



The Bonsai Wire

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Message from the President

Barbara French-Lee, SDBC President

Thank you to everyone who has helped make the San Diego Bonsai Club so rich and varied in the experiences, both educational and personal, it offers to the members. The time, energy and creativity members have offered to each other continues to support the goals of our club. The club is a welcoming group for members who have a deep connection and knowledge of bonsai as well as for those who are trying out this new hobby or interest. Our club members have so many skills and talents and the willingness of members to take on club responsibilities is amazing and appreciated. Serving on the Board, serving in appointed positions, teaching classes and workshops,

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Next Meeting: 12/15 Styling Competition & Tree Decorating Contest

Gary Jones, 1st VP

It is December and we return to the one time all year that this club gets involved in a "competition" with fellow members. This month we have our Styling Competition and our Holiday Bonsai Tree decorating competition. This friendly challenge is an opportunity for club mentors to guide newer members through a transformation of raw material to potentially future bonsai. Mentors are needed to lead the less experienced bonsai enthusiasts but they are restricted from doing the work- the new members are the ones with "hands-on" the material.(this is a challenge for mentors) There will be awards presented to the top four teams, (everybody wins because we only have 4 teams anyway- get it!). That is part of what I love about this club. the message that bonsai can be fun, educational, and there are wonderful people here to help when you want it!

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Bonsai Teachers List

Susan Ronan

The following is an expanded list of members who want to welcome you to their classes. Instruction may be in small groups or one-on-one according to your needs. Fee arrangements and location are to be made with the instructor. Contact each for further details.

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- John Voss, Vista, 442-224-4423

Any member wishing to add their name to this list are welcome to contact Susan Ronan at sronanstudio@gmail.com.

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teaching in the community, and helping to maintain two bonsai collections puts the San Diego Bonsai Club in a leadership position in the bonsai world. I'm so proud of our club and the Board that works so diligently to provide; great classes for members, outstanding speakers for club meetings, fun and educational special events and experiences, membership growth, financial growth and stability, and Minutes so we all knew what was happening. Thank you to Abe Far, Gary Jones, Bill Graham, Kyle Icke, Jaya Kaelberer, Keith Carter and Jack Graham for doing a great job with skill and kindness.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your president for the past two years. I have learned so much and have been so appreciative of all the help and support I've been given. As I look around the room at club meetings I see everywhere support and involved club members. Now I'm very excited to welcome a new President, First Vice President, Vice President for Membership and Vice President for Special Events. They have exciting plans for the next year and I know they will have your support as they take on their new role in the club. The new Board will be: Sue Carter, Ignacio de la Torres, Udaykant Pandey, Abe Far, Bill Graham, Jaya Kaelberer and Jack Graham. The installation of the new Board will be during our next club meeting and they take office on January 1, 2020.

The new year is coming quickly and in January there are two bonsai events I hope you will consider attending. The Shohin Convention in Santa Nella, California and Winter Silhouettes at the Arboretum in Los Angeles. They are always fun, with good food and companionship and an opportunity to find trees and tools. We have entered into our late Fall and Winter season so cold weather, some areas getting frost, have slowed down plant growth so we can take a little break before the busy repotting season begins. Protect all trees in freeze areas and tropicals when temperatures drop below 45-50 degrees.

For new members interested in furthering their bonsai knowledge and skills consider taking classes or workshops on meeting days or classes with one of our knowledgeable teachers. A list of teachers and study groups are in our newsletter or ask a board member.

And please, if you want to donate to the club's Holiday Giving to help Father Joe's, don't forget to bring a gift for a child or teenager, canned or packaged food, or a check made out to Father Joe's to the club meeting. There will be delicious food for lunch so please bring a side dish, maybe your favorite holiday food.

I'm looking forward to playing with bonsai and seeing you all at club meetings and events. Thanks again for all your support and help these past two years.

Our Holiday Bonsai Tree decorating challenge is exciting as well! Creativity and imagination is encouraged. Be traditional, be over-the-top, be out-of-box, and let her rip! Lights, snow, ornaments, figurines, animals, sleighs, whatever, be who you are!! There will be an award in this challenge as well so go for the gold and let us see what the holiday can inspire!

This is also a potluck feast and raffle! Bring a dish-salad, side dish, dessert, finger food, chips and dip, your favorite food and some bonsai related article to donate to share with the other members of the club. We are an abundant and prosperous bonsai club, constantly growing and improving in our ability to share with each other our time and talents, to feed our hungry members with more knowledge of the art of bonsai, and to find the peace that bonsai can bring.

The SDBC has chosen Father Joe's as the agency to receive any gift or food donation members of the San Diego Bonsai Club would like to bring. Bring your gift to the December meeting and they will be taken to Father Joe's for distribution. Thanks to everyone who contributes to Father Joe's' mission of caring for people in need throughout the year. If you still want to give but can't make it to the December meeting please let me know.

Come join with us at our final festive meeting of the year and create the enthusiasm that will take into the new year!

SDBC MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2020

- January 12, Room 101 and 104
- February 9, Room 101 and 104
- March 8, Room 101 and 104
- April 5, Room 101 and 104
- May 17, Safari Park
- June 14, Room 104 only
- July 5, Room 101 and 104
- August 9, Room 101 and 104
- September 13, Room 101 and 104
- October 11, Lake Poway
- November 8, Room 104 only
- December 13, Room 101 and 104

SDBC Education:

Bill Graham, SDBC VP of Education

2019 is coming to an end and I hope you have all enjoyed the classes and workshop we have had this year! Next year looks to be just as exciting! Enjoy your free water but do not stop checking your trees.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of the club members who volunteered and helped me this year. With the risk of missing some and in no particular order, here goes: Gary Jones, Fred Miyahara, Glenn Jensen, John Jackson, Abe and Christine Far, Brenda Crann, Mark and Cathy Edgar, Susan Ronan, Dan Sola, Bob and Janice Hale, Charlie and Sylvia Mosse, Eric Jacobson, Shirley Kavanaugh, Dennis Wagner, Ken Bross and John Voss. (If I missed you and you helped, I apologize!) Thank you for teaching classes, helping me set up and tear down, hosting workshops, providing trees and all around making it so I survived another year!! I would also like to thank all of the member who took these classes and workshops and made the year a rousing success!! I thank you from the bottom of my heart and look forward to another great year!!

Beginning Classes:



The third and final session of the Myrtle Beginners Class will be in DECEMBER. This session will focus on finishing your styling and repotting your tree. The instructors for this final class are John Jackson and company.



The January Beginners Class has been posted and is starting to fill. There are still a few spots available. The list will be at the December Meeting. The class will be Olea euopaea. We have some really nice small leaved olives for this class. Susan Ronan will be the instructor.

The class starts at 8:30 am in Room 104. Please be on time or a few minutes early. Observers are always welcome. Even if you did not get in to the class, you can still observe and learn.

New members are always excited about taking the beginners classes, and several have asked to be put on a waiting list for the next class. If you are a new member please note that sign-up sheets for all classes and workshops are first available at the Bonsai Club meeting TWO months before the classes/workshops are held. We do not start a waiting list until after the sign-up sheet has been put out at the meeting and filled.

Intermediate Skills Workshops



'lyn presenting at her sold out Chinese elm group planting workshop in November.

December - No workshop

There is no workshop in December due to the styling competition.

January - Club Repotting

Please limit yourself to two (2) trees. PLEASE clean and prune your trees before bringing them in. Soil and

assistance will be provided both before and after the meeting.

February - Grafting

Our own grafting Master, Fred Miyahara, will be hosting a grafting workshop at the February Meeting. Understock, scions, tape and bags will be provided. You will need to bring a grafting knife. We will be grafting Shimpaku on to Nanas. The class is limited to 6 people total. The sign-up sheet will be at the December Meeting.

Reminder

A reminder that all beginning classes, workshops and skills classes are taught from 8:30 am to 10:15 am (unless a time change is specified) on club meeting days at Balboa Park. Also, don't forget to bring any trees that you would like some help or advice on from our excellent bonsai masters at the club. Help is located in the back of room 101 to the right of the stage.

If you have any ideas that can improve our programs or have skills that you would like to share please contact me at the monthly meeting or at wfgraham3rd@gmail.com.

SAN DIEGO BONSAI PAVILION

SAFARI PARK



We can never say enough thanks for the interest, cooperation and generous hours that our dedicated Pavilion volunteers bring to the beautiful Bonsai Pavilion and Garden at Safari Park. The many productive hours donated by a large cadre of our volunteers in November included: Neil Auwarter, Jenny Chin, Julia Chow, Sally & Steve Dischinger, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Chuck Fasilis, Bob & Janice Hale, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim Kirchmer, Bob & Janet Liggett, Carla Marasco, Sandi Marasco, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Udaykant Pandey, Sally Prestele, Clare & Ron Roberts, Dan Sola, 'lyn Stevenson, Dennis Wagner, Dave Woodall, Mark Woodall, and Ken Zito. We also welcomed our newest volunteer, Markel Farley, this past month. Special extra donations including muffins, cupcakes, sandwiches, donuts, fruits, chips, waters, etc. for our refreshment breaks were donated by Janet, Jenny, Charlie, John, Dennis, and 'lyn also. Many thanks to all!



Several volunteers adding landscaping near a bench.

the Takanashi Gate was transplanted to an area inside the Pavilion adjacent to one of the viewing benches and a water line was installed there also. The new rains came at an appropriate time! The juniper looks perfect in its new location. Another new addition to the Pavilion is the first tamarisk bonsai for the collection from curator John Jackson. Thank you, John!

New identifications name plates have been added to several of the bonsai denoting the approximate ages of the trees as determined by the years in training. Many



Pavilion volunteers hosted 40 home-schooled children, ages 4 through 17 with an orientation/introduction to Bonsai on November 15th.

requests by visitors at the Pavilion asking the age of the trees are often difficult to determine since all the trees in the collection have been donated by the artists or their family estates. These plates may help with some future requests.

The heavy fall winds have taken a toll on our Japanese banners that hang at the

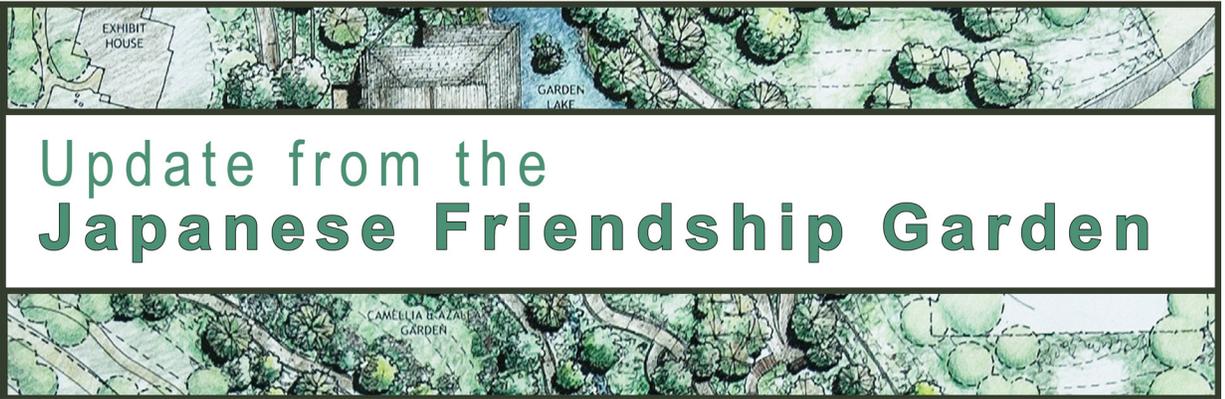
front of the Pavilion. A couple have been replaced but we would like to procure new ones. If anyone is planning a trip to Tokyo, let Curator John or 'lyn know; we would like to purchase replacements.

Recently, several of our volunteers helped to introduce forty home schooled children, ages 5 through 17, and their teacher-parents on a special tour of the Pavilion. It is always a joy to be able to introduce and explain some of the designs and plans that we strive to attain in this wonderful living art. Children are in awe and have many thoughtful questions and observations that cause us to think more about what we are actively doing also. It's great to be able to educate and share our Bonsai with all visitors. Thanks again Bonsai Volunteers!!!

*'lyn Stevenson,
Liaison to the Pavilion at Safari Park*

Upcoming Pavillion Volunteer Days:

- Dec 21
- Jan 4
- Jan 18
- Feb 1
- Feb 15



Update from the Japanese Friendship Garden

Neil Auwarter, JFG Curator

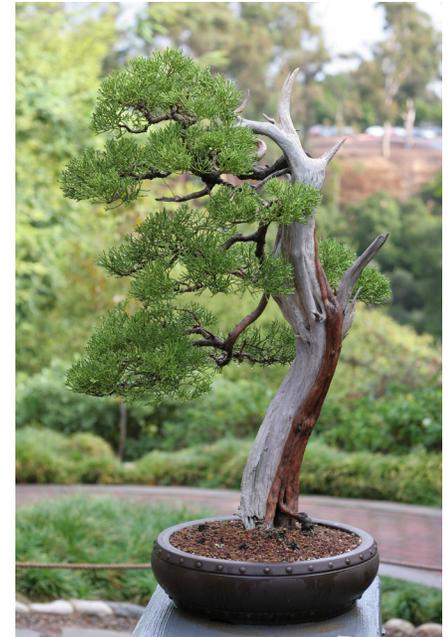
The rainy season (such as it is in So-Cal) has begun! Trees that have endured six months of salty, alkaline tap water finally get to taste the good stuff. May they enjoy it while it lasts.

Fred Miyahara visited the JFG on a November Saturday to advise and assist with fall needle pulling and shoot selection on our Japanese Black Pines. Fred also recommended removing the pollen cones from the emerging candles when they start to



Fall bud on a Japanese Black Pine. The many pollen cones resemble the bud emerging from the tip of this young candle. But soon the cones will start to turn purple and can be easily distinguished from the bud; that is a good time to remove them to stop their stealing energy from the candle/bud.

November, John Jackson and Mark & Cathy Edgar hauled a massive old privet from a donor in Huntington Beach. Photos and a proper acknowledgment to this donor will appear in a future edition. The tree now sits in the JFG lower garden. It has a truly impressive base and trunk, including deadwood portions that will make for a great carving project. (We're talking Makita, not Dremel, for this big boy.) Thanks, John, Mark & Cathy!



Sherwin Amimoto California juniper

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and we look forward to seeing you soon!



Raindrop dangles on a California juniper.

turn purple and can be easily plucked without damaging the bud. (See photo.) If left on to grow, the cones compete with the candle/bud for energy. Thanks, Fred! Also in



Fred Miyahara and Charlie Mosse perform fall needle pulling and shoot selection on the big Japanese black pine.

San Diego Bonsai Club Treasurer's Report

1/1/19 - 11/30/19

Jaya Kaelberer, Treasurer

The following is a condensed income statement showing our year-to-date revenue and expenses. A detailed version will be available at the next meeting.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE		
	SDBC Checking	\$59,891.38
	Japanese Friendship Garden	\$2,491.60
	Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$12,648.31
TOTAL FUNDS:		\$75,031.29
REVENUE		
	Total Donation Income	\$1,965.17
	Total Education Income	\$6,726.75
	Total Membership Income	\$5,438.69
	Total Monthly Program.	\$1,589.38
	Total Raffle & Auction	\$7,391.98
	Total Show Income	\$7,613.13
	Total Special Projects Income	\$3,244.24
	Total Tool Sales	\$2,546.29
TOTAL INCOME:		\$36,515.63
EXPENSES		
	Total Bonsai Pavilion	\$3,769.45
	Total Education	\$7,189.63
	Total JFG	\$250.46
	Total Library	\$127.61
	Total Membership	\$760.61
	Total Monthly Program	\$4,994.76
	Total Newsletter	\$315.29
	Total Power of One Scholarship	\$50.00
	Total San Diego Fair	\$75.00
	Total SDBC Club Expenses	\$2,726.98
	Total GSBF Liability Insurance	\$1,466.00
	Total SDBC Spring show	\$1,392.21
	Total SDBC Fall Show	\$50.54
	Total Special Projects	\$1,835.17
	Total Taxes	\$2,644.00
	Registry of Charitable Trusts	\$175.00
	Total Tool Table Expenses	\$2,094.85
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$29,917.56
NET INCOME (LOSS):		\$6,598.07

It's membership renewal time!

Keith Carter, SDBC VP of Membership

It sure seems like the year has flown by, but believe it or not, it's time to renew your San Diego Bonsai Club memberships for 2020.

We will be accepting payments for membership renewals at the December meeting. The dues will remain at \$30 for an individual and \$35 for two members of a family. Any additional family members are \$5 each. Members who joined during the Fall 2019 show or later are "grandfathered" in for all of 2020. Remember: You must have a current active membership to be eligible to participate in club activities such as the upcoming Winter Silhouettes trip in January and the Bonsai-A-Thon trip in February.

Please welcome new members Diana Diehl, Kathy Balos, Dani Gravette-Huston, Ana Ramundo, Jon Blaj, Roxanne Joy Olegario-Co, Nate Co, Catherine & David Will, Carmen Acosta and Brandon Westcott. With these additions we now have 409 current members.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you all for your cooperation and assistance during the past two years I have served as your vice president of membership. Best wishes to Uday Pandey as he assumes this role for the coming year.

Upcoming Trip - Feb. 22, 2020:

Bonsai-A-Thon

Abe Far

For our trip in February, we will visit the Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, which houses the Golden State Bonsai Federation Bonsai Collection in Southern California. The Bonsai-A-Thon event is Saturday & Sunday February 22-23. In addition to the wonderful bonsai exhibits, there will be demonstrations, workshops, and a large vendor area. At the end of each day, an auction & raffle will be held. Breakfast is served 7:00-9:00 am and lunch 12:00-1:30 pm at a minimal cost. Garden tours are scheduled at 10:00 am both days. Our bus trip to Bonsai-A-Thon will be on Saturday, February 22. The cost is \$40/person for club members. We will depart from Balboa Park at 7:00 am sharp and Carlsbad at 7:30 am. We will be back in Balboa Park about 7:00 pm. To sign up, please see Abe Far at our regular club meeting or call Abe Far at 619-384-0004. You may also sign up on our website: www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com. This is a fundraising event for our collection; please bring some items for the raffle & auction. Please help me to fill up the bus.

SDBC Mtg. Minutes

Sonya Holmquist, Acting SDBC Secretary

November Meeting

1. Call to Order/Determine Quorum:
 - The regular meeting of the SDBC was call to order at 10:30 am in the Casa del Prado, Balboa Park by President Barbara French-Lee. A quorum was confirmed.
 2. Approval of October 2019 Minutes:
 - (Minutes were not published in the November newsletter.)
 3. Presidents Remarks:
 - Barbara invited our guest presenter, Roy Nagatoshi, to share his experiences working on the movie The Karate Kid. Roy said that he tried to infuse some reality about bonsai into the film (e.g., bonsai aren't created in one day, nor do they survive a plunge in the ocean), but the director had a script to follow. However, the movie was very successful in inspiring a new generation to appreciate and pursue the art of bonsai.
 4. Board Member Reports:
 - a. VP Membership, Keith Carter. Including several new signups at today's meeting, we have 403 members. New members: Diana Diehl, Kathryn (Kathy) Balos, Dani Gravette-Huston, Ana Ramundo, Jon Blaj, Roxanne Joy Olegario-Co, Nate Co, Cynthia Gully, Hollis Gulley, Ying Gulley, Martha Pehl, Jennifer Lasher, Mike Van Horn, Wendy Pollock, Jesus Martinez, Lorena Bautista, Eileen and Lawrence Octon. Membership renewal for 2020 will start next month: \$30 for one person, \$5 for each additional family member.
 - b. Treasurer, Jaya Kaelberer. To date, we have raised 82% of budgeted income and spent only 61% of budgeted expenses and the Club is in good financial shape. The Club is in the process of developing the 2020 budget, which will be approved by the Board at their December meeting. Jaya made available detailed reports in the back of the room.
 - c. 1st VP Program, Gary Jones. The December program will be our annual styling competition. This year he hopes to have four teams working on four different types of trees. Each team consists of a mentor (who should not touch the tree) and two less experienced members. If you wish to be part of a team, contact Gary. The January program will be Caesar Perez. Gary will work with the new VP for Program, Ignacio de la Torre, to work out the details. The SDBC website is now back in operation, so people can sign up to become members, take a class, or go on a trip online.
 - d. VP Education, Bill Graham. Bill thanked 'lyn Stevenson for the morning's workshop creating elm forests. Neil Auwarter will be conducting a large juniper workshop after the meeting. December will be the last of the current beginners' class. A new January beginners' class will start in January; Susan Ronan will be the instructor and the trees will be small-leafed olives. Signup for the January class will open after today's meeting. In January, we will have our annual repotting extravaganza; each member is limited to two trees (and the trees should be cleaned up prior to the meeting). Future intermediate workshops: February – Grafting with Fred Miyahara; March – Black Pines with Fred Miyahara; April – Heavy branch bending with John Voss; June – Silverberry with Abe Far.
 - e. VP Special Event, Kyle Icke. Kyle was not present, so Abe Far gave the report. There are two upcoming trips: Winter Silhouettes, January 18, 2020, at the LA Aboretum in Arcadia and the Bonsai-a-Thon, February 23, 2002, at the Huntington Garden. Dinner is provided at the Winter Silhouettes; SDBC members should bring a desert. Inexpensive breakfast and lunch available at the Bonsai-a-Thon. Sign-up sheets in the back of the room. Cost for each \$40. Abe is proposing a two day trip to the Sequoias later in the year if there is sufficient interest. No cost estimates at this time. Let Abe know if you are interested.
6. Committee Reports:
 - Bob Hale reported that the Board has drafted revised By-laws. These will be published in the December and January newsletters for member review and input. The new bylaws will be voted on by members at the February meeting.
 7. Reports from Appointed Positions:
 - Japanese Friendship Garden - none
 - Safari Park – John Jackson reported that 22 Club members volunteered at the Park on November 2. Dennis Wagner and Mark Edgar installed new irrigation water lines and Mark put in irrigation for the center area. Paul Lawrence donated a large pot to the Bonsai Pavilion and John Jackson donated a tamarisk (grown from a bird dropping years ago).
 - Darryl and Christine Elmer have volunteered to staff the tool table and Christina Vargas will take over as Refreshments Coordinator. (Thanks to Chris and Melissa Stowe and Sue Carter for their prior service.)
 7. Unfinished Business
 - No old business.
 8. New Business
 - No new business.
 9. Announcements:
 - Welcome back to Janice Hale. Veterans were asked to stand and be honored for their service. There is a flyer at the back of the room listing all of the 2020 meeting dates (note the change in the April meeting to the first Sunday of the month). We will have a holiday buffet at our December meeting. The Club will provide ham and turkey; Club members are asked to bring salads, side dishes and desserts (traditional family recipes appreciated). Club members are invited to bring gifts for Father Joe's to the December meeting – either gifts for children or items for their food bank. Barbara will bring the donations to Father Joe's. If you would like to donate, but can't make the meeting, contact Barbara.
 10. Election of Officers for 2020:
 - The officers were unanimously voted into office, will be installed at the December club meeting and take office on January 1, 2020: President – Sue Carter; 1st VP Programs – Ignacio de la Torre; VP Special Event – Abe Far; VP Membership – Udaykant Pandey ; VP Education, - William Graham;

Secretary – Jack Graham; Treasurer – Jaya Kaelberer. Additional candidates can be nominated from the floor at the December meeting. The election of officers will take place at the December meeting.

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

12. Program Introduction:

- Gary Jones introduced our guest program presenter, Roy Nagatoshi, and his assistant Gary Nance. Roy demonstrated on two trees: Silverberry and Lavender Star Flower.

SDBC Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call To Order. The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Diego Bonsai Club was called to order at 6:40 pm by President Barbara French-Lee. A quorum was confirmed present. In attendance were: Barbara French-Lee, Keith Carter, Bob Hale, Bill Graham, Jaya Kaelberer, Kyle Icke, Gary Jones, Sonya Holmquist (substitute Secretary), and Ron Kaelberer (Webmaster)
2. Approval of the Minutes. Minutes from September 10, 2019 were approved.
3. Reports from the Officers:
 - President, Barbara French Lee.
 - Announced that the Shohin Seminar in Santa Nella, Ca will take place on Jan 31, Feb 1 and 2, 2020. The Winter Silhouettes show in Arcadia CA (at the LA Abboretum) will take place on Jan 18-19, 2020. Barbara wants to make certain that money is allocated in the budget to cover items for raffles at these events.
 - Barb asked if Board members would agree to submit their articles for the newsletter earlier to allow time for a review of a draft and to enable Shirley to get the newsletter to the printer in a timely manner. There was agreement that this would be ok, with the caveat that the Jaya's Treasurer's report would be a last minute addition since she can't produce the documents until after the end of a given month. When the membership meeting takes place on the first Sunday of the month, the Treasurer's report will be published in the following month's newsletter. ACTION REQUIRED: Barb will communicate with Katie about the change in timeline for the newsletter.
4. Jaya Kaelberer, Treasurer. Jaya distributed the following reports:
 - Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 2019. She noted that income from the Lake Poway Auction was about \$1,000 less than last year and sales at the fall show were also off.
 - Budget vs Actuals through October along with proposed 2020 budget figures. Jaya proposed that for budget purposes, expenses be collapsed. For example, Education might have an overall budget of \$7,000; the Vice President for Education would have the flexibility to spend that money as needed. Expenses would still be booked under the existing subcategories. ACTION REQUIRED: Each Board Member should review the budget figures and provide Jaya with additions and/or corrections.
- Charts showing income and expense per month as well as a running total provided to each Board Member for their area of responsibility for information only to help in understanding 2020 budgets.
- Providing "tool table" gift certificates to winners of the December competitions is a cumbersome accounting task. It was agreed that in lieu of the gift certificates, winners would receive a cash prize (Styling completion: \$150 for the winning team; \$120 to the second place team, \$90 for the 3rd place team and \$60 for the fourth place team; Holiday Tree Competition: \$50 for 1st place, \$40 for 2nd place and \$30 for the 3rd place). Jaya will prepare the checks in advance, and add the winners' names at the meeting. 2020 budget will be adjusted accordingly.
- Clarification of expenses for the Japanese Friendship Garden was provided by Barb. According to our MOU with JFG, we are to submit a check for \$200 to JFG at the beginning of their fiscal year (July 1) and JFG pays for required maintenance. ACTION REQUIRED: Further clarification of procedures is required. Since SDBC has already expended \$125.23 for the Work Area Construction, should that amount be deducted from the amount to be paid to JFG. Jaya should prepare a check for \$200 (minus expenses already paid by SDBC, if appropriate) payable to the Japanese Friendship Garden. Procedures for reimbursing SDBC members need to be developed. If we don't spend \$200, do they keep the money, or does it roll over for future expenses?
5. Special Events, Kyle Icke. Abe Far will be in charge of special events for 2020, and Kyle has agreed to assist him. Kyle reported that Abe has secured the buses for the two upcoming special events (Winter Silhouettes and Bonsai-a-Thon). Barb cautioned that Abe should not be signing any contracts on behalf of SDBC until after Jan 1, 2020.
 - Ron should indicate that 48 spots are available for each event on the website.
6. Gary Jones First Vice President, Programming. Upcoming Program presenters
 - November: Roy Nagatoshi. He will do one-on-one workshops only in the morning. Four spots are available. ACTION REQUIRED: Ron will update the website since morning and afternoon workshops were originally offered.
 - December: Styling competition will consist of four teams working on four different types of trees. Bill and Gary will provide the trees. Each member will receive two raffle tickets (both parts of one ticket) – they can use their tickets to vote on the styling competition and the holiday trees however they wish.
 - January: Caesar Perez. Gary will work with Ignacio to finalize this presentation (confirm the date, price for the presentation, topic, get his Bio, see if he is willing to do workshops before and/or after, determine if he has any special needs, prepare the check request and give it to Jaya)
 - John Voss has offered to do a demonstration on 3 techniques that haven't been demonstrated in a while. Gary will work with Ignacio to find out more about the subject matter before scheduling the presentation.

1. Bill Graham, Vice President Education

- Intermediate and Advanced workshops:
 - Tak's workshop went well and another is planned for next year. (Tak currently has 5 trees but will have 6 by the time of the workshop). Since this was the first off-site full day workshop Bill had coordinated, the question of lunch was not addressed. In the future, participants will be informed that they need to bring their own lunch, (or that the Club will provide the lunch, but this might require an additional fee).
 - Both of November's workshops are sold out ('lyn's elm forests and the postponed large junipers)
 - January: Repotting with a limit of two trees. Bill will see how much bonsai potting mix he has; if more is needed, he will purchase the components and mix more. (A new source of scoria has been identified in Escondido. ACTION REQUIRED: The name and location of this source needs to be confirmed and provided to Ron so he can add it to the resources section of the website.)
 - February – grafting with Fred Miyahara
 - March - black pine workshop with Fred Miyahara. Bill purchased a dozen black pines from Jim Barrett. Fred M. will conduct the workshop.
 - March: Quince follow up workshop by Glenn. Participants from the last two quince workshops will have the opportunity to bring their plants in for repotting. The club will provide the potting mix; participants should bring their own tools.
 - June: Silverberry
 - Other possibilities: a heavy bending workshop of prostratas and a mum over rock workshop – both by John Jakson
- Beginners classes:
 - Next session begins in January (small leaved olives). Signup sheet will be available at the November meeting
 - Following session begins in April – probably boxwoods

2. Keith Carter, Membership. We currently have 400 members; renewals will begin in November. (Keith is taking the elm workshop so Sue will staff the membership table in November). The "two for one" membership promotion was tried at the fall show; Keith reported that it was a great success.

3. Bob Hale, Past President, Bylaws Review Committee. The review has been completed and Bob will send Board Members a clean updated version. Board Members need to review it; the Board will vote on the revisions at their December meeting. Once approved by the Board, the revised By-laws will be sent to Katie for inclusion in the January and February newsletters.

4. New Business.

- New Board Members. Gary reported that the following have agreed to serve as Board Members for 2020, and will be voted on at the November membership meeting: President: Sue Carter, First Vice-President, Programs: Ignacio de la Torre, Vice President, Education: Bill Graham, Vice President, Membership: Udaykant Panday, Vice President, Special Events: Abe Far, Treasurer: Jaya Kaelberer, Secretary: Jack Graham,

Appointed positions: Tool Table – Darryl and Christine Elmer.(does not require a vote)

- Storage rental/repair of wooden box.
- Barb check with the Horticulture Society and there is no additional space available in Room 104. It was moved (by Bill Graham) and seconded (by Gary Jones) that Bill is authorized to investigate options for renting a 5'x10' storage unit close to Balboa Park.
- Bob will dispose of the large printer we have and purchase a low cost smaller printer
- Insuring trees at Safari Park. Bob and Jaya will talk to John and 'lyn at the next Safari Park workday and ask them to identify the top ten most valuable trees in the collection. Bob will take pictures of the trees and obtain as much information as possible. We will ask Ted Matson and/or David Nguy to provide a dollar value for each tree. Barb will talk to Abe about the insurance company.
- Magazines. No one had recommendations for additional magazine. Jaya will renew Bonsai Focus, Bonsai: Journal of the American Bonsai Society, and BCI: Bonsai & Stone Appreciation. Ron reported that he will be working with George Haas editing Golden Statements.
- Identifying bonsai artists at the Spring and Fall Shows. It was agreed that most people want to know the artist behind each tree, and that this is done at almost all other bonsai shows. In the future, the artist's name will be included on the label identifying the tree. Any person who enters a tree in a show has the right to "opt out" if they wish. This will require a new label format.
- Gift from SDBC for Shohin Bonsai Convention. Although money is budgeted for "Donations/Contributions" that would cover such a gift, no decision was made as to whether or not one would be made. Bob and Bill are both working on the Convention, and will ask Fred M. if gift bags are normally distributed at this convention. Those who attended the previous year didn't think so.
- Christmas charity giving. Club members will be invited to bring a contribution to the December meeting, either a food item for Mama's Kitchen or a child's toy for Father Joe's. This will be announced at the November meeting and included in the December newsletter. Barb will contact each organization to see what donations are acceptable.
- Food for December meeting. Sue will purchase turkey breasts and sliced ham (as was done for the Poway picnic). Club members will be asked to bring a dessert, salad or side dish. A sign-up sheet will be at the November meeting.
- Next year's meeting schedule. The April meeting will take place on the first Sunday of the Month. The May meeting at Safari Park is determined by Safari Park's schedule of events and they cannot always make the second Sunday of the month available.
- Website. Ron has made good progress on the website. One area that needs more research and clarification is the online enrollment for membership, classes, and special events. Emails have been going to all Board Members from PayPal when any payment is made. Board Members' emails need to be updated now (Gary Jones is not getting the emails) and after the new Board Members are installed. There needs to be coordination between

Ron and the responsible Board Member to make certain the number of spots available are classes and special events are kept current. Ron can be reached at Jaya.littletree@cox.net.

5. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm
6. Next Meeting. December 15, 2019 at 2:00 pm, following the regular Club meeting. New Board Members will be invited to attend.

Upcoming Trip:

Winter Silhouettes 56th Annual Exhibition January 18, 2020

Abe Far



Our trip to the Winter Silhouettes show, hosted by the Baiko-En Bonsai Kenkyukai Society, will be on Saturday, January 18, 2020. This is a unique bonsai show. Since the trees have no leaves to cover any unpleasant branches, the trees have to be perfect in

structure and form to be ready for show. This will be a wonderful experience and fun trip. It will be an exciting experience for all bonsai lovers. I encourage everybody to sign up. We are invited to dinner and to participate in their demo, auction and raffle. San Diego Bonsai Club members always take some bonsai-related items and some kind of desert for the evening dinner. The cost of the trip is \$40 for SDBC members. On the way up, we will visit Jidai Bonsai Nursery. The bus departs from Balboa Park at 11:00 am sharp and Carlsbad at 11:30 am. We will be back in Balboa Park at 11:00 pm. Thanks to those members who have signed up and paid. I would like to collect payment from members who have signed up and not paid at the December meeting. So far 23 members have signed up and we have lots of room left in the bus. To sign up, please see Abe Far at our regular club meeting or call Abe Far at 619-384-0004. You may also sign up on our website: sandiegobonsaiclub.com.

November in Review

Gary Jones, 1st VP



Well, I certainly enjoyed last month's demonstrator, Roy Nagatoshi, and his assistant Gary Nanson. Both were frank, direct, and engaging as Roy took our raw material, a schefflera and a lavender starflower, and reduced it to what he saw as potential material for bonsai. As I have often seen in the past, there wasn't a whole lot left of the beginning material once he was done. Being able to sort through the puzzle of branches and foliage to find that amazing nebari and single trunk was a wonder to watch. That is what these demonstrators we bring to our meetings are constantly enlightening us to, often with such wit and stories of success and failure.

Roy's assistant, Gary Nanson, added to our education by sharing information about scheffleras and their amazing bases, as well as their wonderful carving capabilities. He loves them, stated they are a lot like olives, and encouraged us to work with that variety. Since we have a number of these scheffleras in our club stock, it seems likely they will be offered in the coming year to club members to learn with.

Other Bonsai Activities

- January 31st - February 2nd, 2020 - [17th Annual California Shohin Seminar](#),
Hotel Mission De Oro 13070 S. Highway 33,
Santa Nella.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Mtg. Agenda: *December 15*

8:00 - 8:30 am Doors open and meeting/workshop set-up
8:30 - 9:00 am Holiday tree set-up and display Styling competition set-up of teams and mentors
9:00 - 10:30 am Styling competitions - Begins when all teams are created
10:30 - 11:15 am Business meeting & installation of new board for 2020
11:15 am - 12:00 pm Styling competition continues Voting by membership for best holiday tree and competition tree continues
12:00 - 12:30 pm Refreshments and raffle
12:30 - 1:00 pm Winners of competitions are announced
1:30 pm SDBC board meeting with new members

SDBC Upcoming Events:

Dec 15 (Sun)	Styling Competition / Tree Decorating Contest Meeting
Jan 12 (Sun)	Cesareo Perez
Feb 9 (Sun)	TBD



One of Shirley K.'s trees decorated for "December Nights"