



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

September 2012

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President's Message

Demonstrations: We had two really nice demonstrations these last few months. Thanks to **John Jackson** for coming and doing the demonstration in August on the juniper that was dug and provided to the club by **Bob Knox**. Many Thanks to John Jackson in August and **Glen Jensen** in July for sharing your experience and knowlege! I think everyone enjoyed both of their work and learned a lot from each demonstrator. Both of the demonstrations were very different and each was educational. They were especially generous as they volunteered demos, thus saving the club their demo fees. This helps out San Pu Kai save for our operating costs such as the monthly room rental, demo material, and other club costs. The tree that John worked on, with its first styling, will be in the club's auction this month. So you will really want to make it to the club to get a chance at this wonderful tree!

Treats: Thanks so much to the **Michelle and Forest Vess** for providing us with the wonderful treats at our meeting. **September** Treats will be provided by **Bob Knox**. **October** Treats will be provided by **Charles Grooms**. Thanks to all who contribute towards our break-time food and beverage!!!

September's Meeting: This month's meeting is our annual \$20.00 buy-in raffle. For the new members, this is how it works:

\$20.00 gets you into raffle game! It is so much fun and you get to go home with so many different bonsai goodies. Club members will be bringing in items to donate to this raffle, but **if you a new member and do not have any thing to donate to the raffle, bring yourself...and your \$20.** This is your chance to get some nice bonsai-related items. As I promised, the two boxes of pots from **Janet Beard** will be in the raffle. At this raffle you just never know what will be there. It is kind of a pot luck of bonsai items that is so much fun making you feel like a kid in a bonsai candy store or Christmas has come early. This is all for \$20.00 per person! ---and you will go home with several items.



Sunset Ranch/Tamarisk Dig: Maria Barbosa will have the sign-up sheet for our trip to the Sunset Ranch/Tamarisk dig retreat and **your payment of \$75 is due at this meeting.** We still have lots of room for members. The ranch supplies everything for us, so we just need to bring the food and drinks ...and what you personally will need for the weekend. San Pu Kai will provide the meals and the wine and beer. If your kids are coming, you just need to bring what they would like to eat. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers. Remember we will be there from **3:00 pm on Friday Oct.5 to 3:00 pm on Sunday Oct.7th.**

Please go to their web site <http://www.sunsetranchoasis.com/> to see the location and other information. I will have a wavier for everyone to sign and a list of items to bring for the Tamarisk dig.

NOTE: there will be NO newsletter in October but there will be double-issue in November. We will email members to remind them of the October meetings and it is always on FACEBOOK. For those who do not have email, you will get a phone call.

We are still having warm weather, so watch your trees and keep watering them extra if needed. Happy growing. See everyone at the next meeting.

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San Pu Kai is on FACEBOOK – link is
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/San-Pu-Kai-Bonsai-Club/184125964939396>



BONSAI PAVILIONS AT THE SAN DIEGO ZOO SAFARI PARK

HAVE YOU VISITED THE BONSAI PAVILION THIS SUMMER? HAVE YOU THANKED THE BONSAI VOLUNTEERS?

The Bonsai Pavilion Garden and all the well-manicured Bonsai look especially beautiful! It's a pleasure to share the work activities of our volunteers each month in our newsletter. I encourage you to talk with the volunteers at our meetings and perhaps be interested enough to also join these special members who participate in this endeavor. The ability to visit with each other, to do significant work, and to learn even more bonsai techniques while working on exquisite bonsai materials, are all reasons to participate at the Bonsai Pavilion at SD Zoo Safari Park.

Our July and August summer volunteers included: Neil Auwarter, Susan Baker, Cathy & Mark Edgar,

Maria & Tina Flores, John Jackson, Jim Kirchmer, Charlie Mosse, Jon & Terri Petrescu, **Sally Prestele**, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, Dan Sola, **'lyn Stevenson**, Charlie Tamm, Kai Tantiratpisan, **Cary & Steve Valentine**, **John Voss**, Mark Walters, Dennis Wagner, and **Dave Woodall**. Mark Walters is our newest SDBC member and newest volunteer. . .we welcome him along with our other recent . . . really active volunteers: Dan and Kai.

The newest acquisition to our Shohin Exhibit is an Itoigawa shimpaku from SDBC member, Fred Miyahara. Special thanks to Fred. John Jackson has already secured it in place in the exhibit. Thanks also to Terri Petrescu for one of her lovely shohin pots. Another special addition to the Pavilion is the diaza that **Steve Valentine** procured from **Al Nelson**. This was a special order to enhance and hold a beautiful waterfall rock from our collection and was made specifically by Al. Thanks to Steve for arranging this purchase. Thanks are always in order too for the wonderful refreshments that our volunteers bring and share with each other. Yummy thanks to Cathy Edgar, John Jackson, Charlie Mosse, Mary Ann Price, Dan Sola, **'lyn Stevenson**, **Cary Valentine**, Dennis Wagner, and **Dave Woodall**.

Besides all the "normal" bonsai and Pavilion chores, two new bonsai tables/benches were built and put in place in the garden. Some additional in-the-ground transplanting was done and poles were set in cement for a new backdrop wall that will be for the granite bases and table top that are currently under construction. Much of this special construction is available to us because of the last grant we received from the County this past year.

We will have several work days in September besides our usual first and third Saturdays due to this new construction and to preparing pots and plants that might be available for the SDBC Fall plant sale at the SDBC show in late September at Balboa Park. Do come and visit and participate in this important and outstanding SDBC asset!

For further information, please call 'lyn Stevenson at 858-486-4805.

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BONSAI IDEAS

SEPTEMBER, #105

A PERIOD OF AUTUMN TRANQUILITY

Now that the summer growing season has passed it's time to observe your trees with their fall overcoat of gold, orange, yellow and green. The internal chemical changes and the cooler evenings produce these exotic colors.

This is *not* the time for any new training wire since the branches tend to lignify and swell dramatically during this season and cause severe wire cuts. The enjoyment of the fall colors lead to defoliation and the opportunity to study branch structure and its relationship to the main trunk line. Prune all brown leaves as they appear on deciduous material judiciously. The more you trim the elongated stems the shorter the internodes and the greater the twiggyness. This is an opportune time to consider styling changes.

Fall is generally the climax of the luxurious growth of summer and the last spurt of activity before settling down for winter dormancy. Since recent growth may have added girth to branches and trunks it would be prudent to check out all wired branches to see if they are set and, if they are, the wires can be removed.

Assuming you have properly reduced the nitrogen feeding during the past few months you may be showing the beginning of fall colors on deciduous trees. Cooler nights and the effect of the Autumn Equinox, with the time of equal days and nights, add to this phenomenon. These last few months can still be used to strengthen your trees for the winter rest. They will build dormant buds and store food to produce healthy growth next spring. Continue to fertilize with little or no nitrogen, select plant foods that are high in potash and phosphorus. All winter growth generally goes into the lignification of woody branches and trunks.

Wire cuts can occur during the next few months. While winter growth is limited during the dormancy period, the woody portion of the tree continues to lignify and harden. Be sure to check all wires on branches and

around the trunk. Remove any tightening wire. This is a particularly good time to apply some new wire. The trees have shed the mantle of leaves that have hidden the branches. Now they are exposed for a proper redesign. Be careful when applying new wire since the branches are quite brittle when the sap is not circulating in the wood.

Keep most deciduous trees out of the bright sunshine, especially those that had been defoliated a few months ago and have new young leaves. Even as they mature and drop for natural fall defoliation, they are quite tender. Keep them cool and moist to prevent additional winter re-sprouting. Pinching and pruning is still an important training requirement. Do not do any severe pruning however since the slow-down of winter growth will not permit the tree to recover from any trauma. Trim pines by removing old, dead needles and reducing candle sizes. Trim deciduous trees to remove long internodes of summer growth. Remove old hanging fruit and seedpods. If berries continue to hang on they may be allowed to stay until spring since they do not drain any strength from the tree.

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HAIKU POEM

***Pleasure is offered
Be aware of good fortune
Enjoy what you do***

Marty Mann

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The LARGE-FORMAT Bonsai books ordered in August have arrived. Please bring your \$98 to the next meeting to pick your book up (if you pre-ordered). See Maria Barbosa

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Calendar of Events

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>
Saturday – Sunday, September 29-30, 2012	10 am – 5pm Demos at 11 am & 1 pm	San Diego Bonsai Club Fall Bonsai Show Casa Del Prado, Room 101 Balboa Park, San Diego, CA
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