



The Bonsai Wire

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Message from the President

Barbara French-Lee, SDBC President

Doesn't it seem like we just met? We had a great Fathers's day meeting and a very informative and interesting presentation by David Nguy with expert help from his wife, June. David's classes, both before and after his presentation, were with members receiving help on their individual bonsai. We are very appreciative that our outstanding presenters provide individual help for our members. This month we are looking forward to a presentation, demonstration and classes by Jonas Dupuich. He has an outstanding skill to engage our members throughout his presentation. We are looking forward to that again on Sunday.

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Next Meeting: 7/7 Jonas Dupuich

Barbara French-Lee, SDBC President

Jonas Dupuich will be our presenter at the July meeting. His presentation will be on How to Take Your Bonsai to the Next Level. Many of us have trees we feel have potential but are not sure what to do to improve the design



or health or even make it show ready. Jonas always involves his audience when he visits our club and this time there will be even more involvement as Jonas has requested that any club member who has a tree which they would like to develop further bring it to be part of the presentation. He will discuss what to do each year as you bring it to optimum development. Mr. Dupuich lives and teaches in Northern California.

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T H A N K Y O U



Thank you for all your kind donations to the raffles and refreshments for our recent meetings and events.

Upcoming Programs

Abe Far, SDBC 1st VP

- **July 7:** Jonas Dupuich
- **August 11:** John Wong
- **September 8:** Peter Mascasieb
- **October 13:** Lake Poway
- **November 10:** Roy Nagatoshi
- **December 15:** Styling Competition

SDBC Website:

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Call for Bonsai Teachers

Susan Baker, Sunshine Chair

We are compiling a list of club members who are interesting in teaching individuals or small groups of beginning students off site. Teachers will set their own schedule and fee structure and the Club will make this list available on our website. If you want to be an instructor please submit your name to Susan Ronan at sronanstudio@gmail.com.

Other Bonsai Activities

- July 10th - [East Bay Bonsai Society](#) Annual Auction. Auction starts 7:30pm (preview opens at 7:00pm) to get your hands on bonsai trees, pots, tools, and accessories. Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland.
- August 24th -25th - [Redwood Empire Bonsai Society](#)'s 36th Annual Show. Featuring Bonsai Master Kathy Shaner. Bonsai demonstrations both days, 1- 3 PM. Demonstration tree to be raffled. Largest bonsai and suiseki stone exhibition. Large bonsai vendor and plant sales. Exciting silent auctions. Free admission and parking. Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa.
- September 21st - [Mother Lode Bonsai Club](#) 5th Annual Exhibition. Show hours are 10am to 4pm. Demonstrations at 11am and 1:30pm. with prize drawings immediately following. Vendor and member bonsai-related items will be available for sale. Open to the public with free admission and free parking. San Andreas Public Library, 1299 Gold Hunter Road, San Andreas.
- October 5th - 6th - [Conejo Valley Bonsai Society](#)'s 16th Annual Bonsai Exhibition. Show hours are 9am – 4pm with demonstrations in the Bandstand at 1pm both days. Free Admission. No sales of bonsai related items. Resource Center at the Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd., Thousand Oaks.
- October 24th - 27th - [GSBF Convention 42](#), Riverside Convention Center, Riverside.
- January 31st - February 2nd, 2020 - [17th Annual California Shohin Seminar](#), Hotel Mission De Oro 13070 S. Highway 33, Santa Nella.

Membership Update

Keith Carter, SDBC VP of Membership

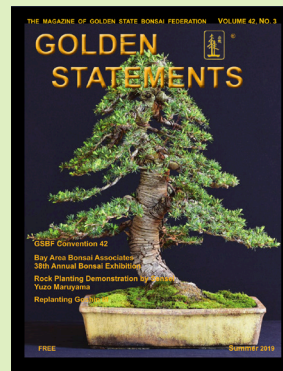
Welcome to our newest members: Frank and Marlene Martinez, James Cleaver, Jena Perez, Janice Bishard, Gabriel Ables, Crystal Poniente, Michelle Abbey, Anthony Mose, Jeff Lamprides, Han Nguyen and Gustavo Sierra.

With these additions, we now have 328 current members.

A total of 61 members attended the June meeting. Be sure to sign the attendance sheet at the door at each meeting so we can have an accurate count of member participation.

Golden State Bonsai Association's Magazine is Now Online!

Abe Far



As of June 17, 2019, the GSBF Golden Statements Magazine is digital and free online!. The digital magazine is brought to you by Joomag, a digital publishing company with 500,000 digital publishers from around the world. The Golden Statements Magazine has more

than 80 hyperlinks. Subscribe to the quarterly magazine.

This summer issue contains information about the GSBF Convention 42, October 24-27, 2019, Riverside Convention Center, Riverside, California.

Within 24 hours of launching the digital magazine, the following occurred: 10 countries (US followed by Viet Nam as leaders), 221 views, 3 active subscribers, and multiple devices (Desktop followed by iPhone). Help spread the word to family, friends, bonsai businesses, and bonsai communities.

Go to Joomag's [GSBF Golden Statements Magazine page](#) to explore. Back issues also available for download at the [GSBF site](#).

SDBC Education:

Bill Graham, SDBC VP of Education

July is here and the heat is finally starting to arrive!! Watch your trees and make sure they don't dry out!

Beginning Classes:



The second beginning class of 2019 continues. This is the third and final session. You will be finishing any wiring and styling. This class will show you how to wire your tree securely into the training pot and also how to correctly position your tree. This will be an exciting class and at the end, your trees will truly begin to look like bonsai!



The third and final beginning class for 2019 will start at the August meeting. We will be using *Myrtus communis* – the common Myrtle. These trees are great material for bonsai. They back bud profusely, have nice small leaves, pretty cream colored flowers and exfoliating bark. What more could you ask for?? John Jackson will be the teacher for this session. He has a gorgeous Myrtle that you have seen at our shows and is very experienced with this species.

The sign-up sheet was started at the June meeting. There are still spots available. They can be purchased online at the club website or at the July meeting.

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

July Workshop – Large Junipers

Unfortunately, the junipers we have for this scheduled workshop have been hit with a fungus infection. The trees are healthy, and the fungus is in check, but at this time I am not comfortable with taking a chance at bringing this fungus to any ones collection.



You will have a choice of being reimbursed your sign-up fee or you can wait and I will reschedule the workshop once the trees have a good clean bill of health. I will be contacting each member that has signed up for the workshop this week.

August Workshop – *Chaenomeles japonica*:



Glenn Jensen will be leading a workshop with *Chaenomele japonica*, flowering Japanese quince. These trees make for interesting clump styles with beautiful flowers. We have both white and red flowering examples. They can flower multiple times during the year and make elegant bonsai. Glenn has experience with these and this should be an excellent class. This class is limited to 6 attendees. The sign-up sheet will be at the June meeting. The cost is \$45.00

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 Club Treasurer's Report 1/1/19 - 6/9/19

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	\$57,727.18
Japanese Friendship Garden	\$2,491.60
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$12,607.18
TOTAL FUNDS:	\$72,825.96
REVENUE	
Spring show donations	\$335.00
Spring show raffle	\$675.44
Spring Show auction	\$313.95
Show Sales Income	\$14,875.06
Spring show membership	\$297.38
Amazon Smile Donation	\$97.94
Donations	\$785.00
Education	\$2,533.39
Membership	\$3,561.14
Guest Artist workshops	\$574.39
Other YTD Raffle & Auction	\$1,404.74
S-Park Silent Auction	\$1,921.20
Special Projects	\$1,645.68
Tool Table	\$1,555.12
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$30,575.43
SHOW REVENUE:	\$16,199.45

EXPENSES	
Spring show banquet	\$767.44
Spring show member sales	\$9,879.73
Spring show expenses	\$624.77
Bonsai Pavilion maint. & supplies	\$838.54
Bonsai Pavilion Capital Improvements	\$2,930.91
Education	\$2,942.86
Japanese Friendship Garden	\$125.23
Membership	\$428.98
Monthly Program	\$1,570.77
Newsletter	\$247.09
SDBC Club Expenses	\$1,728.49
SDBC Liability Insurance	\$1,466.00
Bus Trips	\$438.02
Sales Tax	\$559.00
Tool Table	\$1,634.86
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$26,182.69
SHOW EXPENSES:	\$11,271.94
NET INCOME (LOSS):	\$4,392.74
NET SHOW INCOME (LOSS):	\$4,927.51

Jonas Dupuich, Continued from Page 1



Check out Jonas Dupuich at our Nov. 2017 meeting at the [SDBC YouTube Channel](#).

He is an outstanding bonsai presenter who continually visits bonsai shows in Japan and has studied with Boon Manakitivipart for over 20 years. He is a founding member of Bay Island Bonsai and created the website Bonsai Tonight. He has written over one thousand articles on bonsai and has a book, *The Little Book of Bonsai: An Easy Guide to Caring for Your Bonsai Tree*, coming out in January 2020.

He will also have workshops before and after his presentation from 8:30-10:30 am and 1:30-3:30 pm. Please sign up online. If space is available you can sign up that morning. Bring your tree(s), tools and wire.

SAN DIEGO BONSAI PAVILION

SAFARI PARK



Summer vacation travels and hospital stays have interrupted some of our volunteers' dedication to the Pavilion but many thanks to the June volunteers which have kept the Pavilion looking beautiful... including: Bill & Lynn Bradford, Alan Burrows, Julia Chow, Sally & Steve Dischinger, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Paris Haber, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim & Sue Kirchmer, David Meyer, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Janet & Ron Palmer, Yvette & Shawn Palmer, Sally Prestele, 'lyn Stevenson, Yoichiro Suemori, Dennis Wagner, and Dave Woodall... Thanks to Mosses, Julia, Dischingers, John, Cathy, 'lyn, and Yvette for the refreshing fruits and goodies for our break times always!



Feral bee nest by the Azaleas in the Pavilion. It is next to the pathway so it may not remain due to lack of quiet and so much activity.

During the warmer days of summer, we have the opportunity to work on the "dead" wood on our bonsai. This does not mean that we will remove the dead wood from the tree although many visitors ask why we do not trim it off... This affords us a great way to explain the reasons for keeping it. We all learn, visitors, beginning bonsaiists, and seasoned veterans, that the old, dead



Juniperus procumbens 'nana' tanuki that was donated by Marty Mann, who was a long time member and major contributor to the club and to the bonsai community in California. A tanuki is a plant matched with a piece of dead wood. It is grown onto the deadwood to look like a bonsai. This takes many years of development.

limbs indicate age much more than newer limbs and that it adds to the aesthetics, character, and age of a tree. On a California juniper, it would be a shame to eliminate part of a 200 or 300 hundred year old tree trunk that is still a section of the original history and growth! (Just like our old age lines on our faces... they tell a story!) Cleaning the dead wood and protecting it with wood hardeners



Paris and her husband helping keep the stream clean and attractive under the watchful eye of a very small supervisor.

and/or lime sulphur are critical at this stage also since wood rot and termites can cause problems at some later stage. Some of our bonsaiists also like to add a colored pigment for enhancement but we should all be careful to keep it a living tree and just a sculptor. Thanks to all our volunteers for working on the dead wood and explaining it to visitors to the Pavilion... they are always so very interested!



Zinfandel Grape with lots of fruit. Tree was donated by Steve and Cary Valentine.



Alan Burrows talking with a park guest. This is something we do a lot of now that the Outback is open.

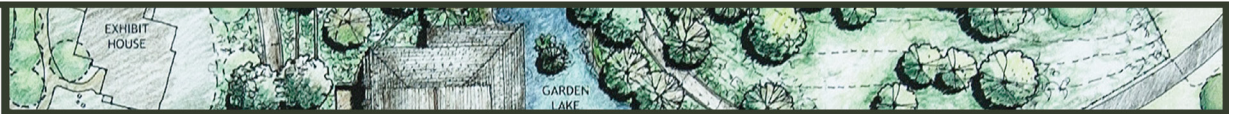
Eric does a great job with the SDBC website in highlighting many facets of the Bonsai Pavilion... that site is available to all SDBC members as well as the public. Please, be sure to check the SDBC website.

Be sure to visit the Bonsai Pavilion and bring your summer guests to see this great SDBC asset especially on the first and third Saturday mornings when we are there to explain the activities and responsibilities of the volunteers...

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

Upcoming Safari Park Volunteer Days:

- Jul 6
- Aug 17
- Oct 5
- Jul 20
- Sep 7
- Oct 19
- Aug 3
- Sep 21
- Nov 2



Update from the Japanese Friendship Garden



Neil Auwarter, JFG Curator



Neil Auwarter with the Domoto Trident Maple, Pacific Bonsai Museum in Federated, WA, 2017. This maple was imported from Japan to California in 1915. When its owner, Toichi Domoto, was interned for four years during WWII, the tree survived because its roots had plunged through the container into the ground. As a result, it grew well beyond normal bonsai proportions. The tree is a living historical monument.



Unidentified insect drinks from a dew drop on a California juniper.



Juvenile praying mantis rests in a crook of a juniper bonsai.



Neil providing and instruction to Ignacio about trimming the Elm.



Ignacio working on the Elm using his experience and Neil's advice to thin it a bit, but most importantly to guide the tree's future growth.

This is a busy time of year for San Diego Bonsai Club members who have tropical bonsai as they are calling for us to trim, repot and fertilize. Don't forget to bring any trees you need advice on to the club meeting for help from our experienced Bonsai Club members as well as from our John Voss Help Table. By the time of the club meeting the San Diego County Fair will be closed and we will evaluate our effectiveness at the Fair this year. I hope many of you were able to see the club exhibit and the board will appreciate any feedback you have. This will be passed on to the Fair organizers.

Our next club event is our traditional Saturday day trip to Nisei Week in Los Angeles in August. We hope you can come, it's always a fun day. And now we are on to planning to attend the GSBF Conference 42 in Riverside which takes place from Oct. 24-27, 2019. Registration opens July 1st at gsfbonsai.org. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

As this is a very active club there are many jobs to fill so all our members can enjoy everything the club has to offer. We are in great need of someone to; help with speaker contact which is the role of 1st Vice President, help Katie Borton with the newsletter, run the audio visual equipment for the presentations and help with our club show and sale. So many of you have expertise that would enrich our club. WE NEED YOU! Many THANKS to everyone who works so hard to make our club great.

NISEI WEEK

J A P A N E S E N I S E I W E E K F O U N D A T I O N F E S T I V A L

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The club is planning a bus trip to visit the bonsai exhibition and other attractions at Nisei Week in Little Tokyo on August 17. The group will also stop at [Green Products](#). The sign-up sheet was put out at the June meeting. If you have any questions or would like to attend, reach out to Kyle at Kyle.lcke@sdcounty.ca.gov or talk to him at the July meeting.

SDBC Mtg. Minutes

Jack Graham, SDBC Secretary

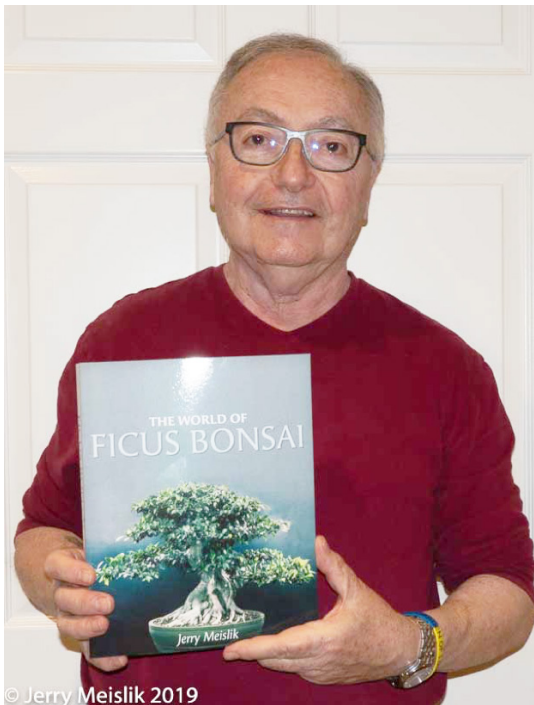
June Meeting Minutes

Due to the proximity to the June meeting, the June meeting minutes will be published in the August edition of the Bonsai Wire.

New Publication:

The World of Ficus Bonsai by Jerry Meislik

Barbara French-Lee, SDBC President



At long last it is here: The World of Ficus Bonsai by Jerry Meislik. I have been learning more and more about Ficus and how incredible they are for bonsai and for growing in your home. I have expanded and added new material to create an enlarged and updated book

on using Ficus for bonsai. The book is 324 pages full of great information and full of pictures. It is available as a e-book or as a soft or hard cover book.

Spring Show Highlights

Photos courtesy of Eric Jacobson





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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

*Next Mtg. Agenda:
July 7*

8:30 - 10:15 am Beginner Class: Boxwoods #3	Prado 104
9:00 - 10:25 am Library Open	
8:30 - 10:20 am Jonas Dupuich BYOT AM Workshop	Prado 101
8:30 - 10:20 am Large Junipers Workshop	
9:00 - 10:20 am Bonsai Assistance: John Voss	
10:30 - 11:00 am Business Meeting	
11:00 am - 12:45 pm Jonas Dupuich Presentation	
12:45 - 1:30 pm Raffle & Refreshment	
1:30 - 3:30 pm Jonas Dupuich BYOT PM Workshop	

SDBC Upcoming Events:

Jul 7 (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Jonas Dupuich
Aug 11 (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Tak Shimazu
Aug 17 (Sat)	Nisei Week Bus Trip
Sep 8 (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Peter Macasieb
Sep 21-22 (Sat-Sun)	54th Annual Fall Show
Oct 13 (Sun)	Picnic Meeting at Lake Poway
Nov 10 (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Roy Nagatoshi
Dec 15 (Sun)	Styling Competition Meeting