

The Bonsai Wire

April 2010

Message From the President

It is always so nice to see Harry (see picture to the right) and to celebrate his 93rd birthday, wow, and he has already this year collected 100 California Junipers in the Mohave. Five lucky members went with Harry on a dig a few weeks ago and all had a great time while collecting some wonderful trees. A big thanks to Harry for coming to San Diego and conducting a wonderful demo. In addition, a big thank you to Tom and Dick for coming with him and helping out. Glenn Jensen also provided help to Harry during the demo.

There are some very exciting and important events coming up that I want everyone to know about. The most important is our **SPRING SHOW & DINNER RECEPTION on April 24th & 25th**. I hope we can have a 100% club turn out to help out in some manner. Per tradition, we have a wonderful reception on Saturday night. This is a great time to eat, drink, and be merry. The courtyard will be full of people, food, drink and maybe even music to dance to. Afterward, we will also have a great raffle.

We will once again have our May meeting at the **WILD ANIMAL PARK May 2nd** (due to Mothers day). There will not be a newsletter in May, but you will be getting a post card with all the meeting information in the mail, so keep an eye out for it. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting, or see 'lyn Stevenson. More details on page 6. You will be able to see the bonsai collection in the pavilion and see all the new improvements in the new bonsai pavilion. This is a very important meeting as it is a great club fundraiser and a chance to get some great bonsai and bonsai items at a good price.

I also want to let everyone know that the **SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR** will be here soon and the entry deadline is **May 7th**. Let's have a great turn out. I saw my first bonsai at the fair in 1965, I was showing sheep, and I fell in love with bonsai then and there. I hope some members were able to get up to see the **CALIFORNIA BONSAI SOCIETY SHOW** at the Huntington a few weeks ago.



It was a great show and I saw some really wonderful trees. It is also a great way to show support to other clubs. We invited **Carey Kennedy** (who has been working with us and preparing the concept and construction plans for the SDBC - WAP new pavilion) to the show and tour of the GSBF bonsai collection and new pavilion at the Huntington.

I want to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who comes early to the meeting and helps set up as well as clean up at the end of the day of the meeting. It is a big job, but with your help, it gets done and fast. And to all the members who help out with teaching the beginner's class and the intermediate class. What a great and important job you all do. It is great to see so many members sharing their love and knowledge of bonsai with new members and keeping in the bonsai spirit and club motto.

I know we all are sending good thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery to **Marty Mann**. He is recovering from a fall and a broken hip. We have sent a card from the club and a beautiful plant to **Marty and Ruth**. I just happened to go see him, it was on his Birthday. Happy birthday Marty, we all miss you and hope to see you back soon.

Happy Easter and good growing all! *Steve Valentine*

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April Program

Sorry I missed the last meeting. I heard that you had a great time with Harry Hirao. He always does a wonderful job and he is always so generous to our club. Harry is a part of the San Diego Bonsai Club family. Once again we all thank Harry for a great demo and wish him a long healthy life.

For the April meeting, Bob Hilvers was kind enough to accept our invitation. Bob will be coming all the way from Visalia just for our club meeting.

Bob retired as acting Chief of airport security at the Fresno Airport about five years ago after a 35 year career in Public Safety. Bob is currently the President of the Golden State Bonsai Federation, President of the Hanford Bonsai Society and Curator for the permanent Bonsai Exhibit at the Clark Center for Japanese Art & Culture.

Bob has been doing bonsai over 28 years and among the many things he is skilled in, he is an expert in the creation of Penjing.

He will do a presentation on some approaches for dealing with "leggy" material (long narrow trunks with all the foliage at or near the apex). His program will involve a lecture supported by line-drawings for the various design solutions for the "leggy material" challenge.



Bob Hilvers

This will be followed-up by a demo using two to three plants employing design solutions presented in the lecture. With his artistic vision and detailed work, he is going to show us how to deal with the leggy material and change it to a fine bonsai. We all welcome Bob Hilvers and are looking forward to his presentation at our club meeting.

Abe Far, 1st Vice President

Beginners Class

We had a very successful Beginners class for the first part of 2010, using twisted pomegranates. Our beginners trimmed, wired and potted their trees and now have some excellent prospects for bonsai. Along the way, most importantly, they began to understand what steps to take to create a bonsai from nursery stock. My sincere thanks to John Voss and all of the volunteers who helped with set up, tear down and clean up, and especially gave personal guidance to the beginners as they worked through the classes.

In April, we begin again with a fresh class. We will be exploring olives (*Olea europaea*) this time, an outstanding tree for our climate. Olives are tough, vigorous, and make wonderful bonsai. These olives have nice sized leaves, and have been cut back for more inner growth. Dave Rochester will be leading this Beginners Class, and of course Dave has a lot of experience with both beginners and olives!

We have a new book for our beginners classes, new enrollees will receive this new book, and previous beginners class participants can receive a discount on it for this session. It is also for sale on the Tool Table, where the best deals on tools, wire, soils, book, and other items can be found. See Tom the Tool Guy for everything you need!

Intermediate Class

I'm issuing a challenge... and giving prizes for the winners! If you have never displayed a tree in our Spring or Fall shows, OR if you have been in the club for less than three years, you are invited to bring a tree to the April meeting and set up a display. If you have an accent plant or stone, so much the better, but we are concentrating on the trees. Bring your tree, all cleaned up and ready to show, and receive gentle guidance on improving your tree and presentation. We will then have the club members vote anonymously, and the winning tree will receive a NICE prize. Then, when the show comes around, I challenge you to bring the same trees and display them. We will have another vote, among club members who attend the show, and the winner will receive another NICE prize. The prizes are both good quality tools, and they will give years of service for the lucky winner. So, bring your trees, prepare them, and go for the tools!

Joanie Berkwitz, VP Education
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San Diego Bonsai Club Spring Show 2010

It takes a lot of members to set up and execute our wonderful Spring Show, even if you are a new member we have a job for you. Please consider signing up for a security spot or for one of the other responsibilities. We need help with the plant sales, set up and tear down activities, and we still have room for demonstrations and spots for show trees. The more members that sign up and show up to help, makes this run smoother and faster. We all have a lot of fun working together. We set up the show tables on Thursday afternoon April 22nd and Friday afternoon April 23rd to bring in the show trees and items for the plant sales. If you wish to sell bonsai plant or materials, there will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting. Then on Saturday April 24th, we have the show and dinner reception after the show closes. On Sunday April 25th, the tear down starts at 4pm.

If it is your first time showing a tree please see Cary Valentine or John Voss for any help you may need and you will get a special SDBC club pin. For new members at the Spring Show we have a dinner reception, raffle, and lots of fun. There is a no host wine, beer and soda bar, and the club provides the main course. We ask members to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share (serve 8 to 10 people). We usually have about 100 or so members and the L.A. clubs show up to this event. Joan Holliday has arranged to have special entertainment that evening, so I know you will not want to miss out. We also ask members to bring items for the raffle for this event.

Please see:

Cary Valentine or John Voss: to show a tree or to do a demo.
Barbara French-Lee & Florentina Cruz: to help with the plant sales.
Joan Holliday: for the dinner reception.



Cary S. Valentine, Spring Show Chairman

Spring Show

Dinner, Music, and Raffle

SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH 5PM-9PM

CASA DEL PRADO COURTYARD
AT ROOM 101

BBQ Beef and Ginger Teriyaki Chicken will be supplied by ICE Catering, compliments of SDBC. This is a potluck so we ask you to bring appetizers, salad, side dish or dessert to round out the meal.

We will be having music by the Andante trio who play Latin, Jazz, Blues and Classic Rock beginning at 5PM. They are wonderful to listen and dance to. Our no-host bar opens at that time with wine, beer and soft drinks.

Be sure to bring a donation for our raffle which will begin after dinner...around 7:30PM.

It is a fun event for all and we look forward to everyone's participation. I am looking for a few bartenders and people to help set up with decorations.

Come and support your club and have a great evening. We hope to have members from Baiko-en Bonsai Club in Los Angeles come and join us.

Please RSVP to Joan Holliday at 858-715-0092 or email me at joanholliday@san.rr.com.

See you there.

Joan Holliday,
Reception Coordinator

San Diego Bonsai Club Pavilions at the Wild Animal Park

Besides several meetings in March with the SDBC Construction and Finance Committees and the Wild Animal Park Horticultural Dept., the volunteers did very productive work in the bonsai pavilions. Special thanks to the March volunteers: **Tom Anglewicz, Susan Baker, Maria Barbosa, Alan Burrows, Abe Far, Maria & Tina Flores, Joyce Goldman, John Jackson, Carey Kennedy, Jim Kirchmer, Tom Krieger, Ray Lish, Marty Mann, Jon & Terri Petrescu, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, 'Iyn Stevenson, Charlie Tamm, Cary & Steve Valentine, Forrest & Michelle Vess, John Voss, Dennis Wagner, Eric Paluncich, and Dave Woodall.** Over 200 hours from these 27 volunteers accomplished so very much! Our best wishes go out to **Marty** who recently fell in his garage and fractured his hip. We will miss his participation for the next few weeks.

In the construction area, the plans and the areas have been marked for the pond, stream bed, and the electric and water lines. Many of the boulders have been placed. **John Jackson**, Construction Manager, is shopping for a new tool and storage shed to be placed in the back of the pavilion. **Jim Kirchmer** is moving ahead with grant proposals to San Diego County and to companies that may be able to help with upcoming needed materials.

In the lower pavilion, several volunteers teamed up to do much needed transplanting of seven of the bonsai in the collection. Included in this potting session were a two tree ginkgo; a juniper; the beautiful olive from **Cap Pulifalco** (the first curator of the collection and a former staff member at the WAP) which was repotted into a classic pot from founding SDBC member **Jerrold Parrish**;

a 9 tree prostrata juniper clump which was an original gift also from **Jerrold Parrish**; and a large very old grape from **Steve Valentine's** collection which was repotted into a reproduction of a Shigaraki antique pot (which broke last year). **Terri Petrescu and Paul Linsley**, who is head of the UCSD Craft Center Ceramics, used 25 lbs. of clay to reproduce this large beautiful 16" diameter pot. Thanks always to our benefactors and friends for these special collection additions. Thanks also to the volunteers who generously donate refreshments for the volunteers each month.

The April 3rd and 4th Garden Societies Celebration will be in conjunction with the Butterfly Jungle Exhibit at the WAP this year. We will have bonsai on display and our volunteers will be there each day from 9 until 4 in the Nairobi Village area of the WAP. (There will be a report on this activity in the next issue of BONSAI WIRE). This is always a great opportunity for us to show and explain the art of bonsai to the WAP visitors, to answer questions about the collection at the WAP, to promote our club, bonsai classes, and the new Pavilion. **THE PROJECTED OPENING DAY FOR OUR NEW PAVILION IS MAY 1, 2011!**

As always, contact Curator Steve or 'Iyn to volunteer within the bonsai areas. The Zoological Society is also incorporating a new volunteer program and we will relay your names to them for orientation.

'Iyn Stevenson, SDBC/WAP Liaison,
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San Diego Bonsai Club

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Members

March 14th, 2010



1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of members of San Diego Bonsai Club was called to order at 10:30 am by Steve Valentine, President. A quorum was present.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the February 14, 2010 meeting were approved.
3. **Reports**
 - **Steve Valentine, President** 1) Announced Cary Valentine and John Voss will chair the Spring Show. Barbara French-Lee and Florentina Cruz are in charge of plant sales, and Joan Holliday will host the Saturday dinner. 2) San Diego County Fair entries close May 7.
 - **Cary Valentine, Vice President, Membership,** 1) Introduced the new members and visitors from Florida. 2) Reminded members to renew their dues.
 - **Joanie Berkwitz, Vice President Education,** 1) Thanked members of the Beginner class, including instructor John Voss and Club members who assisted, for their participation. 2) The Beginner class that starts in April will work on olives; the final 2010 Beginner class will feature junipers. 3) The Intermediate class worked on recently-obtained Nipomo pines. 4) The April Intermediate class subject will be announced in the newsletter.
 - **Maria Barbosa, Vice President, Special Projects,** No trips scheduled.
 - **Fred Miyahara, Japanese Friendship Garden Bonsai Curator,** 1) The next class will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 23, 2010.
 - **'lyn Stevenson, WAP Bonsai Pavilion Liaison,** 1) Announced the next work day will be Saturday, March 20, 2010 – 9a.m. to 12 Noon. 2) Reminded volunteers of the need to participate in the WAP orientation program. 3) Updated everyone on the progress at the new pavilion. Announced the Official Opening of the new Pavilion is scheduled for May 1, 2011. 4) Asked for volunteers to assist at the WAP Horticultural Days event April 3 & 4.
 - **Tom Anglewicz, Sales Manager,** The #1 items for March: moss and soils.
 - **Jason Tucker, Benefit Drawing,** There will be 2 drawings – the regular drawing and a special drawing for the demonstration tree. Harry Hirao donated a California Juniper and a large stone to the regular raffle.
4. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Guest Demonstrator: International Bonsai Expert, Harry Hirao (a/k/a Mr. California Juniper), who annually joins us to celebrate his birthday – he was 93 on March 12. GSBF Past President Bob Hilvers will be our guest in April.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Goldman, Corporate Secretary

Below is a picture by Cary Sullivan, of some club members at the 2009 Spring Show: left to right, Charlie Tamm, Bill Murphy, Larry Upp, and Gary Jones.



To the right is Ko Tsushima. He is a long time member of our club. He also had the honor of populating the Tokanoma at last years 2009 Spring Show.

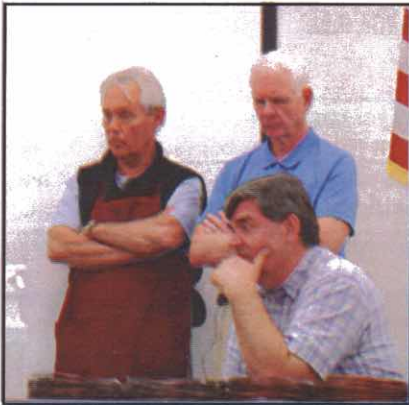


March Program Notes

Harry provided an awesome demonstration on a California juniper. He had two helpers, and Glen Jenson also provided help. The following pictures are a summary of the events for the activity. Far upper right, Harry can be seen studying the tree intensely during the introductions and preparations. In the inset, he has such a bright and happy smile as we wish him a happy 93rd birthday. It was noted that it took about 6 hours to prepare the tree to its current state. Many thanks to Harry, Tom, Dick and Glen for the demonstration.

Lower left, the three helpers: Glen, Tom, and Dick. The picture just below and is of Harry, Glen and Tom making subtle changes to the tree's shape and form. On the lower left, Lyn, Harry and Susan pose for a quick snapshot.

Pictures: Mario Condit



SDBC Pavilion at WAP Pictures



There are lots of activities going on at the SDBC Pavilions work area, both legacy and new. On the left, repotting and trimming, getting ready for spring.



Above, the team is laying out the path per the construction diagrams. Names are in 'lyn's article, page 4. To the left, is the repotting of the grape vine in the pot that Terri helped to make. Below is Maria, trimming to get the light into the branches.



To the left, more repotting and cleanup of the top soil. This is a constant evolution, to keep the trees in their best form for the many visitors.





2010 SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR

JUNE 11 - JULY 5

Don't miss the San Diego Fair. See below the various bonsai activities that take place and you can win a cash award as well! For new members, this is an annual tradition. If you have questions or wish to participate, please feel free to ask at the membership table for details.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR: CONTEST & COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

The 2010 Paul Ecke Jr. Flower & Garden Show Theme is "IN GOOD TASTE"

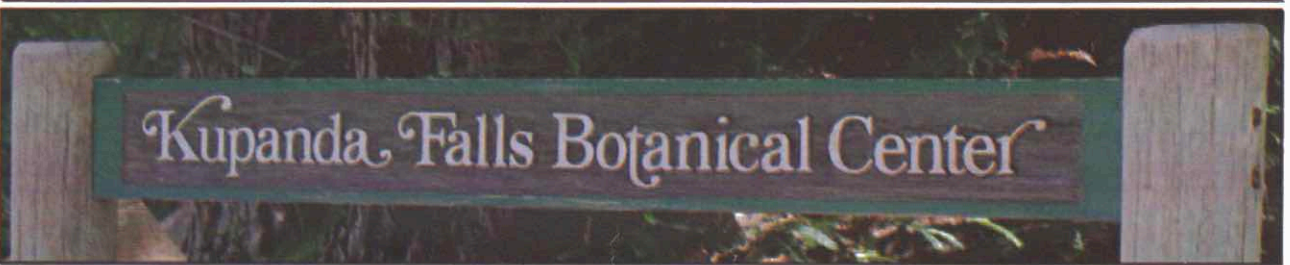
Registration Deadline: Friday, May 7th 11:59 p.m. (pacific time)

Registration on line www.sdfair.com/entry

Flower & Garden Show Office 858-792-4273

TRADITIONAL BONSAI page 14 Division 2230 class 1,2,3,4,5, entry fee \$12.00 per entry. Awards 1st \$110.00, 2nd \$85.00, 3rd \$65.00, 4th \$30.00. Bonsai Best in Show - Trophy for most outstanding bonsai

Donated Award - **SDBC - BILL MURPHY AWARD** -Presented to the most outstanding NOVICE bonsai - (Must not have won in this division before) Open Division 2230, Class 5. Winner receives certificate and --- \$100.00 from SDBC.



May Meeting Notes

To all the membership, here are some quick notes to remind everyone that the May meeting is going to be held at the Wild Animal Park. Because of the **Mother's Day Holiday**, we will have the meeting on May 2nd. Please mark your calendar so that won't miss this annual event.

At our May Wild Animal Park club meetings, we usually have our meeting at Kupanda Falls. Here are a few things to be aware of for the first timers. First, we have an auction, a big auction. Please bring items to donate for this activity. It is a silent auction, so ensure you bring your pen or pencil, your check-book (or cash), and your sneakers. The way the auction works is to jot your name down on the list for the item you are interested in, and the amount you are bidding. Keep your eye on the slip, so you won't be outbid. Please be sure to bring your cart or wagon, you are going to be surprised at what you can be carrying back out to your car. Before we can take, you have to give. So, please be sure to bring in your items to donate to the club for auction.

Second, please pack a lunch with drinks and utensils. Third, this meeting is special in that the Wild Animal Park allows the club members to enter free for our meeting as well as free parking.

After the meeting, we are allowed to stay in the Park to enjoy the other amenities. Fourth, while we are there, you will also get a chance to see the progress that has been made at the New Bonsai Pavilion.

This is one of our club's fringe benefits. It is based on a partnership between the SDBC and the Wild Animal Park staff and management. The WAP has provided a location for us to display our bonsai, and the club maintains and populates the exhibit with quality bonsai specimens. Over the last few years, the new larger Bonsai Pavilion has been under construction (see SDBC Pavilions at the WAP). You can read about the progress in 'lyn Stevenson's article on page 3. If you wish to help with the work, see 'lyn for more details.

Don't miss this event. It's a real treat to have our meeting at the Wild Animal Park, participate in the auction, have a picnic, and enjoy the WAP afterwards.

Passes for the May meeting at the WAP (admission and parking) will be available at our Spring Show for those who signed up at the April SDBC meeting.



A picture from last the 2009 meeting, the table is full of pots! You can see all sizes, shapes, and colors!

M. Condit, Editor

April Membership Update!

Please welcome our newest Club Members:

**Linda Haque,
Eric and Samantha Salgado**

If you see a new member at a meeting, please say hello- we all want to feel welcome, & it is so easy to take that extra little step to make someone feel welcome & you may be able to answer questions they may have. Any new members who have any questions or any questions on any of the class sign ups please feel free to call me 760-445-2548. I look forward to meeting you & seeing you all at the next meeting. I would also like to thank Joyce Goldman for all her very patient help in training me & helping with the membership transition, she has kept me from being lost in transition & being very overwhelmed in this very big job of membership. THANK YOU Joyce.

Cary Sullivan, VP - Membership

Marty Mann sustained a hip injury in late March. If you get a chance, please let him know you are thinking of him via email or snail mail. He has been a long time supporter of our club and has contributed bonsai technical articles to this newsletter for your benefit. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Marty!

The Membership

Membership Dues Update!

I HATE TO BUG YOU, BUT...
THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!!! YES
THAT'S TRUE!!!!

If we have not received your dues for 2010, this is it!!! no more, nada, fini...you know what I mean.

We want you to be with us for the meeting at the Wild Animal Park Picnic May 2nd- where you will see all the progress made at our new San Diego Bonsai Club Pavilion!!! It is always such a good time, in a beautiful setting (no charge to get into the Wild Animal Park & free parking), good friends, great bonsai items in the silent auction. You really don't want to miss out. Put your check in the mail TODAY- we don't want to lose you and we don't want you to miss out.

You can pay your dues by using the envelope in the box at the club meeting, or send \$25/individual & \$10/each family member to:

SDBC P.O. Box 40037
San Diego CA 92164

Cary Sullivan, VP - Membership

San Diego County Fair - Rules

Members, please be aware that there are rules for the entry criteria for the San Diego County Fair bonsai contests. Cary will have a competition handbook at the next meeting, at the membership table. If you are interested in showing and desire to become familiar with the rules, stop by and see Cary.

Refreshments

For those new members to our club, please be sure to stop by the refreshment area for coffee or tea. The coffee is usually put on by one of the early arriving members. The hot water as well is started early on. There is sugar and creamers available to personalize your morning wake up.

Many thanks to the folks below for bringing in such an awesome spread. Your generosity and your thoughtfulness goes a long way to satisfy the hungry masses. Our club meetings easily exceed one hundred people. The snacks as well as main dishes are good for concentrating and for generating discussions on recipes as well as catching up on news since the last meeting.

**Shirley Kavanaugh, Maria Barbosa,
Cary Sullivan Valentine, Terri Petrescu,
Jim Kimura, Marty and Ruth Ann Mann,
Cristina Vargas Far, Ray Lish,
Beth Leeks, Joyce Goldman,
John Jackson, 'lyn Stevenson,
Joan Holliday, Harlan and Mary Ann Price,
Nellie Downie, Barb Callahan,
Barb French-Lee.**

Nellie Downie,
Refreshment Coordinator

Benefit Drawing

A big thank you to the following folks who contributed to the March benefit drawing table:

**Jim Pelling (Descanso), Shirley Kavanaugh,
SDBC, Steve Valentine, Jon Petrescu,
Terri Petrescu, Sue and Dennis Wagner,
Marty Mann, Allen Burrows,
Christina Vargas Far, John Jackson,
Claude Poissoniez, 'lyn Stevenson,
Jim Rendina, Harry Hirao.**



The list of items that were brought in by visitors and the membership was pretty extensive. Handmade soaps, spirits, large bonsai pots, cascade bonsai pots, ceramic lanterns, soils, top cover, fertilizers, a tool roll and Harry brought a viewing stone. In addition, there was nursery material of at least seven different varieties.

If you try in the least bit, you can walk away with more than you can imagine. Make sure you bring a basket to carry all of your stuff home in.

Jason Tucker,
Raffle Coordinator

If you do not have a stand for your tree for the Spring Show, not to worry. Frank Schrosk, a late SDBC member donated his stands to loan to members just for this purpose.

Much thanks goes to Frank and his family for this wonderful donation. You must also be a paid member to show a tree or sale any plant material at the spring show.

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San Diego Bonsai Club Calendar of Events

- April 3rd & 4th / Saturday and Sunday
WAP Garden Societies Celebration 2010-SDBC display
- April 11th Sunday
Regular SDBC Meeting (Bob Hilvers)
- April 17th Saturday
Wild Animal Park Workday, 9am to 12pm
- April 23rd Friday 30
Japanese Friendship Garden, Kids Class 10:30 to noon
- April 24th Sat-25th Sun (setup on Apr 22nd & 23rd, teardown pm 25th)
SDBC Spring Show
- May 2nd Sunday (Moved due to Mother's day on the 9th)
SDBC mtg at Wild Animal Park
- May 15th Saturday
Wild Animal Park Workday, 9am to 12pm
- May 21st Friday
Japanese Friendship Garden, Kids Class 10:30 to noon
- June 13th Sunday
Regular SDBC Meeting (Roy Nagatoshi)
- June 19th Saturday
Wild Animal Park Workday, 9am to 12pm
- June 25th Friday
Japanese Friendship Garden, Kids Class 10:30 to noon
- July 11th Sunday
Regular SDBC Meeting (Ted Matson)
- July 17th Saturday
Wild Animal Park Workday, 9am to 12pm

Sunday, April 11th 2010
 Balboa Park, Room 101
 Casa Del Prado

Meeting Agenda

9:00 am	Beginner's Class	Room 104
9:15 am	Library Opens	Room 104
	Intermediate Class	Room 101
10:30 am	Business Mtg	Room 101
11:00 am	Bob Hilvers Bonsai Demo	Room 101
12:00 am	Lunch	