



San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

April 2016



President's Message

We had a great turn out last month. We had a new member Nathan Harris joining us. Please welcome him. We worked on planting our little cypress trees that we will be selling at our Mother's Day show. Everyone had a great time wiring the tress in. Finn the Vess' youngest son did a wonderful job,

he potted up 2 trees. Our new member joined in and planted several trees. Thank you goes to The Elmer's for the wonderful treats and the special Green Tea & Wasabi KitKats from Japan.



This month you do not want to miss the meeting, we are having Peter Macasieb. Peter is very well know with his beautiful shohin trees. Peter will be bring several trees and doing a demo on one of them and talking about several of the other tress. Peter has been a workshop leader at the GSBF conventions and at the California

Shohin Seminar.

Treats will be provided by Greg Giddings

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

You might want to go to the new Japanese \$1.50 store in Oceanside in the Toys 'R' Us shopping center. We found black turn tables for \$2.00, coconut fiber brushes for \$1.50, great for cleaning pots. And 2 plastics barrel type scoops, great for soil for \$1.50



See you at the meeting,

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The Clark Bonsai Collection

Some of the GSBF Board Members at the new GSBF Clark Collection at the Shinzen Garden in Fresno.



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SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

A good potting mix may include a small amount of bone meal and Ironite to encourage development of new fine rootage. There is a difference of opinion as to the value of including cottonseed meal at this time, however we believe that this fertilizer is better applied a month or so later since early feeding can be harmful to new growth. Cottonseed meal is a slow starter before it adds any nutrient benefit to the plant.

Repotted plants may be fed as soon as signs of new growth are apparent. A suggested mix is 75% cottonseed meal / 25% bone meal.

Newly potted trees should be shaded from direct sun until new growth begins. By moving trees into sunny areas, it will stimulate the growth of foliage. Newly potted trees should first be allowed to develop new fine rootage that can then support new foliage. When new growth is evident, it's time to begin light fertilization. Full sun encourages smaller leaves and shorter internodes.

Early bloomers such as Forsythia, Sasanqua Camellias and Quince develop during early spring months. After flowers have faded, trees are pruned to restore shape, allow new growth and bud setting.

Azaleas are bare rooted and repotted in March. Be sure to comb out as much of the old soil or growing medium peat without destroying the fine root system. Incorporate as much new coarse azalea soil mix as you can when repotting to develop strong healthy new roots and improve acidity.

Finally, prepare selected trees for display at the many spring bonsai shows held throughout the state. Select your best tree(s)--be critical of their appearance. Show trees should be free of any infections and should not show signs of ill health. Pots should be clean. Plants surface must be cleared of trash and very heavy layers of moss. Spring is usually the time when most trees look their very best.

Remember---- For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

Doesn't this seem to apply to bonsai? The best way to escape your problem is to solve it.

By Marty Mann

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Bonsai Pavilion at the Safari Park

Once again, the Pavilion Bonsai volunteers did beautiful, useful, productive work and enjoyed working without any significant rain damage in March. We always appreciate any spring rains which help leach out the soils although our water emitters and sprayers continue to be set automatically for twice a day. The garden area sprayers are also on automatic controls.

We managed to get three Saturday work days in our March calendar along with other extra weekdays that our generous volunteers donated. . .many thanks to: Neil Auwarter, our newest volunteer Donna Carter, Julia Chow, Kathy & Mark Edgar, Maria & Tina Flores, Janice Hale, Sonya Holmquist, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim Kirchmer, Jim Lang, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Janet & Ron Palmer, Marcella Perez, Sally Prestele, Mike Shelly, 'lyn Stevenson, Mark Walters, Nancy Wilson-Ramon, Dennis Wagner, Dave Woodall, and Roger Ziegelman. Delicious treats were donated by Marcella, Jaya, Nancy, Janice, Cathy, 'lyn, and the Safari volunteer office. Thank you always!!!

An interesting project earlier in the month was the repotting of a hackberry bonsai that had been air-layered earlier. Al Nelson's donated huge, heavy oak was positioned on a bench in the display area after several of our strong members with the assistance of our "elevator hand truck" moved it from the work area. Some of the bonsai stock in the work area was repotted and prepared for sale at the silent auction in May. Much trimming of elms, bald cypresses, pomegranates, pines, and junipers was accomplished by the volunteers who all noticed and commented on the strong spring growth. . .the results of good watering,

fertilizing, and earlier repotting of many of the trees in the collection. It is truly enjoyable for all the volunteers to see the results of excellent bonsai management. Congratulations and thanks to our curator John and the more experienced members for directions and guidance and for the willingness of the newer members to learn.

We continue to cooperate with the Zoo and Safari Park Volunteer offices and staff, attend various programs, training sessions, and receive information that helps us interface with the myriad of visitors who come into the Pavilion to enjoy the bonsai, make comments, and ask interesting questions. Sharing the art and appreciation of bonsai with visitors is a joy for all of us.

We welcome all the San Pu Kai members to join us in this gratifying, extra bonsai activity. . .no charge for participating and there are lots of perks!

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 12, 2016	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, April 18, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, May 7, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
May 7 - 8, 2016		San Pu Kai Bonsai Show Carlsbad Flower Fields
Saturday, May 21, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday