



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

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President's Message

September Program: Wow, did we ever have fun at our September fundraiser! We made \$200.00, and that is great for a small club. I want to thank everyone who, not only put in their \$20.00, but who was so generous to bring so many items to donate to our club. I think we all had about 3 turns each at the goodie tables - and we had some left over to make our guest feel so welcome - we were able to give her a bonsai book and a tree! Way to go San Pu Kai members!! This helps to offset the demonstration expense of having Ted Matson's much anticipated trip to come to the club for his demo / lecture in December. So I know you will not want to miss that meeting. Wow, can you believe that the year is almost over.

GSBF Convention coming up quick! We still have plenty of spots for anyone who is able to donate some time at the GSBF convention in Riverside in October 27-30th. If you are able to donate 1/2 a day at the convention we will give you 1/2 day FREE registration for the rest of that day. If you donate 1 whole day than you get 1 whole day FREE registration to the convention. Great place to see a wonderful exhibit, lots of vendors with everything you would ever want with bonsai, trees, pots, books, tools, etc., plus it is just get fun and lots of learning going on.

October Meeting: In the upcoming October meeting we will have a workshop on the wonderful *Bougainvillea "Pink Pixie"* from Joe DuPont. I know everyone really wants to get in on this as we will never see these beautiful little plants again. So this is your chance to get one. Everyone of these dark pink (almost red) beauties are Shohin size (1

gallon size). Joe will be speaking about what to do and how to take care of them in the months and years to come. And we'll all work together to get them down to a really nice Shohin tree.

Once again it will be first call- first-get-the-tree. (760-445-2548 caryme@yahoo.com) They will be on sale for \$20.00. Please see Maria at the October meeting to pay for your tree. They are very nice trees and we are very lucky to get them from Joe DuPont from Hines Nursery.

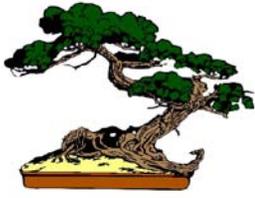
Treats: Thank you so much for the wonderful refreshments, Joyce, they were all "hit the spot" - so to speak. It is so nice to have a little snack during the meeting. In **October** refreshments will be provided by **Dave Woodall**. Treats for: **November** - **Lanny Chronert** and for **December** - **Sandra Knowles**.

Bonsai Pavilion: Remember, the new workdays at the Bonsai Pavilion at the Safari Park are the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Please come at 9:00 am and stay til Noon-12pm. You are always welcome to bring treats to share with all. This last month, member **Ted Schwartz** was generous and donated another tree - a California Juniper to the Pavilion collection (you may have seen it displayed in the SDBC Fall Show last month). Thank you so much Ted! That makes, Ted donations in trees alone three and every one of these trees are wonderful.

Webpage: Thanks Bobby Knox for updating our webpage! <http://www.sanpukai.org/> If you have pictures of events that were associated with the club, club history or the Pavilion, please send to Bobby!

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BONSAI PAVILIONS AT THE SAN DIEGO ZOO SAFARI PARK

Many thanks always to our continuing, diligent volunteers who are becoming better bonsaiists all the time! They are also outstanding, meticulous caretaker-gardeners of our pavilion! Special thanks to the September crews which included: Neil Auwarter, Susan Baker, Judy Barnhurst, Martha Choy, Cathy & Mark Edgar, **Joyce Goldman**, John Jackson, Gary Jones, **Bobby Knox**, Chris Landwehre, **Marty Mann**, Charlie Mosse, **Sally Prestele**, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, **'lyn Stevenson**, **Cary & Steve Valentine**, **Chele & Forrest Vess**, **John Voss**, Dennis Wagner, and **Dave Woodall**. Volunteer time for September totaled 268 hours!!!

Safari Park visitors also appreciate the friendly, knowledgeable information which the volunteers so willingly share. This past month, we had several special bonsai guests: Grace & Hector Espinosa came from Tucson Bonsai Club in Arizona. Renowned Sensei Ben Oki's son, Mark and his family, paid a surprise visit from Los Angeles. Bill and Lois Hutchinson, active Kofu Bonsai Kai and California Bonsai Society members from Fountain Valley and Pavilion donors visited and brought Pennsylvania family members to visit as well. Bob Pressler, owner of Kimura Bonsai Nursery in Northridge visited with his mother from New York. (*Bob had been down earlier to present a demo program at our SDBC September meeting.*) We are delighted that the word is getting out about this new showpiece in the bonsai world and truly appreciate all the compliments. Thank you to Katie Ostrander in the Horticultural Office at the Park in facilitating special visits also.

Work this past month included trimming and pruning the sumac that surrounds the waterfall area, trimming and weeding the hillside areas, and wiring, weeding and trimming over 50 bonsai. John Jackson constructed shelving in our newest, installed shed which we recently purchased. Dennis Wagner built a new cement step for the shed. **Curator Steve** and Dennis also repaired some irrigation problems. **Cary** completed a photo inventory and identification labels for all the trees. **Cary**, Mary Ann, and Cathy have indulged everyone with their delicious homemade gourmet breads, while Charlie's fresh fruit, Mark's generous supply of waters, and 'lyn's

iced tea kept the volunteers reinvigorated throughout the workday.

Scheduled workdays for October will be the 1st and 15th. New volunteers are always welcome and invited but need to be registered with the Safari Park Volunteer Office for admission and credentials in order to enter the Park's service entrance.

Work days will continue on the first and third Saturday on each month and sometimes on other days as needed. Call Curator **Steve Valentine** for further information.

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Ko Tsushima and his Tokonoma at the San Diego Bonsai Club Fall Show – his award from the club is also pictured.

BUS TRIP TO THE SEQUOIAS IN 2012
This is great deal for a bus excursion to the heart of the Sequoias, stay in the Sequoias, and get not only the bus ride included with the cost of the trip, but also the lodging and most of the meals! See Maria Barbosa if you are interested.



BONSAI IDEAS

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Fall is generally the climax of the luxurious growth of summer and the last spurt of activity before settling down for winter dormancy.

As leaves begin to drop, be sure to remove the trash around your trees and on the surface of your pots. If clean up is neglected these areas become a refuse for slugs, sow bugs and other undesirable creatures.

Transplanting is permissible at this time of year, specifically bamboo, boxwood, conifers, hornbeams, cottoneaster, podocarpus, privets, Pyracantha, wisteria, willows and most varieties of deciduous trees. The key to safe fall repotting is to minimize root disturbance and severe pruning but trees can be transferred into larger or different containers. If in doubt about the health or condition of a tree, wait until spring to repot.

Now is the time to anticipate and enjoy better autumn color by reducing watering time as well. 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 warm spells.

Once the leaves on trident maple, Japanese maple, liquid amber, ginkgo, hornbeam and other colorful deciduous trees begin to lose their vigor and drop, keep the bonsai areas and pot surfaces cleared. Remove trash promptly. Continue to spray benches with an all purpose insecticide and a final spray of fungicide. Pests seem to make a final effort to destroy and injure trees as they feed heavily prior to moving into the pupa stage.

Light conditions begin to change. Trees that have had full sun exposure find themselves in more shade. So, watch the location of trees at this time of year and rotate them into more favorable light exposures allowing them to continue storing strength and food for the winter.

This is a good time to work on basic training and design. Remove the wire applied this past year. Check for wire cuts. New wire can be applied but avoid the curls and

marks of previous efforts. In spite of this period of slow growth, fall and winter training can still be effective. Before spring approaches don't overlook the new wire since new growth quickly causes wire damage. Study improper branch placement – crossing, bars, up and down growth.

There is still time to give bonsai a last good feeding. Evergreen and conifers may be lightly fertilized on a regular basis through the winter months since they continue to grow in our mild climate. Use food with little or no nitrogen--mainly potash and phosphorous, a 0-10-10 fertilizer. Low nitrogen fertilizers build dormant buds and store food in the form of starch used to produce healthy growth in spring. This is especially important for fruiting and flowering trees. Specifically azaleas, crabapples, plums and pomegranates improve after late feedings.

Limit cuttings, at this time of year, to hardwood specimens or tropical varieties. The use of a rooting hormones and a pre-soaking of a rooting stimulant, such as B-1 or Superthrive, improves the odds of success. A basic rooting medium such as 2 parts peat moss with 1 part perlite or coarse sand will serve you well. Keep the rooting medium slightly moist and shaded until evidence of new growth appears.

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HAIKU POEM

***Our joy is reborn
When good health and
stylish care
Show in trees each day***

Marty Mann

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 11, 2011	7 pm - 9 pm	Bougainvillea, Call Cary Valentine to reserve a plant (\$20.00) Regular meeting, Brenge Terrace Senior Center, 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista, CA
Saturday, October 15, 2011	9 am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion <i>Workday</i>
Saturday, November 5, 2011	9 am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion <i>Workday</i>
Tuesday, November 8, 2011	7 pm - 9 pm	Bring a Tree to work on Regular meeting, Brenge Terrace Senior Center, 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista, CA
Saturday, November 19, 2011	9 am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion <i>Workday</i>
Tuesday, December 13, 2011	7 pm - 9 pm	TED MATSON (bring a tree for Ted to critique...) Regular meeting, Brenge Terrace Senior Center, 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista, CA