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President's Message: Ignacio De La Torre

As we begin a new year, I am filled with a renewed sense of anticipation as we plan for an exciting 2023 (maybe it's the fact that this is my last year as president.) A major focus for the coming year will be to expand educational opportunities for our members. More of our monthly presentations will center on developing the skills that we use in bonsai. Our first such opportunity begins with our January presentation, a repotting clinic and workshop. See the article in this newsletter for details.

We ended the year on a particular high note. Our December meeting was one for the record books. We had a large spread for members to enjoy and our raffle table was full thanks to the kindness of so many members (thanks to Olivia George, Lien Lieu, and Kathryn and Dennis Wagner who worked overtime in the kitchen.) You'll read Keith Carter's summary of the annual tree styling competition which was developed by Gary Jones, a longtime member and teacher. We extend a heartfelt Thank You to Gary who not only came up with an exciting and entertaining program, he also donated all of the prizes.

I extend a thanks to the many participants in the tree styling competition, and a big thanks to the participants in the holiday tree decorating contest.

We have a new Board of Directors which was sworn in during our December meeting. We welcome Phaedra Ehring to the Board as our new Vice President of Special Projects, and we thank Markel Farley for his service in that capacity over the past two years. We also thank Christine and Darryl Elmer as they leave their posts as Tool Sales Managers while we welcome Sandi Marasco to that role.

We accomplished a great deal this past year. My hope is that we maintain in 2023 the momentum we established last year. Have a safe and joyous start to the new year.



*Pomegranate
Donated to Safari Park Bonsai
Pavilion by Stan Childs*

Annual Membership payments are due

See page 12

Upcoming Meetings

January 8, 2023:

Casa del Prado at Balboa Park,
Meeting 10:30AM

February 2023:

Date will be announce soon
Casa del Prado at Balboa Park,
Meeting 10:30AM

Repotting Workshop:

see page 2

Classes: see page 6

Resources:

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



Upcoming meeting: Repotting Presentation and Workshop

The club will hold its annual January Repotting Workshop which includes a presentation on Repotting Basics by Bob Hale. Bob is a pro at repotting having previously demonstrated this skill for the club. He, along with his wife, Janice, also prepare the club soil mix used for the repotting. The club will provide soil and wire for the workshop.

This year's program will be slightly different than in previous years. Those members who are comfortable with their repotting skills are welcome to arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and work on repotting their one large tree or two small trees (they can also repot in the afternoon.)

For those members who have never repotted a tree or want a primer on repotting, there will be a repotting presentation by Bob Hale following the club meeting which begins at 10:30 a.m. Bob will cover basics including how to determine if a tree should be repotted, a method to wire a pot, the appropriate use of soil, the trimming of roots, and a way to wire the tree into the pot. Following his presentation, members can move to the workshop area where they will re-pot their own trees while they receive assistance from our more advanced members. It should be a good learning experience for those who are new to bonsai or want to improve their skills. Those who are comfortable repotting their own trees can also participate at this time.

The January repotting workshop is specifically for trees that can be repotted at this time of year — **junipers, pines, maples, and other deciduous varieties** — almost any tree species except tropical heat-loving trees such as olives, ficus, and bougainvillea. We will hold a similar repotting workshop during the summer for those trees.

If you are not sure whether your tree should be repotted, feel free to bring it to the meeting. Don't forget your pots if moving a tree from a plastic pot to a bonsai pot. The workshop is open to all members and is included with membership.

- Club will provide the bonsai soil
- Limit 2 trees per member
- Trees should be trimmed, wired and ready for the bonsai pot.
- There is no place to dump soil from grow pots so be prepared to take it back home with you.
- Remember your tools
- Remember your new pot, if needed

The annual holiday tree-styling competition at the December meeting turned into a bonsai-themed version of “Let’s Make a Deal,” with the club’s own Gary Jones playing the role of TV emcee Monty Hall.

Fourteen club members ranging in skill from newcomers to experienced bonsai enthusiasts took part in the event, with each selecting a tree to work on from a row of young junipers grown from cuttings by Gary. Participants were given about 45 minutes to come up with a design for their trees, enough time to do the basic trimming and wiring needed to give their trees a head start on becoming bonsai. Several mentors roamed up and down the line of tables to offer advice and encouragement to the contestants.

When the styling competition ended, the full club had a chance to vote for their favorites. And it was after the ballots were counted that the real fun began. Gary offered the first-place winner, Lien Liu, a choice between the usual cash prize or a “mystery box” that he had prepared. After much encouragement from the eager audience, she picked the box, which turned out to contain a handsome bonsai tool kit.

Gary repeated his offer of choosing between the still-unclaimed first-place cash award or a “mystery box” to the second-place winner, Clayton White. Like Lien, Clayton took the box, which to his delight held a beautifully designed bonsai. The fun choices continued with third-place winner Mark Dobrina being given the same opportunity to make a blind selection. Several other competition participants also were able to pick from two mystery prizes that they were able to take home as reward for their efforts.

And after all of Gary’s “doors” were opened and all the prizes handed out, the newly designed trees were auctioned off, with proceeds going to the club.



Gary Jones watches as Lien Liu, first-place winner in the annual Holiday Styling Competition, displays the bonsai tool kit from the “mystery box” she chose after passing up the cash prize.





The first-place tree styled by Lien Liu



2nd place styling winner Clayton White holds his prize

The annual holiday tree decorating contest was a crowd favorite. Ten participants brought in lovely, decorated trees which expressed the cheeriness of the holiday season. Club members voted for their favorites and our top three were awarded prizes.

First Place: Pilar De La Torre

Second Place: John Jackson

Third Place: Darryl Elmer (Darryl also took first place for the best holiday coat)

Thank you to all of our participants for making the contest a special activity.



First place
Pilar De La Torre



Second Place
John Jackson



Third Place
Darryl Elmer

Special Event: by Markel Farley and Phaedra Ehring, VP

Upcoming Trips:

\$40 per person per trip. Information and signups will be available during the January meeting. Any additional information will be sent in further communication.

59th annual Winter Silhouettes at Live Oak Park Community Center in Temple City on January 21, 2023.

Signup sheet available at the January meeting. Last day to pay is during the January meeting.

Pickup/Drop Off locations: Balboa Park and Carlsbad

The Winter Silhouettes show is hosted by the BaikoEn Bonsai Kenkyukai Society. The show features bonsai trees that have no leaves to cover 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. We are invited to dinner and to participate in their demo, auction, and raffle. San Diego Bonsai Club members always bring bonsai related items and dessert for the evening dinner. The bus picks up members and departs from Balboa Park (11am), stops for another pick up in Carlsbad (11:30am). It is important to understand the trip will complete with a drop off of members around 11:00pm at the previously mentioned pick up locations.

Golden State Bonsai-A-Thon at Huntington Gardens on February 25, 2023.

Signup sheet available at the January meeting. Currently full. There is a waitlist available.

Last day to pay is the January meeting. Otherwise, unpaid participants will be moved to the waitlist and someone from the top of the waitlist will be assigned placement on the bus.

Pickup/Drop Off locations: Balboa Park and Carlsbad

For our bus trip in February 2023, we will visit the Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, which houses the Golden State Bonsai Federation Bonsai Collection in Southern California. In addition to the wonderful bonsai exhibits, there will be demonstrations, workshops, and a large vendor area. At the end of the day, an auction and raffle will be held. Breakfast is served from 7:00 to 9:00 am and lunch from 12:00 to 1:30 pm at a minimal cost. Meals are open for those who wish to partake. Garden tours are scheduled at 10:00 am on both days. The bus picks up members and departs from Balboa Park (7am), stops for another pick up in Carlsbad (7:30am). The trip will complete with a drop off of members around 7:00pm at the previously mentioned pick up locations.

Library: by Sonya Holmquist

Looking forward to seeing you at our Library in 2023. It is open prior to our meeting (9am-10:30am) in room 104 Casa de Prado



Education: by Bill Graham, VP

2023 Here we come! Winter continues to be here! It has been cold! My deciduous put on a semi decent color show this year. Always love to see the leaves change. Reminds me of home! Continue your winter maintenance and get ready for repotting season. The Styling Competition this year was completely different and extremely fun! There were some very nice trees started and the prize game was fantastic!! Thank you, Gary Jones, for providing the trees and prizes and putting all the effort in to make a new and exciting competition!

Beginning Class: -Buxus sempervirens – Common Boxwood –Carla Marasco

January 8 – February tbd – March 12

The 1st Beginners class for 2023 is January, February, and March. Please try to be early to help set up the room so we can get everyone in and ready to work. Please pay attention to the dates. Our February meeting is a week early due to the Cactus Society Show. Carla Marasco will be the lead instructor for the class. We have some very nice Boxwoods to work on. The cost is \$50.00. **SOLD OUT!**

Intermediate Workshop:

January – NO WORKSHOP – ANNUAL CLUB REPOTTING EVENT. Bring a tree and our many volunteers will help you repot it. 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 – Juniper prostrata – Literati / Bunjin – Matthew Gelacio

We have something different coming in February. Matthew Gelacio is one of our new up and coming bonsai artists. His tree at the last show was outstanding! He is going to lead a class in creating literati / bunjin style junipers. Literati are tall, elegant bonsai and are not as easy to create as you would think. Matthew will bring an example of his creation to the January Meeting. The class is limited to 6 people. The cost is \$95.00. **There are 3 spots available.**

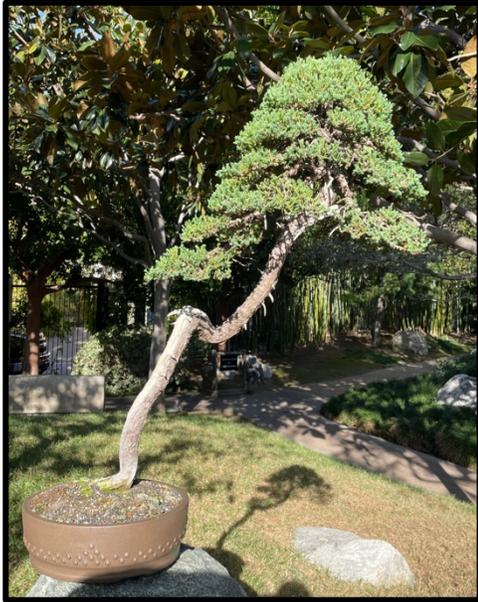
March – Japanese Black Pines – Fred Miyahara

Our own Master of the Japanese Black Pine, Fred Miyahara, will once again lead a workshop and will bring his many years of experience and training to help guide you to your own future masterpiece. This class is limited to 6 people. The trees have very nice bases and lots of potential. This will go on sale at the January meeting. The cost is \$195.00.

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. **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 unless otherwise specified.** 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 the monthly meeting or at wfgraham3rd@gmail.



Tree today on display at the JFG

Get to Know Your JFG Trees: Cathy Edgar Procumbens Juniper “nana”

Most of the trees in the club’s collection at the JFG have come from generous club members. One such tree is our bunjin-style procumbens juniper “nana” donated by Cathy Edgar in 2018. Cathy acquired the tree in 2016 at a club auction of material gifted by the Bish estate. At that time the lanky tree had an interesting trunk but little else that looked like bonsai. Cathy decided to style the tree after a photo of a Kokufu-ten exhibition tree—a northern Japanese hemlock (*tsuga diversifolia*). Cathy changed the planting angle, added a long line of shari to the trunk, and performed structural and fine wiring on the canopy. In just 16 months Cathy had transformed this raw pre-bonsai into the tree shown in the SDBC Fall Show in 2017. Then in 2018 she donated the tree to the club, and it resides at the JFG collection. The accompanying photographs show the tree in 2013 when it was donated to the club, at the 2017 Fall Show, and today at the JFG. Also pictured is the inspiration Kokufu tree, which can be found in the Kokufu-ten 88 album. Thank you, Cathy!

Thanks to our December volunteers, Barbara French-Lee, Charlie Mosse, and Ron Roberts.



“Nana” juniper in 2013



Transformed tree at 2017 Fall Show



Inspiration Kokufu tree:
tsuga diversifolia



Bonsai Pavilion at Safari Park: by Mark Edgar



The weather has turned cold, and the leaves are just about off of the deciduous trees. Repotting has started and we have completed five junipers so far which completes the fall repotting. The next repots will begin when the deciduous and deciduous evergreen trees show signs of coming to life. Only about 10 trees are on the repot list, so we are halfway done already. The repot crew was Ken Zito, Matthew Gelacio, Camille Newton, John Jackson, Josh Frampton, and Mark Edgar.



The other focus for November/December is to shoot select and needle pluck the Japanese Black Pines. The six landscape pines are the focus now and are nearing completion. Dennis Wagner has a dedicated crew of pine wranglers. Sylvia and Charlie Mosse are shown with the pine that was transplanted in June. The tree looks like it will live even after a summer transplant. Sonya Holmquist, Bob Hale, and Sally Dischinger worked on another nearby pine.



We had an informal holiday party after Pavilion work. Twenty-three volunteers were present and brought some great main dishes, sides, desserts, and munchies. It was nice to have a gathering after all the hard work done by volunteers this year. Volunteers for December included Nate Chongsiriwatana, Julia Chow, Brenda Crann, Sally and Steve Dischinger, Mark and Cathy Edgar, Josh Frampton, Matthew Gelacio, Bob and Janice Hale, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim Kirchmer, Jeanne, and Mike McKinney (new volunteers), Carol Ann McManus, Anistacia Miller, Charlie and Sylvia Mosse, Camille Newton, Janet, and Ron Palmer, Uday Pandey, Cindy Pecile, Clare and Ron Roberts, Dennis Wagner, and Ken Zito. We worked 3,345 hours in 2022 or an average of 279 hours per month.



Janice Hale volunteered to take one of the viewing stone home to clean the stone and stand. The result was stunning. The waterfall feature really stands out.

Treasurer's Report: by Jaya Kaelberer

SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB - TREASURER'S REPORT			
Jaya Kaelberer as of 30 November, 2022			
Accounts have been reconciled with Union Bank statements			
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES (QuickBooks)			
SDBC Checking	\$68,156		
Japanese Friendship Garden	\$2,343		
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$19,320		
TOTAL FUNDS:	\$89,819		
SDBC Income			
	Actuals	Change from previous month	budget
Total Donation Income	\$3,607	\$55: AmazonSmile	\$ 2,150
Total Grant Qualcomm	\$3,000	\$2,250 : Qualcomm Volunteer, Board member	\$ 2,000
Total Education Income	\$10,307	\$1,167: Beginner class	\$ 6,700
Total Fair Awards			\$ 150
Total Membership Income	\$7,830	\$468: Club dues	\$ 6,000
Total Monthly Program			\$ 1,600
Total Raffle & Auction	\$14,140	\$891: Manning tree auction \$550, \$341: genl mtg raffle	\$ 8,000
Total Show Income	\$8,015	No change from m/e October	\$ 7,900
Total Special Projects Income	\$1,484	\$468: BAT: \$311, SIL: \$157	\$ 4,500
Total Tool Sales	\$3,239	\$449: Tool Sales :wire, apron, tools	\$ 4,400
Total SDBC Income	\$51,623		\$43,400
SDBC Expenses			
			budget
Total Bonsai Pavilion	\$4,095	No change from m/e October	\$ 5,500
Total Education	\$8,235	\$310: wire for classes	\$ 5,920
Total Japanese Friendship Garden	\$414	No change from m/e October	\$ 1,550
Total Library	\$220	No change from m/e October	\$ 450
Mas Takanashi Grant			\$ 500
Total Membership	\$1,336	\$311: badges	\$ 900
Total Monthly Program	\$4,360	\$634: Spkr fees: \$550, food, supplies: \$84	\$ 7,650
Total Newsletter	\$729	\$82: mailchimp: \$23, newsletter printing: \$59	\$ 1,050
Total SDBC Club Expenses			
Total GSBF Liability Insurance	\$2,305	No change from m/e October	\$ 2,250
Other	\$2,447	No change from m/e October	\$ 2,980
San Diego Fair			\$ 300
Power of one scholarship			\$ 300
Total SDBC Fall Show	\$955	No change from m/e October	\$ 500
Total SDBC Spring Show	\$1,376	No change from m/e October	\$ 1,970
Total Special Projects	\$2,055	No change from m/e October	\$ 6,000
Total Taxes	\$3,424	No change from m/e October	\$ 3,080
Total Tool Table Expenses	\$1,440	No change from m/e October	\$ 2,500
Total SDBC Expense	\$33,391		\$43,400
Net SDBC Income (Loss)	\$18,231		\$0
Our income to date is greater than the budget by \$8 k ! Several areas are performing over budget as shown above			
Our expenses are less than the budget by \$10k. Expect expenses from monthly program food, speaker fees, prizes, ...			
We are in excellent shape!			
Please make sure reimbursement cheques are cashed in a timely manner			
There is one old uncashed reimbursement cheque. I will be voiding it in December			



San Diego Bonsai Club Board Meeting Minutes: by Carla Marasco

December 13th, 2022, SDBC Board Meeting Minutes President Ignacio De La Torre called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:30pm

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

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Items (Ignacio De La Torre)

- 2023 Programs – Discussed moving forward with more of an educational focus for general meeting programs. These will be a combination of both in-house training presentations/workshops as well as having guest presentations focused more on educational topics when able
- Jan 2023 Meeting - No formal presenter due to it being our bi-annual re-potting day. Repotting for those not needing instruction will begin at 8:30am. The regular business meeting will start at 10:30 with a brief repotting presentation for those needing help. The re-potting will continue through the normal presentation timeframe.
- 2023 Meeting Date Changes – There are several dates that the meeting room is not available to us. February will be the first meeting affected. The date has been changed to February 5th and may need to be held at an alternate locations. Information to come.
- Union Bank Account needs to be updated with the current President, Treasurer & Secretary. A motion was adopted by unanimous Board vote to add Ignacio De La Torre, president, and Carla Marasco, secretary, to the SDBC account. Jaya Kaelberer will remain on the account. (M/Udaykant, S/Kyle Icke). A motion was adopted by unanimous Board vote to remove Sue Carter and Jack Graham from the account. (M/Kyle Icke, S/Jaya Kaelberer). All needed documentation will be gathered prior to bank visit.
- Private Classes – Board has agreed to decline teaching private class in UTC due to logistics and teacher willingness/availability

Programs (Kyle Icke)

- Guest presenters are being scheduled for 2023 to present on dates opposite of in-house training presentation.

Education (Bill Graham)

- We are working on getting on the schedule with the CBS Visiting Artists for demos and/or workshops from international artists
- Feb will have a Juniper workshop \$95 (3 spots available)

Special Projects (Markel Farley)

- Winter Silhouettes in Temple City Jan. 21st will require more sign-ups to continue with Bus reservation. Ticket sales will be added to the website
- Bonsai-a-thon @ The Huntington Feb. 25th is booked. There is currently a wait list for seats on the bus

Treasurer (Jaya Kaelberer)

- 2022 had a net income of \$52K (most coming from education, raffles/auctions & membership)
- 1st draft of 2023 budget will be sent out for board review

Membership (Uday Pandey)

- Club currently has 562 members (169 paid members w/remaining needing renewal)
- Renewals are now due and can be paid online

Secretary (Carla Marasco)

- N/A

Past President (Sue Carter)

- N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

San Diego Bonsai December Club Meeting Minutes: by Carla Marasco

CLUB MEETING 12/11/22 10:30am start

President - Ignacio De La Torre – Intro

- 2023 Board was sworn in by Mark Edgar
- Because we are a large club, we are exploring options to make sure that all of our new members are supported.
- This was Markel's last meeting serving as VP of Special Projects. Phaedra Ehring-Hall will be serving for 2023
- Thank you was given to the many people that help with the functions of the club

Treasurer – Jaya Kaelberer

- Clubs finances are in good shape with positive income. Combined accounts total \$89K

Special Projects – Markel Farley

- Winter Silhouettes Bus Trip (Temple City) is scheduled for Sat., January 21st for \$40/Pick-up times are 11am Balboa Park & 11:30am Carlsbad/There will be a stop at a nurse on the way (Nursery TBD)/Bring a Dessert to share at the banquet as well as donation for the Raffle.
- Bonsaiathon Bus Trip (Huntington Library) is scheduled for Sat., February 25th/Price TBD/Pick-up times are 7am Balboa Park & 7:30am Carlsbad (Note Date Change)/Sold Out with Wait List

Membership – Uday Pandey

- Club currently has 562 members
- Renewals are now being collected for 2023 (No renewal needed for new members who joined in September or later)

Education – Bill Graham

- We will continue to hold a raffle for class sign-ups going forward
- January – Repotting Session for cold weather trees (junipers, pines, etc)
- January/February/March – Boxwood Beginner Class with Carla Marasco
- February – Literati/Bunjin with Matthew (6 spots \$95)
- March - Black Pines with Fred Miyahara (6 spots go on sale at Jan mtg.)
- April/May/June – Chinese Elm Beginner Class (on sale in Mar due to Bill being out in Feb)
- All classes go on sale at the monthly meeting two months before the class
- Intermediate classes are for advanced students and run at the same time as beginner classes. (don't sign up for both)

Safari Park – John Jackson

- Park continues to have many volunteer opportunities to keep the trees trimmed and healthy/Workdays are on the 1st & 3rd Saturday's of the month/If interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Mark Edgar

Japanese Friendship Garden – Neil Auwarter

- N/A

Special Events – Kyle Icke

- Next month will be the Winter repotting session

Other –

- Next meeting will be January 8th



Membership: by Udaykant Pandey, VP

Please welcome following new members into the club who have joined since Nov-Dec 2022:

Stephen Johnson
Claudia Johnson
Gary Bender
William Barron
Kit Longhurst
Spencer Williams
Tim Schwartz

Tony Mangina
Adrian Mangina
Benjamin Lavender
Megan Ballow
Carson Ballow
Evan Ballow
Oskar Beckmann

Current Club membership stands at 563 at the close of year. We have added 250 new member this year. Thanks to all the members who have renewed their membership for 2023 during the Dec meeting or online.

2023 Membership Renewal is due now!

You can renew

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

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 Sept-Dec 2022 will carry their membership to 2023.

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

Thank You

We thank the following members who prepared delicious treats to share with members at our Refreshments Table:

Jeanne and Michael McKinney, Wayne Lord, Shirley Kavanaugh, the Hall family, Kim and Fred Houry, Margaret and John Jackson, Brenda Myers, Kathy and Dennis Wagner, Carla Marasco, Sandi Marasco, Teri and Bill Graham, Vicki Jackson, Lien Lieu, Kyla Icke, Jaya Kaelberer, Susan Mae Hull, Bill Peters, Maeve and Nathan Keppler, MaryLou and Don Montross, Trudy Seeley, Zoila Villar, and Pilar De La Torre.

We thank the following individuals who donated items to the December Raffle Table:

Nancy Wilson-Ramon, Shirley Kavanaugh, John Voss, Eric Jacobson, Paul Lawrence, Matthew Gelacio, Ken Houry, Ken Bross, Kazuko and Larry DeStefano, Claudia and Steve Johnson, the Hall family, Susan Mae Hull, Margaret and John Jackson, Trudy Seeley, and Ignacio De La Torre.

SDBC Upcoming Events: MEETING TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Month	Date(s)	Location	Rooms
January meeting	8	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
February meeting	*TBD	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
March meeting	12	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
April meeting	*16	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
May meeting	14	San Diego Safari Park	Bonsai Pavilion
June meeting	*18	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
July meeting	9	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
August meeting	*6	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
September meeting	10	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
October meeting	15	Lake Poway	Pavilion
November meeting	12	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
December meeting	10	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
Spring Show	April 28-30	Casa del Prado	101
Fall Show	Sept 22-24	Casa del Prado	101

*Note: The SDBC meetings are subject to availability of the rooms in Casa Del Prado. Our preferred date for the second Sunday of each month sometimes conflicts with other clubs show or special event, so we choose an alternative day.

Japanese Friendship Garden Bonsai workdays: Wednesdays, contact Neil Auwarter for volunteer information

San Diego Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workdays: 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, contact 'lyn Stevenson for volunteer information



2023 Board of Directors



2023 Board: left to right.

At podium. Mark Edgar

Ignacio De La Torre, president. Bill Graham, vice president of Education. Jaya Kaelberer, treasurer. Udaykant Pandey, vice president of Membership. Carla Marasco, secretary. Kyle Icke, first vice president . Phaedra Ehring, vice president of Special Projects.

Not pictured: Sue Carter, past president

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Japanese Friendship Garden

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Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion

Curator:	John Jackson bonsaijohn@cox.net
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