



San Pu Kai Record



Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club

November 2016



President's Message

This month's meeting Ken Bross will be doing a demo on black pine defoliant needles. Something we all need to learn, so this will be a great meeting. He also will bring in extra black pines for members to get their hands on and give it a try. I will bring in 1 gallon cans to transplant them into.

Please bring your tools and if you have any black pines that you want to work on or need help with.

Treats this month will be provided by Deanna. Thanks to Uta and Chris for the wonderful treats and the special candy bags. Everyone loved them and went home with a special treats bag.

Members brought in and worked on their trees last month. Lots of trimming, wiring going on. It is so good to see a busy club and everyone pitching in and helping each other.

We want to welcome new member Nick Kennedy. He brought in a maple and a juniper that he and John Voss worked on.

We are still planning a stone collecting trip to the desert, but have made callers and still hot out there, so best wait for Dec. or Jan. When it cools down.

Nominations for 2017

President: Cary Valentine

Vice President: Ken Bross

Treasurer: Chelle Vess

Secretary: Sandra Knowles

At large & show chair: Steve Valentine

At large & co-show chair: John Voss

Editor and webmaster: Forrest Vess

Membership: Cary Valentine

We will be voting at the December meeting.

Ted Matson will be back at the December meeting, you won't want to miss this meeting.

Please mark your calendar for these other important bonsai events.

27th Huntington Aiseki Kai Exhibit (stones)

December 26th - 30th 2016, 10:30 - 4:30

Free

1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA

Great viewing stone exhibit

53rd Annual Winter Silhouettes

January 14th & 15th 2017, 10am - 4:30pm

LA Arboretum

301 Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA

Bonsai exhibit, Demos, great raffle and auction, also have a few vendors, free dinner, guest please bring a dessert to share and something for their raffle

Bonsai-A-Thon XXI

February 25th & 26th 2017, 10:30am - 4:30pm

GSBF Collection at the Huntington

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA

This is like a free mini bonsai seminar, lots of vendors, demos, bonsai exhibit, tour of the bonsai garden, raffle and auction. Lunch can be bought at the bonsai a thon or at the Huntington. Please bring an item for their raffle.

Both events are educational and fundraisers for bikiokian and the Huntington bonsai collection.

It would be really great to see all members go to these, I think you will find you will learn a lot and see some great trees.

These are great events to go to, all are free to bonsai club members and their family

Hope to see you at our next meeting, please bring your tools to work on the pines,

Cary Sullivan-Valentine

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SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Light conditions begin to change. Trees that have had full sun exposure find themselves in more shade. Watch the location of trees at this time of year. Rotate them into more favorable light exposures. Allow them to continue storing strength and food for the winter. Late summer feeding, with reduced amounts of nitrogen, may be continued throughout the fall months into November. The recommended basic mix of 70% cottonseed meal, 30% bone meal may be supplemented with foliar feeding for evergreen, conifers and other non-deciduous material.

Warm spells are common at this time and trees often respond with new growth. This tender growth is susceptible to damage if any sudden cool weather occurs.

This is the best time to study the main trunk line and branch structure. Consider style changes suggested when the skeleton of the tree could be seen. Any activity after October should be limited to pot-to-pot transfers only. Wait until spring, just before new growth begins to do most repotting. Additional potting information for specific species is available in the recently published book, BONSAI IDEAS, by Marty Mann.

Expose pine trees and other conifers to full light during the forthcoming months. This encourages the formation of new candles and healthy root formation. Much of the new growth forms after the pines are de-candled early in May or June. New growth appears in clusters of three to five candles. Remove all but two. Pluck all old needles to free the tree from a dense foliage mass to permit light and air to penetrate into the heart of the tree and encourage new interior growth.

Deciduous trees will begin to show fall colors as soon as cooler nights become more common. After they have had their moment of glory, be sure to remove any brown leaves as they appear. Keep the trees free

of accumulated trash that can house many undesirable wintering insects and encourage fungus buildup. Keep the trees open, light and airy.

Cut back on your watering schedule but don't allow the trees to dry. 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 hot spells.

Continue to rotate all trees to maintain even exposure to the limited light conditions. This is the time for trees to store food for winter dormancy. It is also the time to keep

trees free of accumulated trash. They could be the home for winterizing insects and fungus.

Keep up applications of an all-purpose insecticide and fungicide. Insect, such as aphids continue to suck sap and can be best controlled with an oily or systemic pesticide. Watch for signs of fungus infection such as dark spots on needles and leaves or a white powdery substance at the base of the leaves. Fungus infection can be prevented with applications of a copper-based Bordeaux® or Daconil® is effective for above ground infections.

By Marty Mann

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Bonsai Pavilion at the Safari Park

October volunteers at the SDBC Bonsai Pavilion at Safari Park included: Neil Auwarter, Dave Barker, Ken Bross, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Janet & Ron Palmer, Marcella Perez, Sally Prestele, Jesus Rivera, Chusub Sresthadatta, 'lyn Stevenson, and Dave Woodall. We all welcomed new volunteers Clara & Ron Roberts to our volunteer team also and they began with assignments from Curator John immediately. . . Refreshments were generously donated by Julia, Marcella, Cathy, John, Jesus, Chusub, Jaya. and 'lyn. A huge thank you to Dave Woodall for his generous cash donation to the Pavilion. . . He donated all his receipts from the recent sale at our Fall Show to the Pavilion Fund.

At the recent Zoo and Park Volunteers meeting, Andy Schucker, who is in charge of the all the volunteer services at Safari Park, mentioned trees and shrubs that are in jeopardy of extinction just like some animals. The Zoo and Park are working on projects to continue propagating some of these valuable plant materials. . . especially noted were cycads and the Tecate Cypress. We have a Tecate Cypress in the garden near the waterfall in the Bonsai Pavilion; it has been there for several years. We will learn more about this project in the future and keep informed. . . Tecate Cypress is also a great tree for bonsaiists to discover, propagate, and style. Remember that this is a plant species that is being threatened by extinction! Let's help to protect it!

We are getting ready for fall and winter transplanting in the garden areas and, of course, with several of the potted bonsai that may be moved into different pots, have the soils changed, and we will be updating the entries and changes in our inventory books.

Volunteer hours that have our volunteers have accrued working in the Bonsai Pavilion are regularly forwarded to the Zoo and Safari Park Volunteer Offices. Volunteers with over 50 hours in the Pavilion for 2016 will be honored at a special Safari Park Party in December.

The National Bonsai Foundation in Washington D.C. recently announced the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum's collections and the retirement of Supervisory Curator, Jack Sustic. A former assistant at the collection Michael James, will be Jack's replacement making for a smooth transition. We wish both Jack and Michael continued success in their new ventures.

November is a special month in the USA for many public thanksgiving announcements . . . we join in that custom and especially thank the San Diego Bonsai Club, the Safari Park Horticulture Department, the Zoo and Park Volunteers Offices, and most especially, the dedicated, credentialed Bonsai Pavilion volunteers for participating in the workdays all year long in support and maintenance of this unique and wonderful Bonsai Pavilion facility at the Safari Park.

'lyn Stevenson
SDBC-Safari Park Liaison





BAIKOEN BONSAI KENKYUKAI

PRESENTS

“Winter Silhouettes”

Founded by Frank Fusaji Nagata

53RD ANNUAL EXHIBITION

DEMONSTRATIONS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

1:00pm

SALES AREA

Open to the Public

Plant, Pots, Tools, and More

SATURDAY NIGHT RECEPTION

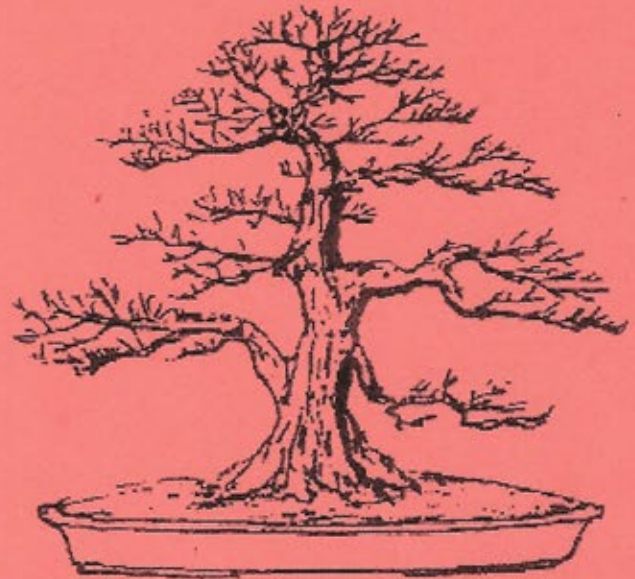
6:30pm. to 9:00pm

Taiko Drum Entertainment

Food, Giant Raffle, Live Auction

NAGATA-KOMAI AWARD CEREMONY

Recipient- Mel Ikeda



**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
JANUARY 14TH & 15TH, 2017
10:00A.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

**AYRES HALL OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
ARBORETUM of LOS ANGELES COUNTY
310 North Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, California**



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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, November 8, 2016	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, November 19, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, December 3, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, December 13, 2016	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: Brenge Terrace Senior Center 1400 Vale Terrace, Vista CA
Saturday, December 17, 2016	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday