerable amounts but the results are most satisfying for the Park and for us. Dennis did a major clean-up of the bamboo near the front entrance of the Pavilion near the beautiful, big Pine and the Pavilion name plaque also. Everyone helped reposition and switch bonsai on the tables as needed for the changing fall sun areas, cleaned pots, weeded, trimmed, and replaced mosses. Visitors often have questions, comments, and compliments for the volunteers who are readily recognizable with their red Volunteer Safari shirts and name tags.

Special thanks this month for talented, artist guest, Lisa Kirchmer, (Jim's daughter-in-law), who helped sculpture and rebuild the John Naka California Juniper's rotted dead wood nebari and the tree trunks on the forest bonsai that Ted Schwartz had donated a while ago. Her special talent is much appreciated. Nakasan would really be impressed too, particularly since 2014 is the commemoration of his 100th Birthday.

The volunteers continue to have their scheduled work days on the first and third Saturdays of each month. The Zoo and Park will have a Thank You Party at the Park in November for all the Zoo and Park volunteers for 2014 who have donated significant hours. There will also be an outside judging team at the Park before the end of the year for evaluations and credential assessments so we are working diligently to keep the Pavilion and the Bonsai Collection looking its very best.



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Calendar of Events

| Tuesday, November 11, 2014 | 7 pm – 9 pm | Regular Meeting: Bring your own tree workshop Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA |
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| Saturday, November 15, 2014 | 9 am - Noon | San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday |
| Saturday December 6, 2014 | 9 am - Noon | San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday |
| Tuesday, December 9, 2014 | 7 pm – 9 pm | Regular Meeting: Ted Matson demonstration! Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA |
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