



The Bonsai Wire

November 2011

The monthly newsletter of the San Diego Bonsai Club, San Diego, CA.

Message From the President

I do want to Congratulate and Thank our San Diego Bonsai Club, and San Pu Kai members, who worked very hard as volunteers at the GSBF convention in Riverside. It was a successful event and all the attendees were really happy and it would have been impossible to do this without your extreme dedication and hard work.

Our picnic at Lake Poway was another successful fundraising and fun event. I wish there were more members at the picnic and I want to thank those that attended for your generosity by donating items to the auction and also to fight to buy it back.

I think we are one of the biggest and the best educational clubs in the nation. Beside some odds and ends in the club, we want to stay strong and on the top of our game. Being strong and the best is not going to happen without a strong and dedicated leadership. It is our duty to elect the best people that our club deserves, so make sure you come and cast your vote in November (see notes page 5).

I want to thank Joan Holiday for setting up our Holiday party (see page 7) at Old Town. Please try to sign up, it is going to be a great and fun event!

Abe Far

First Vice President Report

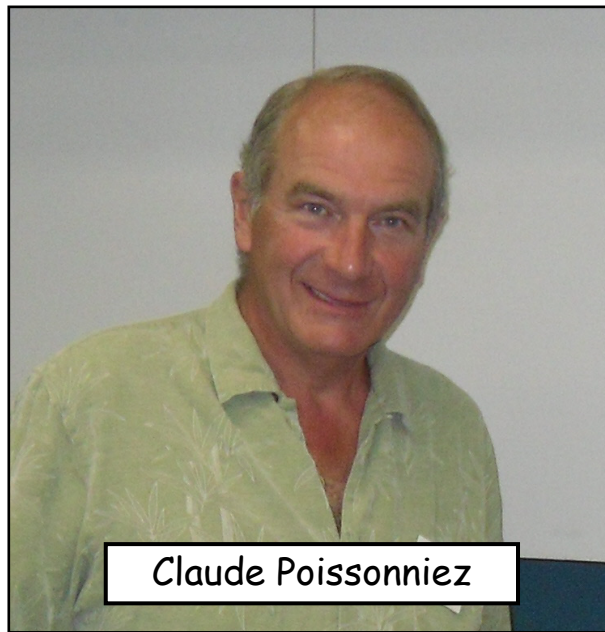
Hello Bonsai friends,

This month we will bring to you longtime member Claude Poissenniez. He is a very interesting and talented person and I am sure will bring a fun and educational program to add to our bonsai knowledge.

Can I tell you just a bit about Claude? He left his native Belgium and as a teenager and went to Paris, France to pursue his dream of becoming a World class chef. He quickly found work in a high end Paris restaurant and worked his way up as he learned all parts of the cuisine business. Because of his ability to speak multiple languages and his willingness to travel he has been a Chef and Instructor in the many locations, among them the Bahamas, Florida, New York and of course San Diego.

Along with his wife he has also created an artisan soap making business at his ranch in Romona. Many of the soap "flavors" also were based on culinary items which infuse very unique fragrances. They continue to wholesale to many outlets around the country. He now also runs catering and parties for military brass on Point Loma. And in his spare time cultivates lavender and wine grapes...WOW...right?

Dave Rochester, First VP



Claude Poissonnierz

I am sure we will find his artistic talents and fascinating background to be fun and entertaining. Hope you can all be there!

See you at the park,

Big Dave!

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I have been spending a lot of my spare time building a new set of bonsai benches for my trees. It has been slow going, with many interruptions and small achievements here and there. My wife Karla has been very helpful and supportive in all of my bonsai activities and I love her for that.

Doing work on my personal bonsai has also been slow going. But every chance I get, I pull out a tree and trim, remove wire, clean off debris, pinch needles, and rotate them to get a new vantage point to the sun. I enjoy getting lost in the work of trying to envision a style, branch growth, and a final design while doing the maintenance work. This is a most peaceful and contemplative state. This seems like a variation on meditation. It is good for the soul. I hope you too enjoy getting lost in your bonsai work.

In this month's issue, there are pics and an article on the GSBF Convention in Riverside, a description and pictures of a transition for a Juniper Nana, and an invitation to the Christmas Party. Oh, I almost forgot, Dave Rochester has uploaded to youtube his video recordings of the Pavilion Opening in May of this year. I plan to upload the video recordings that I took at the same event in the next few weeks. Enjoy this month's edition of The Bonsai Wire!



*Pleasant qualities
Shades of beauty and color
Allow our feelings*

Marty Mann

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Beginner Class

Please bring your trees back to class as this is your last class for this session. John Voss (your teacher) will be bringing some tools, wire, pot, mesh, and soil. You will be learning how to wire and repot your trees.

The next beginning class will start in January 2012 (can you believe that?). We are working on material and also a teacher. As soon as we determine the material and who will be teaching the class, we will announce that to everyone. All new members should take a beginners class to become familiar with the fundamental basics of how to care for and to style your bonsai. So, if you want to get into the class, please see Cary or e-mail me or call me(caryme2@yahoo.com 760-445-2548) so we can save you a spot. The classes fill up fast, so sign up soon.

Please remember to vote in November, for next year's board.

Intermediate Class

This is a free class, and I would like you all to bring your trees to this session. The class will focus on helping you with any issues you may have or answer any questions regarding your tree. You can get some guidance or recommendations on which direction you may want your tree to go in. You can bring in more than one tree. This is a hands on workshop, so bring in your own tools as well.

Some of us never have enough time to work on our trees, so this is the perfect time to relax and to take advantage of some help as well as learn more about your own tree. Maybe your tree can be ready for the Spring show in 2012! No need to e-mail me or to call, just show up at 9am with your tree and lets get working and have some fun.

Please remember to come and vote for the 2012 SDBC board.

I would like to invite you all out to work on trees at the safari Park in our new pavilion. It is a great way to learn and also get a chance to work on some really nice trees. If you are interested, just see me or lyn Stevenson.

Garden Juniper

Five months ago, Jason Tucker our Benefit Drawing Manager wrote a very interesting and informative article on the many benefits of our raffle program at the San Diego Bonsai Club. We are constantly encouraged to actively participate in our club's activities and especially in our raffles and auctions. This past October, we were not only treated to the delicious food from other members with Claude Poissonniez and Steve Valentine preparing the main course, but at the end, the traditional auction was full of beautiful trees and other objects of great interest. I found a nice Garden Juniper Nana at the auction table and bid on it. Fortunately for me, few people bid and I soon found myself the proud owner of the Juniper.

Three days later, we decided to work on this tree and discovered to our surprise a beautiful specimen. At first sight, I thought that some branches were very nice and appropriate for a Literati Style Tree. With careful inspection, we were surprised to find a double trunk (Sokan) Tree. After cleaning and cutting some branches, we wired the tree, decided to leave some jins and peeled the bark from the anterior part of both trunks. We placed the juniper in a round shallow Japanese pot. At the end, we feel we found a gem hidden in the auction table. This is the first step of a yearlong work as part of the Mas Takanashi Educational Grant, a great opportunity to learn and another gem at SDBC.



Garden Juniper Nana from the Auction Table



We removed the top of one trunk



After cleaning, wiring, and jin



We added moss to the planted tree



After cleaning, wiring, and jin

By Martha Choy & Cindy Read

San Diego Bonsai Bonsai Ideas

#119 November, 2011

By Marty Mann

A familiar thought at this time of year.

Each year is like a running clock. Spring is the time of sunrise and reopening. Summer is the growing time for the development of new growth and form. Fall is the late, cooler months with the transformation of colors and changes as the hours of dusk approach. And now, the late evening fades to the dormant winter season. Quiet time arrives, for it is nightfall.

As we speak of our trees (not the frantic pace of holiday time) it's the time of year, dusk and nightfall, when the ways of nature become our guide as to what must be done. The activities of this period come from our own experience, from what we have read, and from the teachings of our sensei. It's a period of transformation in the mind's eye. A chance to study each tree, without concern for constantly changing growth. It's a time to discontinue the feeding care and reduce the watering needs, to devote time to designs and plans for the beginning of next year.

Enhance the beauty of winter silhouettes by the selective pruning of crossing branches and heavy top growth. Trim the overgrown whips which have developed during the past growing season. Now is the time to create relative size and shape of new growth to maintain tree design. Allow the waning winter light to penetrate into the heart of the tree to encourage new buds and new growth in the spring. Remove the trash of falling leaves to eliminate the winter harbors of insects and fungus.

Insect and fungus control during dormancy is as important as in spring and the active reproductive time of summer. November usually brings cooler days. This is an ideal time to protect bonsai from the overwintering of fungus spores and insect larvae. Use a dormant spray such as ORTHO GARDEN DISEASE CONTROL. Avoid root damage by covering the surface of the pot with plastic to prevent run-off or drip of the spray. A light mist of lime sulfur on the top and bottom of the foliage and woody surfaces is effective.

Avoid spraying azaleas, camellias and other acid loving plants. Don't spray buds that show color due to unseasonable warm weather. Other excellent dormant sprays are BORDEAUX OIL or VOLKE OIL. Insects are relatively inactive during cooler months. It's a good practice to apply a mist of DIAZINON or MALATHION each month for aphid control and spider

mites, and SEVIN, for ants, in order to catch any newcomers or left over insects. Apply a light spray around the growing or display benches.

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GSBF Convention

Pictures by Cary Valentine

This years GSBF Convention was held at the Riverside Convention Center. Below are some pics of the folks that attended. Guillermo's workshop was well suited for those of us that don't have a lot of time for bonsai maintenance. These trees need no water, no pruning, no fertilizing, just a little dusting every now and then. He is famous for foundary and casting work. The results will be a cast bonsai and will be forever maintenance free.



Pictured above are Maria Barbosa, and the Vess', enjoying the evening dinner. To the right is Sue Wagner, participating in Guillermo's workshop. Below, a variety of folks taking part in Guillermo's maintenance free bonsai workshop.





San Diego Bonsai Club

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Members

October 17th, 2011



1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of members of the San Diego Bonsai Club was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Abe Far, President. It was confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for September 11th, 2011 were approved as presented.

3. Reports

➤ **Abe Far, President:** Announcement of our annual Holiday party, to be held on the 11th of December, was made. Joan Holiday is the organizer and she will be passing around a sign-up sheet for those who anticipate attending.

➤ **Maria Barbosa, Treasurer:** Maria advised there was a \$800.55 net profit from our Fall Show. No other financial information advised.

➤ **Steve Valentine, Secretary Education:** No report.

➤ **Cary Valentine, Secretary Membership:** No report.

➤ **Barbara French-Lee, Vice President, Special Projects:** No report.

➤ **'lyn Stevenson,** announced that member Brian Brewster was in the hospital and suggested cards and/or e-mails of support would be most welcome by Brian. Cary Valentine confirmed a get well card was sent on behalf of the membership.

➤ **Nominating Committee:** The following persons were nominated for respective positions:

Dave Rochester	President
Gary Jones	1st Vice President
Neil Auwarter	Secretary
Patrick O'Brian	Treasurer
Charlie Moss	V.P. Education
Barbara French-Lee	Special Projects
Cary Valentine	Membership

In addition, nominations from the membership were as follows:

Maria Barbosa,	Treasurer (By Nellie Downie)
Steve Valentine,	V.P. Education (Cary Valentine)

There being no announcements beyond those above, Abe called for adjournment.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon and the annual picnic commenced.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick D. O'Brien, Secretary

The following article was taken from the link indicated below the article title.

"The stamps below are being offered by the U.S. Postal Service and celebrates the beauty of bonsai. You can find more information at the link noted above.

One of the common styles of bonsai is shown on each of the five stamps. The first stamp depicts a Sierra juniper in semi-cascade style, in which the tip projects over the pot rim but does not extend below the base. Second is a trident maple in informal upright style, in which the trunk bends slightly to the left or right. Third is a black pine in formal upright style, with the trunk straight and tapering evenly, with symmetrical branches, from base to apex.

Club Board Election

This is a reminder to everyone that at the November meeting you will be electing the members of our club's board for next year.

For those of you who were unable to attend the October picnic at Lake Poway Park, here is the slate of members and board position each is running for.

As you can see (to the right), there are two candidates for V.P. of Education and two for Treasurer. Because of this, our club By Laws require a paper ballot be used. I urge everyone to attend the meeting and participate in this important vote.

Cary Valentine

Bonsai Stamps

<http://www.beyondtheperf.com/2012-preview/#stamp-bonsai>

Fourth is an azalea plant in multiple-trunk style, with several trunks emerging from one root system. The fifth and final stamp shows a banyan in cascade style, in which the trunk evokes a stream flowing down a mountainside, with the tip extending below the pot's base. The plants depicted are roughly 15 to 20 inches tall.

*Art director and stamp designer Ethel Kessler worked with artist John D. Dawson on the **Bonsai** stamps. They are being issued as Forever® stamps, which are always equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce rate."*

Many thanks to Abe Far for suggesting this article.



San Diego Bonsai Club Pavilion at the Safari Park

The beautiful weather in October at the Pavilion made a delightful environment for our volunteers, especially since there is shade cloth covering most of the working areas. October volunteers included: **Neil**

Auwarter, Susan Baker, Judy Barnhurst, Alan Burrows, Martha Choy, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Maria & Tina Flores, Joyce Goldman, John Jackson, Gary Jones, Jim Kirchmer, Kris Landwehre, Ray Lish, Marty Mann, Charlie Mosse, Pat O'Brien, Jon & Terri Petrescu, Sally Prestele, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, 'lyn Stevenson, Charlie Tamm, Cary & Steve Valentine, Michelle & Forrest Vess, John Voss, Dennis Wagner, and Dave Woodall. Many thanks to these 31 volunteers who combined to donate over 220 hours to the Safari Park volunteer program.

Barrels were filled with falling leaves, algae growth from the ponds, bonsai trimmings, as well as bamboo and tree branches. We separate trash, recyclable materials, and cuttings each work day and the Park collects and disposes of these materials for us. Water lines are checked each time and low spots in the paths are continuously filled with additional decomposed granite when necessary. Regular and conscientious maintenance is important and the volunteers do a fabulous job. The visitors also enjoy and appreciate having the volunteers share their bonsai expertise with them: ie, "How old is this tree?, Are these trees/bonsai for sale?, What kind of a tree is this?, Does it need to be watered/fertilized a lot?, Why are you cutting those branches?, Is it hard to grow a bonsai? Does it hurt the tree to put wire on it", When is the Pavilion open to the public?" etc., etc., etc. We even recruit new bonsai enthusiasts who want to join our Club and take lessons. It is handy to have our kiosk with information folders there for visitors so we can share even more.

Two additions to the Pavilion are not on display as yet. **Cary and Curator Steve Valentine** have donated a needle juniper and **Ted Schwartz** has donated a California Juniper. It's really comfortable for us to have the working area behind the exhibit area for additional bonsai that will transition into the collection. These donations are much appreciated. Thanks also to our special gourmet donators who keep the volunteers deliciously nourished. October treats of fruit, cookies, lemonade, iced tea, special homemade breads, and donuts were provided by **Charlie Mosse, Dave Woodall, the Prices, the Edgars, and 'lyn.**

Since the Pavilion opened six months ago, it was apropos to have another short volunteer meeting on October 15th to review and update the progress and discuss concerns, future needs, finances, and activities with all the volunteers. Discussions do go on at each work session and we had met three months ago after the opening in July, it helps to keep all of us on track with this valuable undertaking of our SDBC. Interest and participation by all is truly important to the success of this commitment. Congratulations and thanks always to each of you who have participated!

November workdays will be on the first and third Saturdays—the 5th and the 19th.

'lyn Stevenson,
SDBC-Safari Park Liaison

Pavilion - Honor Board Recognition November

It was suggested at the last Pavilion meeting that the Honor Board at the Pavilion should be updated in January, 2012. Anyone who has not been listed on the Honor Board thus far could make a tax deductible contribution before December 31st and be added in the following categories:

Elm	\$100 to \$499
Juniper	\$500 to \$999
Maple	\$1000 to \$4999
Oak	\$5000 to \$9999
Black Pine	\$10,000 +



Also, for donors who want to increase their prior donations and have their names moved to a higher category, it would be best to do so before the end of this calendar year.

Checks should be made to the SDBC Pavilion Fund and sent to Treasurer **Maria Barbosa** at the SDBC Box Number address.

Thank you for your past and continuing generosity!

'lyn Stevenson,
SDBC Pavilion Fund

Bonsai Pavilion Opening Video - Youtube

This years Bonsai Pavilion Opening at the Safari Park Zoo was a fantastic hit. The production was professionally organized and well supported by many groups, too many to name here. Dave Rochester has posted his video segments on youtube, and the link is:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1q5ArmkejUo>

The age of the internet is helping to make this distribution much more efficient and will help to spread the word without physical media (CD's, DVDs). If you visit the sites, please make sure to comment on the event and its importance to you, to bonsai, and to the community (both local, national, and international).

I'll be adding supplemental video segments to youtube in coming weeks. Dave Rochester and I hope you enjoy!

Membership Updates!

We do not have any new members to announce this month.

We do have many new members join throughout the year, so if you see someone new, please introduce yourself and help to make them feel welcome.

— Welcome! —

For new members, a great way to get a feel for the tempo of the meetings on our regular meeting day, is to look at the agenda on the last page of this newsletter. It has the times and activities listed for the day. The rooms are collocated in the same area, and we don't change very often, so we are easy to find. Once in a blue moon, we may have an alternate room due to a show or sales by one of the other groups, but it will be announced in the newsletter or you will see us in the vicinity. We are a big group, so we are easy to find.

Also, we have two shows per year. A Spring and a Fall show. At these events, not only do you get to show your trees, but we also have demonstrations throughout the day, as well as sidewalk activities. This entails someone doing work on their trees and answering any questions passersby may have. Additionally, we have tree sales. At this time, folks bring in trees to sell, and let me tell you, these are some good opportunities. And, as a member, you can see the material first hand when you volunteer to help setup on Friday (hint, hint).

Other opportunities for acquiring new materials are the May club meeting at the Safari Park Zoo and the October meeting at Lake Poway. Both of these events include a silent auction and live auction respectively. So, there are plenty of opportunities to grow your collection.

Oh, and I almost forgot. The club sponsors bus trips to

Mario Condit, for
Cary Sullivan, VP Membership

Sequoia Bus Trip

A reminder that the San Diego Bonsai Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sequoia National Park on June 23-24, 2012. The cost for the trip is \$214. per person for a standard room and \$223. per person for a deluxe room. This includes hotel room, bus trip, two meals, Ranger tour, taxes and bus driver tip. At this time half of the spaces have been reserved for the trip so if you plan on going please get your reservation in to me. Remember you can cancel with full refund two months before the trip. The deposit of \$100. is due immediately. Please send your check to me or get it to me no later than the Bonsai Club meeting in September.

Barb French-Lee, VP Special Events

Holiday Luncheon Party

This years luncheon holiday party is being hosted by Joan Holliday. Details are as follows.

December 4th, Sunday at 12 noon

Guadalajara Grillin in Old Town on Taylor Street

Fiesta Luncheon Buffet

Taco and Burrito Bar with Dessert and soft beverages.

Accompanied by Tricolor chips and salsa

\$25 per person includes lunch, tax, and tip

Must prepay by November 13th

RSVP to Joan Holliday at 858-715-0092

Email: JoanHolliday@san.rr.com

*Located at: 4105 Taylor St, San Diego CA 92110
619-295-5111 (casaguadalajara.com)*

See map below for location information



Get Well Note!

The following is a get well wish for the following club members. Cindy Read who had back surgery, we wish her a speedy recovery.

And to Brian Brewster who is recovering from a hospital stay. Best wishes to them both, we miss you two.

Cary Sullivan

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San Diego Bonsai Club Calendar of Events

November 5th & 19th Saturday
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm

November 13th Sunday
Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **Claude Poissonniez**)

December 3rd & 17th Saturday
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm

December 11th Sunday
Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **Steve Valentine**)

January 7th & 21st Saturday
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm

January 8th Sunday
Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **To be announced**)

February 4th & 18th Saturday
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm

February 14th Sunday
Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **To be announced**)

March 3rd & 17th Saturday
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm

March 11th Sunday
Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **To be announced**)

April 7th & 21st Saturday
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm

April 11th Sunday
Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **To be announced**)

May 5th & 19th Saturday
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm

Sunday, November 13th 2011
Balboa Park, Room 101
Casa Del Prado

Meeting Agenda

9:00 am	Beginner's Class	Room 104
9:00 am	Library Opens	Room 104
9:15 am	Intermediate Class	Room 101
10:30 am	Business Mtg	Room 101
11:00 am	Claude Poissonniez Bonsai Demo	Room 101
1:00 pm	Lunch	