



President's Message: Sue Carter, President and CEO

Hello Bonsai Enthusiasts:

"Are we there, yet?" If you've ever traveled with kids, I'm sure you've heard this refrain many times before. So now I guess the answer is...YES! Sunday, July 18 will be our first in-person general meeting since March 2020. In just a few short weeks we'll be able to greet our bonsai friends and enjoy all the camaraderie our club has to offer.

The latest word from Marie Wiggins, the city of San Diego rep who supervises Balboa Park facilities is, "By July 6 we will be back to normal operations, other than non-vaccinated folks will still have to wear a mask indoors." The club will not be asking members or guests about their vaccination status but will post a sign asking that unvaccinated people wear a mask. Please note that many vaccinated people also choose to wear masks, so wearing a mask is not an indicator of vaccination status. We expect that all club members will follow the guidelines and respect the privacy of all members.

He answered the call!

Last month I put out a call for a Refreshments Coordinator for our club meetings and events. I'm thrilled to announce that one of our newest members, Matt Jillson, answered the call. Matt joined the club during the lockdown period, so he hasn't even been to any meetings. He told me he thinks this position will be a good opportunity to get to know club members and make some new friends. Matt emailed me saying that, "I'm a Chef by trade, so seems like this is something in my wheelhouse." Matt has worked as a chef for the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park. He has been an "American Bonsai" practitioner for a few years, but says his focus is now on learning proper bonsai husbandry, techniques, and aesthetics. Be sure to introduce yourself to Matt when you see him.

Note to 'WIRE contributors:

Keith Carter has volunteered to publish the August edition of the *Wire* while the editors are on vacation.



July 18, 2021: In person
meeting at Balboa Park

Classes: see page 2

Upcoming events: see page 11

Fall show: at Balboa Park
September 24 and 25

Resources: visit our website for
information on private instructors and
other resources to advance your bonsai
skills
www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com





July is here and so is the heat! Watering has increased, your trees should be actively growing. As always, keep an eye on your trees do not let them dry out.

Our first meeting in person is this month. I look forward to seeing you and getting to share our love for trees together.

I am still putting together Intermediate Workshop's for the rest of the year. Once I have the solidified the list, I will announce what we have upcoming. However, I do have a VERY exciting workshop coming in November. Tak Shimazu will again be hosting a 6-hour Itoigawa Shinpaku Shohin workshop. Tak has been working these trees and they are fantastic! These trees were originally put aside for me for November of 2020. They have an extra year of growth and work on them. Fred Miyahara and I went to see them in person, and we were both impressed. The class will be held on Saturday, November 6th at Fred Miyahara's house. This workshop will run from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. The class is limited to 6 attendees. The cost is \$450.00. Lunch will be provided. This class will go on sale at the September meeting.

Beginning Class: Dates: August 8, September 12, November 14. Our Beginner's Class for 2021 will start in August and take us through the end of the year. Please note the scheduling of this class. We have some nice Procumbens nanas. These trees were bought for last years' class, so they have an extra year of growth on them. This is very nice material that will make some great bonsai. The instructors will be Bob Hale with an assist by Mark Edgar and the usual gang of helpers. The class starts at 8:30 am in Room 104. Please be on time or a few minutes early to help get the room set up for the class. Observers are always welcome. Even if you do not get in the class, you can still observe and learn.

Due to the long time between classes, here is a quick rundown of what you will get when you take a Beginner's Class, all for \$50.00! So, with no further ado, get ready to sign up.

- A tree
- A training pot
- A pair of scissors
- A book (The Little Book of Bonsai by Jonas Dupuich)
- 3 (2) hour training sessions.

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 Workshop: August 8 - Olea europaea (Olive). Our first workshop for the year will be some nice, large olives. These trees are in 5-gallon cans and are much larger than most anything you will find for sale. John Jackson will lead the class. There are only 5 spots available for this class. Sign-ups will be at the July meeting the cost will be \$125.00.

September – TBD

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

Program: by, Ignacio De La Torre , VP



Welcome back! Our upcoming program is a continuation of our Back-To-Fundamentals series. John Voss will share three often forgotten and not often used techniques for jin and shari. The techniques have been previously discussed in bonsai literature among the southern California bonsai community.

John's work in bonsai began in 1972 when he prepared for a public speaking course and discussed two of his trees. While studying Soil Science at Cal Poly Pomona (John holds degrees in Soil Science and Ornamental Horticulture), he joined a bonsai club on campus which folded shortly after he joined. Determined to learn more, he began classes with Khan Komai, who was based in Temple City. Mr. Komai's father-in-law was Frank Nagata, one of the founding members of the California Bonsai Society (CBS). John's second teacher was none other

than John Naka, one of the United States' most influential bonsai masters and a founding member of the CBS.

John believes strongly in the idea of "lineage" when it comes to teaching. A student learns from every instructor the teacher has worked with. When John is teaching students, they are learning from Frank Nagata, Khan Komai, and John Naka.

John previously owned a nursery that focused on houseplants although he concurrently maintained his private bonsai collection.

John has been an active SDBC member, having served as SDBC secretary; newsletter editor, printer, and stamp-licker; kitchen manager; and show chairperson. During club meetings, John can usually be found in the corner of the room helping students with tree design and styling.

We look forward to an intriguing presentation.

Upcoming Presenters:

August – Bob Pressler, president, Ca Bonsai Society, and owner of Kimura Bonsai in Northridge, CA, who will discuss summer work on species that thrive in the summer heat.



Special Projects: by Markel Farley, VP

FALL SHOW

The FALL show is currently being planned for September 25-26 (Set up on September 23-24). Volunteers will be needed to ensure the show is a success. The sign-up sheets will be made available at our next club meeting. Table sign-ups for tree displays will also be made available during the meeting. If you contacted me previously regarding showing trees, I will reserve tables for you. I will be following up to ensure all previous sign-ups are still interested in showing.



Volunteer Positions: Tear Down, Set Up, Roaming Security, Sales Table Cashier, Sales Table Check In/Out, Food for Volunteers, Front Door Info, Demonstrations, Membership Info, Kitchen Clean Up, Put Up/Take Down Flags, and Assist Brining in Trees (Sale and Show).

Fall Bus Adventure



Now that restrictions have been lifted, businesses are beginning to return to normal operations and the SDBC is planning a bus trip to interesting bonsai related locations. The trip will possibly occur in September and will require at least 25 participants.

Pricing and itinerary are currently being negotiated. I have a list of members who have shown interest in the bus trip. I will reconfirm once the itinerary is finalized. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact me.

More information will be presented during the upcoming July meeting.

Membership: by Udaykant Pandey, VP

Welcome following members who have joined the club since June 2021:

Quintin Bethge
Gloria Ayala
Tiffanie Weston
Drew Garrison
Lisa Tolnay-Waldon
Michael Rhodes

Many Thanks to member (s) who have renewed their membership since June 2021:

Clare and Ron Roberts
Rebecca Robyn
Marco Patino
Dan Sola
Christina Far
Louie Montecillo

With these additions and renewals, club currently has 366 active members.

To help keep the club financially strong, the club will continue to accept payment from those who would like to voluntarily submit their annual dues or make donations as a way of supporting the club through the pandemic. Please consider these options if you are able.

You can make payments through the club's website or by sending a check to the club at P.O. Box 86037, San Diego, CA 92138.

Library: by Sonya Holmquist, Librarian



The library doors will swing open on July 18, welcoming all members to, once again, browse through our many resources.

For our many new members, here's a quick overview. The library is open each Sunday we meet in Balboa Park, from 9:00 am to 10:20 am. It's located in room 104 (the same room where the beginner classes are held). Books, periodicals, and CDs are available

for check out. A list of books recommended for beginners can be found on the Club's website under the Resources tab.

For members who have been holding on to items checked out before the pandemic, please bring them back. I'll send out reminder emails after our July meeting.



Japanese Friendship Garden: by Barbara French-Lee, Liaison

Thank you to all our volunteers in the Garden this month; Mori Suemori, Aaron Mathenkari, Charlie Mosse, Sylvia Mosse, and Brenda Crann. Thank you to Fred Miyahara for coming twice to help with our pines. They are looking very healthy. And Thank You to Curator Neil Auwarter for his leadership in continuing to bring our collection at the JFG to even higher levels of creativity and development.



Fred Miyahara schools Neil and Mori on the fine points of black pine decandling



For the past two weeks the JFG has been holding their summer camp for students with one more week to go. The SDBC has provided instruction for two classes with one more to go on Wednesday, July 7th, along with providing trees, pots, soil, and wire. A big Thank You to Charlie Mosse for ficus trees and to Brenda Crann for teaching the classes. We had full classes and more with material provided for 48 students. We used miniature jade and ficus for our plant material which has a much higher rate of survival for our young students.



Happy July 2021

It is truly wonderful that our volunteers have survived these Covid days and months and are truly ready and eager to go back to more normal times of rest and relaxation and more fun Bonsai times!

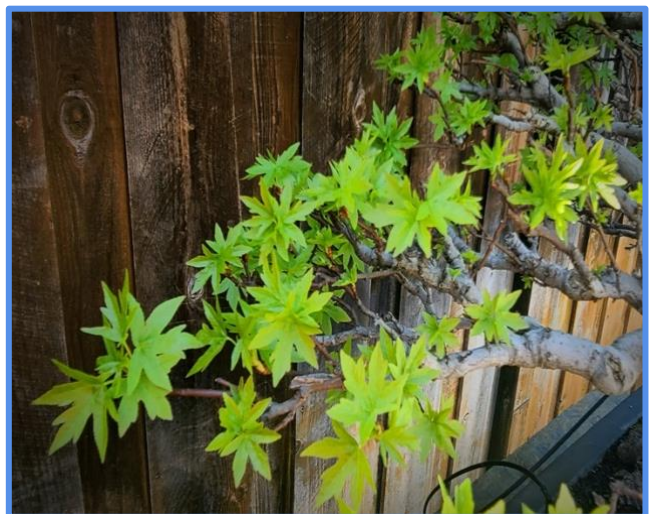
The Bonsai Pavilion at Safari Park has continued activities through these past months. Now we will resume once again without limits to having our volunteers on site and on any days at the Pavilion. . . Wonderful! At this time also, we are planning to return to our regular workdays on the first and third Saturdays of each month so that we can help new volunteers get their orientation and assistance at the Pavilion. We hope to be able to have short meetings on these days to also discuss our plans, projects, and problems. We take special break times in our work areas and enjoy special donated treats too! During these very warm summer days, we also need to remind each other to wear sun protection and drink lots of water. It is fortunate that we can move our bonsai to shaded areas for special work too. **Next workdays: Saturdays -July 17, August 1 and 21, Sept 4 and 18, Oct 2 & 13**
If you are interested in helping at the Pavilion please contact 'Lyn Stevenson for information on volunteer requirements for Safari Park. (inthegrove@cox.net)

For the 2021 January through June days, our volunteers posted over 1100 volunteer hours SUPER! ! Special thanks to these special volunteers:

Julia Chow, Sally & Steve Dischinger, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim Kirchmer, Carla Marasco, Sandi Marasco, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Janet & Ron Palmer, Clare & Ron Roberts, 'lyn Stevenson, Dennis Wagner, and Ken Zito. Special visits from Dave Woodall, Lysa & Mark Woodall, Sally Prestele, and Joanie Berkwitz came to the Pavilion and checked on their ongoing volunteer projects.

The many, many visitors to the Safari Park and to the Bonsai Pavilion continue to be enjoyable especially when they are interested in learning more about this special living art. They are often amazed to learn more and to know that all the bonsai have been donated to the Pavilion by members, personal estates, and Bonsai artist friends and are maintained by our volunteers exclusively. They are in awe and appreciate their visits whether they are local San Diegans or visiting from other states and countries.

San Diego Bonsai Club members all should feel the gratitude that is shown by everyone who respectfully compliment this very worthy hobby. Thanks, and congratulations to all our Club members and especially the cadre of Bonsai Pavilion volunteers!



Meeting Minutes: by Carla Marasco, Secretary

June 6, 2021 SDBC Board Meeting Minutes President Sue Carter called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:30pm

In attendance: Sue Carter (President), ~~Ignacio De La Torre~~ (First VP), Bill Graham (VP for Education), Markel Farley (VP for Special Projects), Jaya Kaelberer (Treasurer), Uday Pandey (Membership), Carla Marasco (Secretary), ~~Barbara French-Lee~~ (Past President)

OFFICER REPORTS

- President's Items (Sue Carter)
 - › The Prado at Balboa Park has stated that meetings can resume normal operations with the understanding that non-vaccinated guests will be required to wear masks while indoors. (masks are always optional for those who have been fully vaccinated) Masks, cleaning wipes and hand sanitizer will be available at the meetings
 - › A new member has agreed to volunteer as the Refreshment coordinator
- Programs (Ignacio De La Torre)
 - › None
- Education (Bill Graham)
 - › Workshops and Beginner classes will begin again in August and are scheduled through the end of the year as follows
 - Aug/Sep/Nov – Beginner Class (Procumbens Nana)
 - Aug – Intermediate Workshop (Olive w/John Jackson)
 - Sep – Intermediate Workshop (Cotoneaster w/Glenn Jensen)
 - Oct – No Classes / Lake Poway Picnic
 - Nov - Intermediate Workshop (Pot Prep/Mirai Chop Stick/top dressing w/Mike Shelly)
 - Dec – No Classes / Tree Decoration & Styling Contest
 - › A workday will be scheduled to maintain club olives again in August
- Special Projects (Markel Farley)
 - › The Fall show is scheduled for Sept 25th. There are several members willing to show trees. Sign up sheets to show trees and for volunteer slots will be available at the July meeting
 - › Swag gear (T-shirts, totes & aprons) will be available soon. T-shirts will be sold as a modified fundraiser to prevent leftover stock due to size/style variations. Aprons and totes will be available at the tool sales table for purchase.
 - › Bus trip is in the planning stages for September. A minimum of 25 people will be needed to secure bus
- Treasurer (Jaya Kaelberer)
 - › There was a slight loss in May, but June had a slight positive mainly due to new memberships coming in
 - › The Lake Poway site has been reserved for the October picnic and the insurance has been requested. The parking permits will be ordered next for non-Poway residents. A silent and live action is planned.
 - › Information/instructions and tags will be distributed at the July meeting for those wanting to sell items at the Fall show.
- Membership (Uday Pandey)
 - › There were 20 new memberships/renewals in the month of June making the overall membership of 366
 - › Badges for new members will be ordered once the member attends their first in person meeting
 - › Membership dues for existing members will resume as normal starting in January of 2022
- Secretary (Carla Marasco)
 - Statement of Information (SI-100) will be forwarded for the NRP Grant Application being submitted for the Pavilion
- Other Items (Barbara French-Lee)
 - › None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Treasurers Report: by Jaya Kaelberer, Treasurer

SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB - TREASURER'S REPORT			
Jaya Kaelberer as of 31 May, 2021			
Accounts have been reconciled with Union Bank statements			
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES (QuickBooks)			
SDBC Checking	\$39,817		
Japanese Friendship Garden	\$2,343		
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$12,967		
TOTAL FUNDS:	\$55,127		
SDBC Income	Actuals		budget
Total Donation Income	\$1,098	\$67.79 Amazon	\$ 2,800
Total Grant Qualcomm	\$500	No change from m/e April	
Total Education Income			\$ 5,400
Total Membership Income	\$1,531	\$218, 4 sngl, 1 2-pers fmlly	\$ 1,800
Guest Artist Workshops			\$ 800
Total Raffle & Auction			\$ 5,200
Spring and fall show income			\$ 3,000
Total Special Projects Income			\$ 1,000
Total Tool Sales	\$1,351	\$1,000 sale of tree in Pavilion	\$ 3,400
Total SDBC Income	\$4,480		\$23,400
SDBC Expenses			budget
Total Bonsai Pavilion			\$ 2,500
Donations and contributions			\$ -
Total Education	\$1,630	\$700 : 7 3-gal itoigawa,	\$ 5,220
Total Japanese Friendship Garden			\$ 500
Total Library	\$78	\$45 Growing Pines book	\$ 225
Total Mas Takanashi Grant			\$ 800
Total Membership			\$ 900
Total Monthly Program	\$70	No change from m/e April	\$ 3,300
Total Newsletter	\$287	\$61: Mailchimp, nwsltr cop	\$ 970
Total SDBC Club Expenses			
Total GSBF Liability Insurance	\$2,150	No change from m/e April	\$ 2,200
Other	\$620	\$360: Fliers, \$166: PO Box	\$ 2,050
San Diego Fair			\$ 65
Power of one scholarship			\$ 150
Total SDBC Spring Show			\$ -
Total Fall show			\$ 900
Total Special Projects			\$ 500
Total Taxes	\$59	No change from m/e April	\$ 2,120
Total Tool Table Expenses			\$1,000
Total SDBC Expense	\$4,894		\$23,400
Net SDBC Income (Loss)	(\$414)		\$0



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SDBC Upcoming Events:

July 18 9:00 am – 1:30 pm	Regular meeting: Room 101 John Voss presenting
Aug 8 9:00 am – 1:30 pm	Regular meeting: Room 101 Presenter: Rob Pressler ‘Summer Heat’
Aug 8 8:30 am – 10:15 am	Beginner Class: Room 104 Procumbens nana #1
Aug 8 8:30 am -10:15 am	Intermediate Workshop: Room 101 John Jackson, Olea europaea (Olive)
TBD	Possible bus shopping excursion with demo – TBD
Sept 19 9:00 am – 1:30 pm	Regular meeting: Presenter TBD
Sept 19 8:30 am -10:15 am	Beginner Class: Room 104 Procumbens nana #2
Sept 19 8:30 am -10:15 am	Intermediate Workshop: Room 101 Glen Jensen, Shohin Cotoneaster
Sept 24 – Sept 25 (Sat -Sun)	Fall Show and Sale: Room 101 Casa del Prado
Oct 10	Lake Poway Annual Picnic and Auction
Nov 14	Regular meeting: Presenter TBD
Nov 14	Beginner Class: Room 104 Procumbens nana #3
Nov 14	Intermediate Workshop: Room 101 Mike Shelly, Pot Prep-Mirai chop stick-Sumi ink top dressing
Dec 12	Regular meeting: Presenter TBD
Dec 12	‘Decorate your Bonsai’ - Holidays Contest No Workshop

May 21, 2022	Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Picnic and Auction
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