



San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

July 2016



President's Message

This coming month we will have Darryl teach us how to make our own pinch pots. This will be a very fun evening. First he will do a demo, than for \$10 you can make your own pinch pot. Darryl will take them home, dry them, glaze them and bring them back to us.

Great way to learn to make your own accent plant pot. This will also give us appreciation of bonsai pots. With our 3 hour meeting we will have plenty of time to finish our pinch pots.

Note: please RSVP by phone or email so Darryl knows how much to bring. Also wear something you don't mind getting dirty or bring an apron.

Remember our club now meets 6:00-9:00 pm.

Thank you to the Vess family for our treats at the June meeting. This month's treats will be provided by Ken Bross.

Several club members meet at Mariscos las Palmas, 777 E Vista way #206, 5:00 pm for dinner. Feel free to come join us. It is on the way to the meeting. Turn right at the light by Jack in the box and you'll see it on the right.

We had a wonderful demo last month from David and June Nguy. They worked on a California juniper, Bob Knox collected. It is really now a true master piece. Bob was very thrilled to see how his tree turned out.

Several members took advantage of our afternoon workshop with David and June. We all learned a lot, had a great lunch and friendship. Bonsai brings out the best in learning and friendship.

David and June have been very generous with our club, giving so much of their time and pots to our club raffle in September.

Notes from David's talk:

Soil mix:

60% black scoria lava, breaks down slower than the red

40% akadama

Small layer of huga (large akadama) at the bottom of the pot.

Best time to transplant California Juniper is early November - March (if no snow, isn't much of an issue for us). Care of a California Juniper is 80% after care.

Water your trees and stay cool see you at the meeting

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GSBF Convention 39

Oct 26-30 2016, in Sacramento

Early bird registration ends on August 1st, \$275 per person

Register online at: www.gsbfcconvention.org

Hotel info and reservation: The Double Tree Hotel by Hilton
Convention room rate \$110 plus tax

1-800-222-TREE, 916-929-8855 and ask for GSBF room rate.

Headliners: Bjorn Bjorholm, Ryan Neil, Kathy Shaner,
David Nguy & Peter Tea.

Special Deal on Black Lava (Scoria)

Darryl has about a 1/2 yard of 3/16" black lava in his truck, if you would like some bring your own containers to the meeting. He will be selling a 5 gallon bucket full for \$5.

SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Summertime reduces the need to do any serious 'training' of bonsai. It's a period of watchful attention to the results of earlier care. July is the month to plan for the summer season changes of activities related to care and feeding of bonsai. Start a program that will provide fall colors by reducing the nitrogen content of your fertilizer mix. Continued use of the standard cottonseed/bone meal (70/30%) will provide most of the nutrients required for summer growth and good health. Introduce a change in food by using half strength liquid Hi-Bloom (2-2-10) that provides an excellent source of phosphorus.

Continue to feed all conifers and other evergreen material to promote good summer health. More frequent feedings of milder solutions are in order. Regular feeding during the hot summer months can also be supplemented by early morning refreshing foliar feeding of Miracle-Gro or a diluted solution of fish emulsion. Avoid daytime heat. Allow wet foliage to dry during the day to prevent night forming fungus infection. A brisk spraying of your trees before feeding will remove dust layers and discourage red spider, mites, ants and

other insects. Be sure to spray both the top and the bottom of the foliage.

Watering is an important summer chore. Warm summer breezes encourage high levels of moisture expiration through healthy leaf surfaces. For balanced plant health a change in watering schedules consistently renews 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 that are ideal for the formation of fungus and the related health threatening damages. Be reminded that summer

vacationing puts an additional burden on your 'bonsai sitters'. A suggestion would be to let them water your trees 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 see if all is well.

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.

Repotting ficus, pomegranates or other warm weather tropicals is encouraged at this time. Avoid most other transplanting activity during warm weather. Watch for wire cutting conditions. As bonsai matures in the summer growing period it does so primarily on its woody surfaces.

Chewing insects are hard at work eating their way thru leaves and stems. Spray with Sevin. Mites are also active during warm weather months. Discourage them with a good miticide or one of the new combination fungicides/insecticide products now on the market. A small amount of Volck Oil with these products creates better adhesion.

Approach your summer activity with an eye to enjoyment of the form and color of the trees. Fall soon enough if you keep up with summertime care.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, July 12, 2016	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, July 16, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, August 6, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, August 9, 2016	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, August 20, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday