

San Diego Bonsai Club

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Presidents Message: Ignacio De La Torre, President

If our February 20th meeting is any indication of how the rest of the year will go, we will have a terrific year. More than 100 members attended the meeting. This is the largest gathering we've had in more than a year. This takes us back to pre-covid levels. And we had a flurry of new memberships and renewals. We're very excited to, once again, see such strong interest in the club.

First things first. A special thanks to Janice Hale and Julia Chow, who worked with Jaya Kaelberer, club treasurer, to perform an audit of our financials. They have done this every year for some time. I'm glad to note that we received a report from Julia indicating that our financials are in order.

There was lots of activity during the Sunday meeting. Our beginner class was again full as participants began to work on the tree design while trees were in full bloom. And the grafting workshop with Fred Miyahara was a success. Participants worked with Fred to change the type of foliage found on their trees or add grafts where branches were needed. John Voss was in his regular corner of the room. He's always willing to help members with tree designs and work so don't hesitate to bring in a tree. And I saw Louie Monticello doing work on a member's tree surrounded by onlookers. There was no shortage of things to watch.

The main event was our Expert Panel critique session. The session was terrific. Fred Miyahara, Mark Edgar, and John Jackson offered detailed critiques of our member's trees. It was good to hear that they had differing opinions on the best direction for a tree. It makes me feel better about the decisions I struggle when I work on my trees.

In last month's newsletter, I put out a plea for help in filling the raffle and refreshment tables. Well, members responded in a huge way. I can't recall ever seeing such a full raffle table. And, similarly, the food table had so many homemade treats. You've set a high bar. On behalf of the Board, I thank you for your generosity.

And on a somber note, 'lyn Stevenson shared her thoughts about Mary Ann Price, a longtime member and supporter who recently passed away. 'lyn's words were quite thoughtful and recognized the significance of Mary Ann's contributions to the club. She will be missed.

The coming months will present opportunities for club members to develop new skills and improve their tree collections (and, of course, to be involved). We look forward to sharing these opportunities.



*Camellia in bloom
donated to the Japanese Friendship
Garden by Neil Auwarter*

March 13, 2022: meeting at
Balboa Park,
Casa del Prado room 101

Classes: see page 2

Feature Article: page 8
'BUGS' by Charlie Mosse

Membership Payments DUE.
Late fees may apply after
March 13th

Resources:

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



Education: Bill Graham, VP

We had a very warm week or two and then a little bit of rain and then back to more normal temperatures. Another strange weather month! This has really confused a lot of my trees in to thinking it is spring. They are so confused right now!

Beginning Class: - Ulmus parvifolia – Chinese Elm – Gary Jones January 9, February 20, **March 13.** In the third and final session of the Beginners Class you will finalize your styling and learn how to repot your trees in to bonsai soil and a bonsai pot. Based on the trees at my house, yours should be pretty much in leaf. They will look like a bonsai now!

Intermediate Workshops:

March – Accent Plants and Kusamono – Cathy Edgar – Morning SOLD OUT! Cathy Edgar will lead the class in the creation of accent plants and kusamono. Cathy has many years' experience creating these small and delicate designs. She provides many examples for sale at our shows, and they are always a hit, selling out quickly. Cathy has been propagating plants and has pots just for this class. Class members will make a total of 3 different compositions. It will truly be a treat!!

March - Juniperus chinensis shimpaku Itoigawa – Julian Tsai – Afternoon SOLD OUT! Those of you at the September meeting got to see Bonsai Talent, Julian Tsai. His presentation was very informative. He will lead a Juniperus chinensis shimpaku itoigawa workshop. The trees for this workshop came from Tak Shimazu and will make good chuhin bonsai. **THIS CLASS WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON, FROM 1:00 – 4:00 PM.** This will be to allow for a solid 3 hours of work. This class is limited to 7 attendees.

April – Urban Yamadori Buxus sp. Common Boxwood – Christina Far SOLD OUT! Class will work with nice Urban Yamadori common boxwoods. These trees have been out of the ground since 2018, are very well established and ready for styling. They have nice trunks and a lot of potential.

May – No Class – Meeting at the Safari Park.

June – Large Juniperus prostrata – Louie Montecillo We have some nice large junipers for June. Louie Montecillo will be leading a class of six working on trees that all have a solid 2" or more trunk. If you were at the January meeting, you saw Louie take a tough Hollywood Juniper and really turn it in to a nice tree. **The sign-up sheet will be started at the April meeting. This class is limited to 6 attendees and the cost will be \$100.00.**

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.

A reminder that all beginning classes, workshops and skills classes are taught from 8:30 am to 10:15 am on club meeting days at Balboa Park unless otherwise specified. 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 wfgraham3rd@gmail.com.

Special Projects: by Markel Farley, VP

Rescheduled...Golden State Bonsai-A-Thon at Huntington Gardens ...now April 2, 2022

The club has cancelled the bus due to complications. Refunds are being processed. Please contact Markel if you have additional questions or inquiries.

Jaya has processed all refunds for Silhouettes and Bonsai-a-thon where payment was by credit card (Square). You should be seeing the refunds in your credit card bill in a couple of weeks. If payment was by cheque or cash, she will be mailing out checks this week.

Annual Spring Show - April 23rd & 24th

Time to start planning for the annual spring show! This April we will have our spring show and dinner. Table sign-ups for tree displays will also be made available during the meeting. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at the March meeting. Volunteering is available April 21st-24th. Please sign up for a role at the next club meeting.

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 Bringing in Trees (Sale and Show).

Membership: by Udaykant Pandey, VP

I would take an opportunity to thank all members who have renewed their membership for 2022. As of this reporting, the Club membership stands at 291.

You must be an active member of club to participate in club activities like classes, workshops, shows etc.

Dues are \$30 per person plus \$5 for each additional family member.

Payment can be made as follows:

- in person at the meeting
- on the club website (<https://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com/membership.html>)
- by sending a check to the club at P.O. Box 86037, San Diego, CA 92138

Please welcome following new members into the club:

Fulvio Casali
Adele Griffin
Ron Gans
Jacob Lewis

Jeff Lastofka
Alan Linan
Mitsuyuki Soto

Michelle Gonzales
Sara Bowdoin-Jones
Tim Pirkey
Miguel Torres

If your address or contact number has changed, please drop me an email (udaykant@gmail.com) to update the membership roster.



Donations: By Ignacio De La Torre

We thank the following individuals who generously donated to our Refreshments Table:

Maggie and John Jackson; Fred Miyahara; Sylvia and Charlie Mosse; Kathy and Dennis Wagner; Wayne Lord; Sue and Keith Carter; Nancy Reisman; Susan Baker; Sally and Steve Dischinger; Anistacia Miller; Phaedra, Ehring, and Jeff Hall; Isabella and Austin McGuyer.

We thank the following individuals who generously donated items to our Raffle:

Shirley Kavanaugh; Iris Strom; Joan Holiday; Scott Flack; Sylvia and Charlie Mosse; Paul Lawrence; John Voss; Carl Gilbert; 'lyn Stevenson; Sonya Holmquist; Sue and Keith Carter; Rebecca Robyn; Eric Jacobson; Ken Bross; Maggie and John Jackson; Gary Jones; Chuck Fasilis; Cristina and Abe Far; Ignacio De La Torre.

In Memory: by 'lyn Stevenson

REST IN PEACE MARY ANN!

We are much saddened with the loss of SDBC member Mary Ann Price.

Her husband, Harlan, shared that she passed away on Saturday, January 29th after some painful last few months. . .We all grieve with Harlan. Mary Ann is truly a loss . . .she was a wonderful light in our lives.

Mary Ann and Harlan have been long time SDBC active members and supporters in so many ways through the years. They have been active volunteers at the Bonsai Pavilion at Safari Park and at the Japanese Friendship Garden and with many activities at our meetings and bonsai shows each spring and fall. They also financially contributed to the fundraisers at the Pavilion and at SDBC activities.

Mary Ann shared many of her delicious bread recipes with us at our meetings and we will always continue to enjoy baking her recipes with many warm, memories in the future.

We were able to remember her at the SDBC February meeting with some prayerful thoughts but Harlan said that he would inform us of any tributes or memorials that take place later.

We look forward to hearing from him and also seeing him for many years ahead at our SDBC meetings and shows.

Library: by Sonya Holmquist, Librarian



Please stop by the [Club's library in room 104](#).

Our books, periodicals and DVDs are waiting for you.

Japanese Friendship Garden: by Neil Auwarter, Curator and Barbara French Lee, Liaison



California juniper (Sherwin Amimoto)

Thanks to our January volunteers Yoichiro “Mori” Suimori, Charlie and Sylvia Mosse, Aaron Mathankeri, and Barbara French-Lee. Our curator, Neil Auwarter, continues to perform magic with the bonsai trees and raises the quality of the collection.

As I write this a much-needed rain is beginning to fall. Our trees will no doubt respond positively. San Diego tap water has a rather alkaline pH of about 8.0; typical rain is in the 6.0 range and is free of the excessive salts found in our tap water.

This month Neil has given two presentations for the University of California Master Gardeners. He has filmed a demonstration of creating a bonsai from raw material for the Master Gardener’s seminar in March.

The video will be one of thirteen courses offered in the Master Gardeners’ 2022 Virtual Spring Seminar. The courses may be viewed online March 16-March 27; registration for the whole program is \$35. Here is a link:

<https://mgd.regfox.com/virtual-spring-seminar-2022>

In addition, this past week he gave a live demonstration to ten Master Gardeners who came to the Japanese Friendship Garden to see a bonsai presentation and tour the Garden. Neil brought a Juniper from nursery stock and turned it into the beginning of a bonsai with great potential. He donated the tree to be raffled off to one of the participants and the lucky winner was also celebrating a birthday that day.



In December Barbara gave a tour of the JFG bonsai collection to a robotics team of 6 students, age 11-13. Their theme for competition was to find a better way to ship produce to space so astronauts could have better nutrition. Their premise was to send a fruit bearing bonsai tree to space to help produce fresh fruit on the space station and they were researching fruit trees. The group and their parent coaches were very curious about bonsai fruit trees. Enhanced goji berries were considered a good possibility. Their next competition was the following week, and they had an idea for shipping but also appreciated the art of bonsai.

Pictured in this article are some recent shots of trees from the JFG collection. A fourth Picture is on our cover page. Enjoy them and enjoy the rain!



Shimpaku juniper (Tak Shimazu)



Liquidambar orientalis (Mark Edgar)

Bonsai Pavilion at Safari Park: 'Lyn Stevenson, Liaison

February is a short month, but our volunteers made it a record month for participation at the Pavilion. Congratulations and many thanks to our generous crew for their great February accomplishments and donations. Many volunteer hours during February were provided by:

Alan Burrows, Julia Chow, Nate Chongsiriwatana, Brenda Crann, Sally & Steve Dischinger, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Chuck Fasilis, Josh Frampton, Bob & Janice Hale, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim Kirchmer, Alec Mahar, Anistacia Miller, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Janet & Ron Palmer, Shawn & Yvette Palmer, Udaykant Pandey, Cindy Pecile, Clare & Ron Roberts, Theresa Schaub, 'lyn Stevenson, Dennis Wagner, Dave Woodall, Lysa & Mark Woodall, and Ken Zito. It was great to add new credentialed volunteers to the Pavilion also: Welcome Brenda and Theresa! Refreshments were donated by Curator John, Sylvia, Charlie, Cathy, 'lyn, the Safari Park Volunteer Office, and a couple of anonymous donors. Many thanks to all our masked and unmasked helpers always! . . . Curator John always finds more projects to do in the Pavilion no matter how many volunteer crew are present. It's quite impressive to know there is enough space for all the visitors to come and marvel at the bonsai exhibit and see everyone taking care of the collection. There is room for everyone, and more are always welcome!

We had special visits from the Volunteer Office Staff who also helped update needed vaccination cards and receive input requests for more signage to the Pavilion area.



Our special 97-year-old volunteer, Dave Woodall, joined us again in February and was pleased to review all the new improvements. Dave is standing by the crab apple tree he donated to SDBP some years ago.



Alan Burrows working on 'nana' tanuki Juniper donated by Marty Mann



Besides the necessary clean-up of weeds and leaf debris, bonsai trimming and moss transplanting, two large bonsai were replanted and restyled with enriched soil mix, a huge pomegranate, and a trident maple forest.



Team unpotting



New soil



Uday cleaning and prepping the pot

Bug Season Already?

In the good old days, we had freezing nights every year. The difference from year to year was how long it was below freezing and just how low the temperatures were. Freezing nights of decent duration helped to control some insect populations. We do not see that anymore. Our current freeze situation is just a bit of frost in some select areas. Temperatures at or around freezing for an hour or two is not a freeze. It may do a tiny bit of damage to tender plants, but it does little to kill off eggs etc.

What we see today is cool temperatures at night, not cold or freezing. Now let's add in daytime temperatures that are overall milder with more heat waves/spikes. The duration of the mild daytime temperatures is longer, and the nighttime chill is of shorter duration. This scenario is a boon for insects. More generations per season can and do occur during the growing season and, if the mild weather continues into winter, we can see insects in December through February when in the past we would not see them.

Since we do not monitor insects with traps and calculate degree days, our job is to keep an eye out for insects. Since weather is milder these days, we need to watch out for insects pretty much 12 months a year. We do know or can easily find out which insects live on which plants, weather conditions that trigger us to look for certain insects and past trouble one has had.

A couple of good examples are spider mites on Shimpaku Junipers when the weather gets warm and dry for a long enough period, or white fly on Ficus in the warmer months. Due to milder winters, we can get outbreaks in the middle of our "winter" because we get these warm periods from the Santa Ana's like we saw this year. Case in point is that there is a 1-gallon Ficus microcarpa 'Tiger Bark' in the growing area at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Three different insects were observed on it at the end of January...mealy bugs, white fly egg masses and black scale. Fortunately, the insect populations were small, but all were active. The white fly egg masses were not thick but were on every leaf! Fortunately, the eggs had not hatched yet but with the warm weather that started on February 6th and lasted for 2+ weeks, there would have been a significant hatching of eggs. The insects were controlled with an insecticidal soap and in the case of the hard scale, physically removed. So, we do need to keep a watchful eye due in periods of milder and hotter weather, and seriously consider a winter dormant spray even for evergreens.

Tidbit....This brings up the principle of "degree days". Using good weather data and knowing a particular insect's degree day threshold, one can figure out when to expect eggs to hatch and when to watch out for the insect. Professional container and field growers use this tool to determine when to look out for insects and weeds. They also use insect traps, for a particular insect, to give them an idea of the insect population and how fast it is growing. This assists in knowing when to spray or deploy natural predators and biological control, if any of these are needed at all. We do not use degree days so we rely on inspecting our plants by eyesight, using a magnifier, and using common sense, which is that when the weather warms for a long enough period, say 2-3 weeks, then insects may be hatching or emerging. The link below is from the University of California Ag and Natural Resources site. Again, we do not bother with this, but it is informative and is a tool used by professional growers. Knowing an insect's life cycle and triggers will help one reduce the time, expense, and exposure to chemicals. Since we do not deal with too many different insects and diseases, we learn over time how to keep them under control.

<http://ipm.ucanr.edu/WEATHER/ddconcepts.html>

<https://www.arbico-organics.com/>

Tidbit....many insects are visible to the eye or under low magnification, some are not so apparent until the infestation is causing harm in some way. Spider mites are a chronic problem, particularly on junipers. Mites are very difficult to see, hold a piece of paper or your hand under a branch and firmly tap it several times. This will knock mites out of the branch where they are more visible. If the tiny dot moves, it is most likely a spider mite. Then you start your control of mites by washing the mites off with a strong fan spray of water. Wait for the plant to dry and then start your control regimen with your preferred mite spray, per the label instructions. If the infestation is minor, you may be able to get away with just spraying off the foliage with water several times per week. Hose off in the morning so the tree can dry off before evening to help prevent the spread of disease like juniper tip blight. Keeping the juniper foliage open, helps to dry the foliage, helps with washing, and helps with the application of pesticides and foliar feeding. If you have any questions about insects, their identification and control, please



use the SDBC Facebook site to post the question. The question and solution can be shared with many, or you can email the club. You will get a meaningful response because we have so many members with decades of experience growing bonsai.

Program Notes from our February meeting: By Keith Carter

The Feb. 20 SDBC meeting provided members with a rare opportunity to have their own trees evaluated by three of the club's most respected bonsai experts.

Long-time members Fred Miyahara, John Jackson and Mark Edgar agreed to share their decades of knowledge and experience with the packed audience by critiquing a variety of trees brought in by members. The idea was to give expert feedback not only on the specific trees evaluated but to provide other bonsai enthusiasts specific ideas and suggestions that they might be able to use when deciding how to improve their own trees. The trio examined 16 different trees that included bonsai staples such as boxwoods, pines, elms, junipers, olives, and oaks, along with less common specimens such as a Yaupon holly, a potato tree and even a schefflera. The quality of trees evaluated ranged from a straight-from-the-nursery pot boxwood to a dramatic elm worthy of display in a "winter silhouettes" exhibition. Their advice ranged from suggestions for simple improvements such as using a different pot for a cork oak to the recommendation of urgent treatment for a fungus that was damaging a black pine. At times offering specific steps that could be taken for each tree and other times suggesting general ideas for overall improvements, the three voiced ideas that would benefit every bonsai owner. At times, they even disagreed with one another about what could be done for each tree. All three made several comments about each tree. Here are a few key takeaways from their evaluations:

Fred Miyahara: – On a black pine, he advised larger gauge wire was needed because the smaller 2.0- and 2.5-mm wire used was simply not strong enough to train the branches. In response to a question, he said that trimming pines should be done in October or November about 12 weeks after candling. – For a nursery stock boxwood with two main branches emerging from the soil, Fred suggested splitting it into two separate trees and potting them separately.

John Jackson– In examining a large windswept-style juniper, John pointed out that the trunk and main branch was going in one direction, while the foliage was growing in the opposite direction, a serious flaw in an otherwise attractive tree. "Bonsai needs to make sense," he said. – During his review of a small black pine, John cautioned patience to those growing pines, saying that they take 2-3 times as long as other trees to develop.

Mark Edgar– For a leggy potato tree resting atop a rock, he suggested that the tree would make a much stronger display statement if it was planted more upright and tipped forward. – Looking at a boxwood, Mark suggested that crossing branches needed to be cut off. He also suggested that the tree was too small for the pot and that it also needed to be planted in better soil.



Fred Miyahara, Mark Edgar, and John

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of SDBC Board Feb. 8, 2022... reported by Keith Carter

The meeting was called to order by President Ignacio De La Torre at 6:33 p.m. via Zoom. Attending were Kyle Icke, Bill Graham, Uday Pandey, Markel Farley, Jaya Kaelberer, and Sue Carter. Not present was Carla Marasco. Keith Carter served as acting secretary.

OFFICER REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP (Uday) -As of today, the club has 247 current members. Since July 2021, we have added 98 new members. Uday added a note in the February Bonsai Wire reminding people to renew. They have until March to renew or be considered in arrears. -Jaya said that the club pays \$3 per member for insurance, so she needs to have a specific number. Last year, we paid insurance for 310 members. Uday said that would be a good number for 2022 as well. -Sue agreed to give access to Google Drive to Sonya Holmquist as librarian and Susan Baker as Sunshine Chairman to access contact information about members.

TREASURER (Jaya) -Julia Chow and Janice Hale performed a successful audit of the club's finances in January. They found several minor discrepancies that were corrected. For example, when Qualcomm gave money, it went into the SDBC account, but should have been to the Safari Park Pavilion account. Either Janice or Julia will announce the results of audit at the next meeting. -Jaya left the meeting at 7:10.

EDUCATION (Bill) -Fred Miyahara will conduct a workshop this month on grafting. Julian Tsai and Kathy Edgar are also scheduled for workshops on March 13 – Kathy in the morning and Julian in the afternoon. -In April, Kristina Far, along with Abe Far, will conduct her first workshop (boxwoods) as lead instructor. May's meeting will be at the Safari Park, so no workshop then, but Louie Montecillo will hold a June workshop on large junipers, with John Voss doing an olive class in July. -The next beginner class series will be April-June-July, with Glenn Jensen as instructor. While the current beginner class enrolled 31 persons, Bill said that is too many and will restrict the size of future classes. Most future workshops will be limited to six people to give participants time to get adequate one-on-one time with the instructor. -Bill said he will be ordering more books and other supplies for the beginner class because he is running low on some items.

PROGRAMS (Kyle)-The Feb. 20 program will be Fred Miyahara, Mark Edgar and John Jackson evaluating trees brought in by members and offering styling ideas. -In March, Josh Miller from the San Sui Kai Bonsai Club in Encino will conduct a program on grafting. He is proposing to set up 4-5 tables with different trees and anyone who wants to try their hand at grafting can volunteer to participate. Josh will give an overview and help people perform grafting. He will bring five trees, provide instruction to participants, and then auction off the trees. -Sue suggested that the club pre-sell the spots for grafting participants. Ignacio suggested limiting participation to one person per tree to maintain the presentation aspect rather seem more like a workshop. Kyle will negotiate the cost of travel and materials. -For future presentations, Kyle has spoken to Roy Nagatoshi of Fuji Bonsai Nursery, and is working to figure out a date. Bill suggested we will need to identify a high-quality tree for him to be able to style; Kyle will ask if we can buy a tree from Roy and then auction it off. -Other possible presenters Kyle has spoken with include Cheryl Manning, who may be able to come in the fall; Bob Pressler, who would like to revisit the Brazilian rainforest tree he worked on last year; and Julian Tsai, who also has agreed to do another demonstration at a date to be determined. -Kyle said he learned that Jim Barrett is in hospice care. His wife Helen told Kyle they have a lot of pots for sale, if anyone wants to go up to Arcadia. Bill said he will contact Helen to see what pots are left. If he can get them for a good price, he will buy them for the club, and we can sell them at the next show.

SPECIAL PROJECTS (Markel) -The Bonsai-a-thon at Huntington Gardens has been postponed from Feb. 26-27 and now will be held on a new tentative date of April 2-3. Markel said it would not be possible for him to coordinate a bus trip for April 2 and to also organize the club's April show. He asked the board for guidance on whether to cancel the planned bus trip and allow members to attend on their own. -Ignacio said the state is relaxing COVID guidelines Feb. 15, but L.A. County is not changing. He still is uncertain whether the April 2 date is final, based on a disclaimer included on a flyer promoting the Bonsai-a-thon. Bill said that based on his contact with Bonsai-a-thon insiders such as Steve Valentine and Mel Ikeda, he believes it will happen on the new dates. -Kyle voiced support for allowing members to make the trip on their own and suggested the club refrain from bus trips until COVID is less of a threat. -After discussion, Sue made a motion to postpone all bus trips for now. Markel seconded the motion. The motion passed by 6-0 vote.

PRESIDENT (Ignacio) -In discussing the dinner that traditionally has been held as part of the Spring Show, Ignacio asked whether there has been a separate committee that works on dinner or is it considered part of the show itself. Sue said Abe Far had handled the dinner in the past. She said that refreshments coordinator Matt Jillson said that if Abe had the necessary equipment and still wants to handle the dinner, it's all right with him. Traditionally Abe has handled arranging for the main courses to be catered, with members bringing side dishes and desserts. Ignacio said he will speak to Matt about the dinner. -Ignacio reported that members of the Baikoen bonsai club have been invited and are likely to bring as many as 20 people from their club and others in the Los Angeles area. Ignacio said he will contact other clubs to see whether they have people coming for the dinner. -Markel will start taking signups from those who are volunteering to work the show at the February meeting. He also asked for help on organizing the signups and for the dinner, which he will mention at the upcoming meeting. Kyle suggested that the dinner be held out on the patio. Bill said that in the past, the club had eaten outdoors and held the raffle indoors. -Sue said she will update Bonsai-a-thon page on website to indicate the Bonsai-a-thon bus trip is canceled. She is also working on getting backend technical help for the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



CLUB GENERAL MEETING Minutes 2/20/22 10:30am start... reported by Sue Carter

I. Action Item: SDBC Bylaws. Ignacio explained that the bylaws have been updated to reflect current technology, which allows online meetings for the Board of Directors as well as minor editing for clarification. He explained that the bylaws with proposed changes must be made available to the membership for two months prior to voting on the changes. Copies of the updated bylaws were displayed at the December and January meetings in addition to being posted on the SDBC website. Ignacio called for a motion to approve the updated bylaws. Trudy Seeley made the motion and Deidra Ehring seconded it. Ignacio called for the vote and the upgraded bylaws were passed. The new bylaws will be posted on the club website. Ignacio thanked the members who were involved in updating the bylaws.

II. New Business

A. Ignacio introduced Janie Beck, bonsai coordinator from the Coronado Flower Club, who asked for volunteers to display bonsai at their club's 100th Anniversary show on April 23-24. As a bonsai practitioner, Janie promised she would carefully monitor all exhibits. Janie also asked for 2 volunteers to judge the bonsai exhibit on April 23 from 9 am to 10 am. If interested, contact Janie at 619.890.1310.

B. 'lyn Stevenson spoke about the recent passing of longtime member, Mary Ann Price. 'lyn shared how much Mary Ann and her husband, Harlan, brought to the club activities over the years, including many volunteer hours at the SD Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion.

C. Ignacio asked the members for a volunteer to help Charlie Mosse with research for his monthly article in The Wire. He commended Charlie for the thoroughness of his timely articles on bonsai care. Anyone interested in assisting Charlie or in writing their own articles should contact him at chasmosse@gmail.com.

D. Ignacio announced that members would have an opportunity to participate in an upcoming show, the Pacific Bonsai Expo, being organized by Jonas Dupuich Nov. 12-13 in Oakland. Jonas was impressed with the member turnout and quality of trees for his SDBC presentation at the JFG last November and would like to duplicate that format. Those interested can contact Jonas through the website pacificbonsaiexpo.com.

Ignacio urged members to visit the club's website to see the changes being made. He asked for input if anyone has recommendations for additional improvements.

III. Officer Reports

A. Treasurer: Jaya Kaelberer reported that the last installment from the \$15,000 county grant was used to complete the new display area at the Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion. She reported that last month's income was \$1,200 from education and \$1,200 from membership. Full financial reports were available for review on the back table. Julia Chow reported that she and Janice Hale had completed the annual audit of the club's bank accounts and confirmed that the audit found the accounts to be accurate.

B. Education: Bill Graham thanked Fred Miyahara for conducting the grafting class and Gary Jones and his core of volunteers for the beginning class. He announced signups for the next beginning class would be available after his presentation. And that he was limiting sign ups to one person at a time to be as fair as possible to all members. Upcoming classes and workshops are listed in this edition.

C. Membership: Uday Pandey reported there are currently 260 paid members with the total changing almost daily. We added 14 today. The high for last year was 510 paid members. He urged those present to renew their membership and to confirm their email. Uday asked new members present to stand for recognition.

D. 1. Special Programs: Ignacio gave the report on behalf of Markel Farley. The Spring Show sign-up sheets are displayed on the back table. Ignacio encouraged members to sign up. The Baikoen Bonsai club has been invited for the dinner and they are anticipating bringing several members to the event. The club will provide the main course and members will bring side dishes. Abe Far will coordinate the dinner at the Spring Show. Ignacio reported that Abe has requested help in organizing the dinner. Those interested can reach him at abe_far@yahoo.com.

D.2. Ignacio said the Board on Feb. 8 voted to cancel plans to hire a bus for the Bonsai-a-thon in April since the bus companies require upfront, non-refundable payment and the dates for the event are subject to change. Members who plan to attend the Bonsai-a-thon are encouraged to carpool.

E. Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion: John Jackson, Curator, spoke about the beautiful new area at the Pavilion and said the Pavilion now has 60 trees on display. He thanked the volunteers and said to contact 'lyn Stevenson if you want to become a volunteer at the Park. The club will hold its May meeting at the Pavilion and members enjoy a non-hosted picnic and a silent auction. Sign-ups for the May meeting will be available at the March and April meetings. If you do not have a Zoo membership, contact 'lyn for a ticket to enter the park for the meeting.

F. Programs: First Vice President Kyle Icke announced that he is working on getting Julian Tsai as the presenter for March. Kyle then introduced the panel for the presentation, Fred Miyahara, John Jackson, and Mark Edgar.

Treasurer's Report: by Jaya Kaelberer

SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB - TREASURER'S REPORT		
Jaya Kaelberer as of 31 January, 2022		
Accounts have been reconciled with Union Bank statements		
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES (QuickBooks)		
SDBC Checking	\$56,688	
Japanese Friendship Garden	\$2,343	
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$14,205	
TOTAL FUNDS:	\$73,236	
SDBC Income	Actuals	Notes
Total Grant Qualcomm	\$250	\$250: to sdbc
Total Education Income	\$1,233	Wkshps (Grafting, Itoigawa, Kusamono)
Total Membership Income	\$1,235	Club Dues
Total Raffle & Auction	\$298	\$146: demo tree auctio;\$152: raffle
Total Special Projects Income	\$1,808	\$669: sil, \$1139: bat
Total Tool Sales	\$875	Tools, Apex fertiliser, aprons
Total SDBC Income	\$5,699	
SDBC Expenses		
Total Bonsai Pavilion	\$60	NPK fertiliser
Total County Grant	\$2,545	Steel poles, rock tops, redicrete
Total Education	\$456	\$126: 9 cypress trees, \$330: O,N,D water cost
Total Library	\$137	\$48:BCI, \$89: Bonsai Focus
Total Membership	\$199	20 badges
Total Monthly Program	\$172	\$150: demo Tortulosa juniper,\$22: kitchen
Total Newsletter	\$21	\$21: Mail chimp
Total Taxes	\$401	O,N,D 2021 Sakes tax
Total Tool Table Expenses	\$60	Apex fertiliser
Total SDBC Expense	\$4,050	
Net SDBC Income (Loss)	\$1,649	
County grants received this month	\$0	
Total income w/o county grants	\$5,699	
County grants spent this month	\$2,545	
Total expense w/o county grants	\$1,505	
Net income w/o grants	\$4,193	
ITD County Grants Spent	\$15,387	See Detail below

-Detail of the capital expenditures is provided below. \$15,000 of the \$15,387 spent is reimbursed from the county grant. The remainder is reimbursed from Pavilion budgeted expense.

-A final report with a list of expenditures and copies of receipts, invoices, cancelled cheques and bank statements is being prepared and is planned for submission by March 2022.

-I have processed all refunds for Silhouettes and Bonsai-a-thon where payment was by credit card (Square). You should be seeing the refunds in your credit card bill in a couple of weeks. If payment was by cheque or cash, I will be mailing out cheques this week.



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SDBC Upcoming Events: *MEETING TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

Month	Date(s)	Location	Rooms
March meeting	13	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
April meeting	10	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
April Spring Show	21 - 24	Casa del Prado	101
May meeting	15	Safari Park	
June meeting	19 (Father's Day)	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
July meeting	10	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
August	7	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
September meeting	11	Casa del Prado	104 - only
Sept Fall Show	15 - 18	Casa del Prado	101
Oct Picnic and Auction	9	Lake Poway	
Nov meeting	13	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
Dec meeting	11	Casa del Prado	101 and 104



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