



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club



June 2016



President's Message

First I want to thank every one for their hard work, putting up with rain and wind for our Mother's Day show. We had 7 members show their trees and 11 members helping in one way or another. We started the weekend off with rain. So we decided not to use our back drops or stands, when the sun

came out, we put some of the trees on stands. This year when the wind came up only the EZ Ups took off, no tables or trees were effected. Once again the Vess boys camped out and did security for our trees. Even with the rain we still had about 10,000 guest see our show and we sold almost every thing we had to sell. So all-in-all it was a good show, I really appreciate the members hard work and dedication. If we did not have this dedication, we could not have the show.

This months meeting we are having David Nguy back and he will be doing our demo. We all remember David from last year and David is the now 2nd Vice President of GSBF and the co-chair of the GSBF 2017 convention in Riverside. This is a great learning meeting, so you really do not want to miss it. David is known for his wonderful California Junipers and his wiring techniques. Treats this month will be provided by Vess family.

Steve and I judged the Janet Beard tree under 10" and the winner is SDBC member Mark Edger with his shimpaku. It would be nice to see a SPK member win this award. It was also nice to see Steve's tree that Mark has been maintaining at the Wild animal park. It is a grafted shimpaku.

I have akadama and scoria to sell, several members have asked for it. Cost is \$25.00 per bag. Please call/ email me if you want any, as I will not bring it to the meeting unless you let me know. The bags are heavy.

See you at the meeting,

Cary Sullivan-Valentine

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San Diego County Fair



Winner of the
Janet Beard Award



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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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Bonsai Pavilion at the Safari Park

The Bonsai Pavilion Volunteers added lots of extra time in the last month — giving very special attention to celebration of the Pavilion's Fifth Anniversary in May. We marvel at all that has been accomplished in these five years to make the realization of this SDBC project so successful and meaningful to the volunteers, club members, the Safari Park and all the visitors. Over 100 Club members registered for the Anniversary Picnic, the special silent auction fund raising, and club meeting event. Many brought wonderful auction items along with their delicious picnic lunches. Curator John Jackson and the volunteers had culled the work area for materials in the collection and offered those to the sales. Because the Pavilion depends on donations from members, friends of the Safari Park, and from occasional estates, sometimes there is a surplus of similar bonsai. This auction afforded some tremendous bargains galore for the members. Many thanks to those who donated materials and to those who purchased these treasures. The Horticulture Department of Safari Park generously provided the round and rectangular tables, chairs, and table covers as well as the guest passes for our members who are not volunteers or Zoo members. The SDBC Board supplied the microphones, the inventory sheets, and the important money box, and extra beverages. The delightful weather was heavenly provided and contributed greatly to the ambience of another memorable event for all.
(Shared photos may impart some of this day also)

Thanks always to the Pavilion Volunteers for April and May especially: Neil Auwarter, Susan Baker, Alan Burrows, Peter Chong, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Bob & Janice Hale, Sonya Holmquist, Curators John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim & Susan Kirchmer, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Jim Lane, Ron Ogdon, Marcella Perez, Sally Prestele, Janet & Ron Palmer, Mike Shelly, Dan Sola, 'lyn Stevenson, Assistant Dennis Wagner, Mark Walters, Nancy Wilson-Ramon, Dave Woodall, and Roger Zieglerman. We also welcome and congratulate on newest, credentialed volunteers: Donna Carter and Tejal Chinoy! Our refrigerator supplies were

supplemented by delicious donations from Alan, Cathy, Charlie, Dennis, Janice, Jaya, Julia, John, 'lyn, Marcella, Mark, and Nancy...YUM always!

Several transplanting chores were completed during April and May. The inventory books contain the specifics of every bonsai in the collection and Mark Edgar keeps the entries, additions, and revisions current but all the volunteers contribute their input whenever fertilizing, spraying, styling, or transplanting activities are done. This information is tremendously helpful and valuable reference for all.

Research and financial preparation continues on our grant applications for needed cement flooring in our work area and pathways. Jim Kirchmer, Curator John, SDBC President Bob, Treasurer Peter, and the SDBC Board of Directors hope to finalize the process this coming month so work can proceed.

Thank You, San Diego Bonsai Club members, for continued support, encouragement, and participation in this priority activity of the Club! It continues to provide education, camaraderie, enjoyment, and entertainment! Many visitors often comment that the Bonsai Pavilion is a wonderful quiet place for reflection on the beauty of nature with the trees being cared for in most artistic styles. THANK YOU ALL!

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Calender of Events

Tuesday, June 14, 2016	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brengle Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, June 18, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, July 2, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, July 12, 2016	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brengle Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, July 16, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday