



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

August 2012

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President's Message

In July we had a great meeting and bonsai demonstration by **Glenn Jensen**. Thank you so much Glenn! Not only did he do a great demo, but he gave us a lot of bonsai information. Glenn was so generous that he gave us two plants for our club raffle and fundraiser in September!

The treats we had were wonderful and thanks goes to **Ruth and Marty Mann** for giving us such a wonderful and varied selection.

Wow, we have 3 new members in our club; so please welcome *Christine Williams*, *Crystal Walker* and *Glenn Stewart*. We all want to share with them some of our bonsai knowledge and the fun we have with this wonderful art form.



Marty Mann, Christine Williams & Crystal Walker

New member Glenn Stewart is **Janet Beard's** (*long time member & past president*) son-in-law. He brought with him two boxes of various sizes of pots from Janet for our club. These will be in our club raffle/fundraising in September so you really want to be at the September Raffle/Fundraiser meeting.

Along with pots and Glenn Jensen's two donated trees, there will be an abundance of other good bonsai-related items that you will have a chance at. There will be more about this wonderful fundraising event in our September newsletter. This way everyone will have a chance to get some of Janet's pots and it will also serve as a fundraising event. Which I know would please Janet.

August Meeting:

At our August meeting the demonstrator will be San Diego Bonsai Member **John Jackson**. He will be working on a foemina juniper from Bob Knox's collection. It will be interesting to see what he will do with it and what we will learn in the process.

As always, if you have any trees, that you are having problems with, please feel free to bring them to the meeting and get the help you need.

Treats for Aug. Meeting:

Treats for the August meeting will be provided by **Forrest & Chelle Vess**. **We still need someone to sign up for the September and October meeting treats.**

Sunset Ranch Oasis Retreat: Oct 5th-7th

I will again have the sign-up sheet for the San Pu Kai Bonsai retreat and Tamarisk Dig at Sunset Ranch. We have room for 20 people. It is **\$75.00 per person** and family members are welcome. Your children are *free & welcome to come*, just bring what they like to eat (kids can be picky). **We will provide 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and wine and beer.** We have the retreat from 3:00 p.m. Friday October 5th to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 7th. The ranch has everything we may need; we bring the food and drink....and ourselves. We will have a list of what you will need for the dig. We have room for 14 more members, if we do not fill up from our club, we will go outside of our club. and ask San Diego Bonsai club members to join us. Remember,

there are many other things to do there besides collecting Tamarisk, ---- There is bass fishing, swimming, golf, etc. Please check out their website. www.sunsetranchoasis.com

See Maria to pay or make payment arrangements for this special weekend.

Sunset Ranch is located just east of La Quinta, the beautiful 163 acre Sunset Ranch Oasis offers 50 acres of fresh water lakes surrounded by palm trees, a furnished Lodge (accommodating 15-20+ people), full kitchen, pool, fishing lakes, putting green and sand trap, and other fun amenities for "kids" of all ages.

Other upcoming bonsai events:

GSBF Convention 2012 October 25th-28th
Double Tree Hotel. Honoring Harry Hirao – 1st
Judged Exhibit – Calif. Native Exhibit.
www.gsbconvention.org
www.gsb-bonsai.org

It is still very hot, so remember to watch and water your trees daily. See you all at the next meeting!

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Glenn and members contemplating the "front" of the demo juniper



Tipping juniper to contemplate best possible angle to best display the "front" of the demo juniper



Glenn's Demo Tree before working the trunk/branches



Glenn Jensen stripping away bark on a "too-thick" branch to display taper



BONSAI PAVILION AT THE SAN DIEGO ZOO SAFARI PARK

Our dedicated volunteers continue to come to the Pavilion during the summer warm hours and keep the garden, ponds, shrubbery, and especially the precious Bonsai in beautiful show quality. *(Due to the printing schedule this month, the names of the July volunteers will be listed and thanked in the next issue).*

Due to the proliferation of algae in the ponds and spiders everywhere in the Pavilion, we have been working to keep the area clean and safe for everyone. The Safari Staff is helping us to find solutions to these problems also. The automatic water schedule has also been increased to keep the bonsai healthy. Safari Park temperatures are often in the 90's and above and the bonsai could get stressed if not irrigated sufficiently.

Mrs. Virginia Johnson Bish's recent generous donations of bonsai, garden plants, pots, and wire are continuing to be an extra, worthy project for our volunteers which is really very good news. But...there is some sad news also. Unfortunately, Virginia Johnson Bish died on July 12, 2012 at the age of 88+. She had been in ill health but we had talked about a future visit to the Pavilion for her and her daughter, Christine, to see the relocated materials that she had gifted. At her Memorial Service, her family reiterated Virginia's earlier comments and happiness that the Bonsai had found loving, knowledgeable, and caring hands and a new home. I'm sure we will see some of her 6 children and 31 grandchildren and great grandchildren visiting the Pavilion in the future.

We hope that all our SDBC and San Pu Kai members bring their guests to the Safari Park this summer and especially to the Bonsai Pavilion to enjoy this beautiful club asset! The Club volunteers are there specifically on the first and third Saturdays but are there often on other days too. . .Let us know if you want a special Bonsai tour and we will accommodate you and your guests.

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Glenn Jensen work on one of several demo trees brought to the July SPK meeting



BONSAI IDEAS

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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	3 to 4 years in the bottle
Disease (liquid)		
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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HAIKU POEM
***A warm golden cloud
 That fades away into night
 Leaving deep shadows***
Marty Mann **August 2012**

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, August 14, 2012	7 pm – 9 pm	Regular Meeting: John Jackson Bonsai Demonstration Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, August 4 & 18, 2012	9 am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion <i>Workdays</i>
Tuesday, September 11, 2012	7 pm – 9 pm	Regular Meeting: RAFFLE and FUNDRAISER Bring \$20 Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, September 1 & 15, 2012	9 am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion <i>Workdays</i>
Friday – Sunday, October 5-7, 2012	3pm-Friday To 3pm Sunday	<i>Sunset Ranch Oasis Retreat And Tamerisk Dig (Reserve your space now)</i>
Tuesday, October 9, 2012	7 pm – 9 pm	Regular Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA