



San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

August 2017



President's Message

At the July meeting we had a demo by Steve. Several members brought in a tree to work on or get help with making the decision on what to do next. Bring

in your own tree meetings are always a great help to all members and very enjoyable. We never have enough time to work on our trees. Ken brought the treats this month, thank you!

Treats this month will be provided by Deborah. Thank you so much.

Please stay cool with the high heats and remember to check your plants daily they may need to be watered more than once a day.

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Important News

San Pu kai has moved our meeting place.

The city of Vista raised our rent. Even though it was a great price, still just too much for a small club to pay. Good news. Our new location is on the same street the address is **973 Vale Terrace Dr. Vista**, turn into the parking lot on the right side of the street when you see the sign for "**Park Plaza Dental**" professional building. **We are in room #108 on the ground floor.** It is in the **Kingdom Builders Bible Fellowship church building, we will be using their Shine Room** (children's bible study room) They are very happy to have us.

The August meeting will be fun and educational. Ken was kind enough to put our bonsai videos on to disk for us so we can watch them. We will have a movie night and if there is enough time, a round of Bonsai Bingo for fun with prizes.



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SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

TIME TO THINK, PLAN, AND CARE FOR YOUR TREES

Watering is an important summer chore. Warm summer breezes encourage increased moisture expiration through healthy leaf surfaces. For balanced plant health regular, increased watering schedules must consistently renew 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 ideal for the formation of fungus and the related health threatening damage.

Be reminded that summer vacationing puts an additional burden on your 'bonsai sitters'. A suggestion would be to let them water your trees for you 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 audit its functions. 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.

With the arrival of summer, most of the formal bonsai shows have passed and the bonsaiist has the pleasure of displaying his trees. The objective of a good hobbyist is pride in the finished tree. Accomplish this by maintaining its good health, continuing a selective feeding routine and paying attention to weather conditions that set the guidelines for proper watering requirements. Summer maintenance prepares trees for fall and winter. Plan ahead.

Start with the constant surveillance of fast summer growth. Warm days and cool nights encourage the development of new tip growth, long internodes and lush foliage. Maintenance must include pinching and plucking the growing tips as well as cutting back the branches. Reducing the branch extensions encourages shorter internodes, tighter evergreen formations and develops desirable twiggyness on deciduous trees. Trim and shape unwanted growth to maintain form and design

This is not the best time to consider transplanting most

material however, certain plants such as Pomegranate, Ficus, Buttonwood, Cotoneaster, Pyracantha and most Bamboos can be repotted or transplanted during the warm weather.

Recently defoliated material such as Maple, Olive, Privet, Zelcova, and Ginkgo can be transplanted just prior to the re-emergence of the new growth. Remember that transplanting of any material during these warm months is risky but it can be done if proper after-care is taken. Keep them cool and not too wet. Anything done during the summer months should be done with restraint and proper attention given to the affect of warm weather. Propagation by cuttings of softwood or semi-hardwood material can be done in July. Keep cuttings in shade and in a sandy, moist mixture. Don't rush to transplant any cuttings just because the new signs of growth tell you that they have 'taken'. Let them harden-off first.

Summer months are so important when trees are being cared for. Protection from insects and fungus is appropriate. Know the shelf life of some common products. The following chart may be used as a guideline:

Ortho Garden Disease (liquid)	3 to 4 years in the bottle
Isotox	2 to 3 years in the bottle
Malathion	6 to 8 years in the bottle
Orthene	4 to 5 years in the bottle
Sevin (liquid)	5 to 6 years in the bottle
Captan	5 to 6 years in the bottle
Daconil	6 to 7 years in the bottle

Bonsaiists develop a feeling for their trees--perhaps not as a child or family member but a commitment is undertaken for their care and well being. In this hectic, active world, we don't take enough time to sit back, reflect, and watch the sunset, stroll though a forest or garden, and just enjoy nature. Fortunately, bonsai involvement gives us an outlet. We are drawn into and are captivated by this natural world. Ignore the violence that appears to be all around us and reflect on the marvel of a growing, creative art that allows us to enjoy part of the good world that surrounds us. We are a lucky people. (I feel so philosophical).

By Marty Mann

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Bonsai Pavilion at the Safari Park

The horticultural areas of the the Safari Park have been closed to visitors for undetermined future months due to the construction that Safari Park will be doing to later open an extensive Australian area above the Bonsai Pavilion and the other volunteer horticulture gardens. This closure coincided neatly with our plan to do the Pavilion walkways project that has been in the plans for many months. The Pavilion will still be an open area for our volunteers to continue maintenance and enhancement of the bonsai collection as well as for the Pavilion water features and the garden. This really affords us the time to work in depth on projects and not have to be concerned about facing visitors with difficult inconveniences.

July lived up to being a truly hot summertime but our volunteers generously gave valuable time and talent to caring for the bonsai and preparing the Pavilion for the pathway construction with new drains and borders for the cement. Many thanks to Neil Auwarter, Ken Bros, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Bob & Janice Hale, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim Kirchmer, new volunteer Connie Kraus, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Janet & Ron Palmer, Sally Prestele, Jesus Rivera, 'lyn Stevenson, Dennis Wagner, Mark Walters, Dave Woodall, and new volunteer Yoichiro Suemori. We especially are delighted with the enthusiasm of our newest volunteers and are also thankful to all who donated to our refreshment breaks: Julia, John, Cathy, the Palmers, Jaya, and 'lyn.

Charlie Mosse worked diligently up to the days before his scheduled surgery and we are delighted to know that he successfully had his surgery at the end of July and is recuperating now. We all wish him much wellness and a quick recovery. Dave Woodall also took a short time out for surgery and stitches but was ready to continue bonsai projects almost immediately. Our Bonsai avocations never seems to deter us from this wonderful hobby we all share! Thanks to all of you always!

'lyn Stevenson
SDBC-Safari Park Liaison



Now that the Pavilion is closed to the public for several months, we have a chance

to do several major projects. The first project was to install cement sidewalks within the garden area and also cement was added to the back training and shed areas. The work was completed during the last two weeks in July. About 3-4" of soil was removed from the garden area in a 4-foot strip adjacent to the bonsai trees. Forms were installed to give the pathways a "wavy" movement and the colored cement was stamped with a pattern used by Safari Park. The contractor did an excellent job working around the rock border and post border we already had in place. We also installed a soil "island" in front of the waterfall which contains a large stone and a bench (see pictures). We will eventually add some shrubs to provide a nice place to sit in front of the waterfall.

The walkways were made possible by a large grant from San Diego County (secured by Jim Kirchmer), a donation by the San Diego Bonsai Club, and the Pavilion fund (from donations and fundraisers).



John Jackson was instrumental in pushing the project forward even when many people were skeptical of the value. The finished project confirms that John's sidewalks vision gives a touch of class to the Pavilion.

Other projects on the list include staining the fences, cleaning the pond and stream bed, cementing rocks into the stream bed, and eventually upgrading the display benches. We are looking for ideas on what to do with the benches that will look great and will have a more durable life than wood. Let us know if you have ideas. We also will need to raise money to replace the benches.

Mark Edgar





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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, August 8, 2017	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: 973 Vale Terrace Dr. Room #108, Vista
Saturday, August 19, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, September 2, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, September 12, 2017	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: 973 Vale Terrace Dr. Room #108, Vista
Saturday, September 16, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday