



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club



June 2018



President's Message

All I can say is, wow what a wonderful show we had. Thank you all who participated in so many ways. Even with setting everything up on Saturday morning it worked out great. The trees all looked wonderful. So

much food, wow were we all feed well that weekend. And it was so nice that Sally was able to stop by. Once again Tom, donated \$100 toward the purchase of the trees we sold. We have such wonderful and generous members. It is all our special members who really make this club great. We had more visitors than ever before, over 7,000 on Saturday and a all time high of over 13,000 on Sunday. The weather was perfect even with the thought of rain. We got lucky with the wonderful family from Temecula who bought almost every tree we had available and sold out by Saturday afternoon. That was really great. We all rested and enjoyed Sunday.

We had time to talk about ideas for our club, work on trees and just enjoy each other. I hope you all were able to see the wonderful, informative live video Chelle made and put on the San Pu Kai Facebook page. We had a member from San Diego bonsai club and from Los Angeles member come and see our show. Thank you all again for all your hard work, I myself really appreciate it and each of you. We again made enough were we covered our costs and came out a bit ahead. So we did good.

At the June meeting we will be learning and talking about olive trees. So bring your olives in. There will be a little demo on olives and I will have a hand out sheet on Olive information for you all to have.

If you have any other trees that you feel you need help with, please feel free to bring it in and ask for help.

I hope everyones exposed root style black pines are doing great. I know ours are showing great growth. Can't wait to see them when it is is time to unveil them.

Treats this month provided by Ken.

I would like to take a moment to give my deepest sympathy to the Elmer family for their loss of their daughter-in-law Stacy who just past away. They and their family are in our prayers and thoughts.

Please remember the bonsai pavilion is now open again, so you will want to go and see the new improvements they have made.

See you at our meeting.

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Upcoming Bonsai Events

Nisei Week in LA

Japanese festival in little Tokyo

July 15 - August 19

(if you are a member of SDBC they are having a bus trip)

SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

SPRING JUVENILE GROWTH, BECOMES SUMMER MATURITY

As spring Equinox passed the new growth and awakening buds developed with new vigor --on the brink of summer. The ongoing process of snipping new growth as soon as it hardens is continues into May and June before it creates long and undesirable internodes. By constant reshaping and cutting back, the growth of deciduous trees encourages delicate side branching and a softer overall look. Remember, the object of cut back is to maintain a relationship between the size of the leaves and branches to the overall size of the tree. The process of constant cut back also encourages branch thickening and adds an aged look. Watch the exposed end cuts. Apply a tree seal, or just old-fashioned Elmer's glue, to larger cuts or carvings.

Pay attention to the azaleas in your collection. March or April was the best months to repot and trim long whips and branches. May is the blooming season for most azalea varieties (remember-Satsuki means 5th month) you may enjoy the flowers well into June without concerns for feeding and trimming. Keep the plants moist but avoid overhead watering as this causes blooms to lose their color and vigor. Cut back shoots that have outgrown the design perimeters. After the flowers have reached their peak, remove all faded blooms. A flat cut at the base of the flower removes excessive stem elongation and allows new buds to form next year.

Hold off any activity on the soft deciduous growth until it hardens. Keep your eye on the upper portion of deciduous trees. Upper

branches tend to thicken and ruin the taper of the design. Heavy top growth deprives the bottom branches of light and nourishment. Watch the wires you put on since damage occurs quickly when growth is active. Remove fast growing water shoots coming out of the root system or the lower trunk area. Cut back on the long internodes and opposite branches.

Leaf pruning may be done later in June or early July. Be sure the trees are healthy and growing vigorously. Feed those well two weeks before you proceed. It's often better to leaf prune only partially. Start with oversized leaves, damaged leaves or selected areas of the tree. This piecemeal approach reduces the shock to the tree. It's also best to leaf prune a tree in alternate years. New leaf growth returns, slightly smaller, with a fresh spring like color and beauty. Better fall color is your reward.

Watch the hot summer breezes since new growth can be easily harmed. If you leaf prune almost all of the foliage you must treat the tree as you would during dormancy. Reduce the water and don't feed until new growth appears.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 12, 2018	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: 973 Vale Terrace Dr. Room #108, Vista
Saturday, June 16, 2018	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, June 2, 2018	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, July 7, 2018	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, July 10, 2018	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: 973 Vale Terrace Dr. Room #108, Vista