



The Bonsai Wire

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

Message From the President

Thank you San Diego Bonsai Club, job well done. You know what I mean now when I always say our club is one the best in the nation. Thank you 'lyn, Steve, Cary, John, Dennis, Jon, Marty, and all of you that helped to make the May 1st Opening such a great success. By far, this is the best collection I have ever seen and I did receive great compliments from our bonsai experts on the opening day. I know there was a lot of commitment, dedication, and hard work put into this effort, but what you all did was beyond expectation. Now we have a grand pavilion and we have to plan to complete it as well as maintain it in the highest level to keep this masterpiece alive for many years to come.

Our April Spring Show was another success. Thanks again to all of you for your team work and

accomplishments. Special thanks to Ron Descoteau and Trisha Bonapace for co-chairing the Spring Show.

Dave Rochester and Jim Rendina are working to put together a video camera for our club presentation. We are looking for any member to cover the cost of the camera, please see me or Jim if you are interested.

Nellie is out of town for our June meeting, please help Maria for our refreshment setup, and bring something to share. We always enjoy your home made recipes.

To the membership, please help our beginner classes. Talk to our new members and show them that they are welcome.

Bonsai is our hobby, please enjoy it.

Abe Far

June Program

In June we are honored to have our own Glenn Jensen as our featured presenter.

Glenn's interest in Bonsai began in the late 1960's while attending Dental School at USC and he chanced upon a California Bonsai Society show at Exposition Park in Los Angeles. Glenn then eagerly studied early copies of "Bonsai in



Glenn Jensen

California" and any other Bonsai publications he could get his hands on. Glenn was fortunate to take bonsai classes with Harry Hirao from 1978 to 2002 and John Naka from 1982 to 1998.

In the past four years, He has studied with Kenji Miyata who has been a great source of contemporary Japanese bonsai knowledge. Glenn is a member of San Diego Bonsai Club and California Bonsai Society.

Continuing to be a student of Bonsai, Glenn hopes to share some of what he has learned about this wonderful art with us at our June meeting.

Picture by
Mario Condit

Jim Rendina, Vice President

Bonsai Pavilion Opening

May 1st was a spectacular day, and a new day for Southern California Bonsai enthusiasts. Many years, months, and Saturday's were spent getting the New Pavilion ready for this day. In addition, lots of sweat, tears, and achy muscles resulted from the hard work transitioning to this new area. The culmination resulted in Bob McClure and John Jackson's ribbon cutting ceremony and the public opening of the new pavilion to the rest of the world. You can read more about the days events on pages 4,6,8, & 9.

Picture by Cary Sullivan



Bob McClure and John Jackson

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Editor's Notes

It has been two months and two major events that have elapsed since our last newsletter. There is so much information and so many images that I would like to convey to you, but we are limited to our 12 pages.

You will be reading about the events and while some articles may seem duplicative, I decided to put the articles in because I wanted our membership as well as those that read this publication, to understand the significance of what has transpired here in Southern California in the Month of May. Mainly, the Opening of the New Pavilion.

As I read through the articles and go through the pictures, selecting the right ones is not an easy task. Trying to find the right mix of pictures and words to convey the feelings of that day is a joy to me. As I put this edition together, I recall that during Cary's time on the podium, as she thanked the folks that helped put together the activity, she mentioned how proud Mas Takanashi would have been. I didn't note it then, but as I edit the video in preparation for a short movie, I note that there is a gentle breeze that rustles the overhanging limb and leaves in front of the camera. Was that Mas noting his approval or just whispering, "Just do it". I hope that you all enjoy this edition of The Bonsai Wire.



*Remembering days
Memories flow to the heart
Where living thoughts dwell*

Marty Mann

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SDBC Education for June

Beginner Class

This is the second class for this group of beginner students. This month, Dave will teach you the basics on how to determine the tree front as well as the style for your tree. In addition, there maybe some wiring as well.

Please do not forget to bring in your tree to work on as well as all of your tools. Your trees have been taking form in a slow manner, but use your imagination to envision what it will look like as it matures.

As a beginner, I am sure you have many questions. Please feel free to bring all of the questions you may have. Dave can answer all of your questions and can provide you with details. Dave has a team of teacher assistants that are there to help you.

Intermediate Class

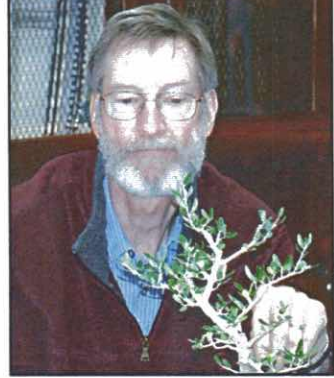
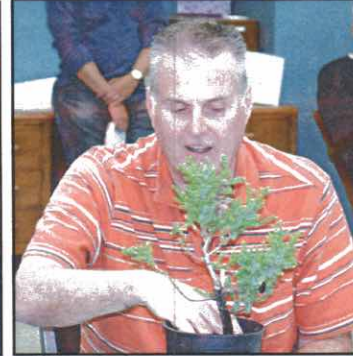
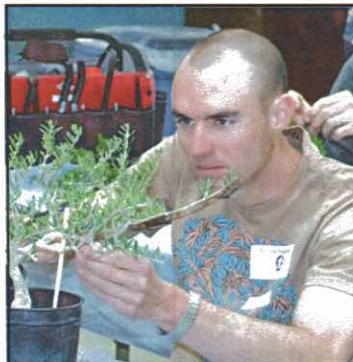
Come and make your own Mame Bonsai. You will get a complete kit that will contain everything you will need. Just come and have a fun time. Selection of trees, include Caitlan Elm, Kingsville Boxwood, small leaf Olive, twisted Pomegranate, Morrigan Midget Boxwood. First come, first serve, so get there early to select the type of tree you are most interested in.

Shirley has held this class before and it is always a big hit. Now you can make your very own Mame and Shirley will help guide you and take the mystery out of how to create and care for these smaller sized bonsai. She will tell you most every thing you will need to know to keep it healthy and alive for years to come. Please provide payment before class, and class fee is \$25.00, Please call or e-mail Steve or Cary 760-445-2548 caryme2@yahoo.com

Steve Valentine,
Vice President Education

Beginner Class Pics

Pictures by
Mario Condit



New Pavilion

Opening Day Celebration

Thank You notes ...

Well, as the saying goes "If you build it they will come" and come they did. We had over 300 guests at our opening day celebration. WOW! What a party we had! I wanted to take this time to thank everyone for coming out to support all of our hard work over the last few years to make the pavilion come to light.

I could not have put on this great celebration without a lot of help. There were many members behind the scenes that made this even possible. I want to give a **BIG THANK YOU & APPRECIATION** to the following members, **Jon Petrescu** did a wonderful job as master of ceremony, I could not ask for any one better. It was so wonderful to have **John Jackson** from the first pavilion be on hand to cut the ribbon along with **Bob McClure Director of the Safari Park**. The **San Diego Taiko Group** where spectacular in welcoming us into the pavilion as the ribbon was being cut. Thank you guys/gals, you are awesome.

Forrest & Chelle Vess & I designed a very special ribbon for the cutting. **Mas Takanashi's** family, all 18 of them were so thrilled to have such memories of him to take away, along with a large size poster with notes to the family on the Takanashi poster board. **Maria Barbosa, Tina & Maria Flores** for helping with set up that day of the party and for handling all of the donations and shirt donations of the day. What a big help that was.

WOW, can you believe **Florentine Cruz**, came all the way from her new home in Colorado to not only help out with our plant sales at the Spring Show, but to help out the day of the opening! She and **Barbara French-Lee** did such a great job meeting with all of our guests and handing out the door prize tickets and our special commemorative, Mas Takanashi post cards. If you did not get one, I will have more at the next meeting to hand out. **Abe Far** was so wonderful to have them made. Abe also handled the special commemorative pavilion polo shirts as well as the special thank you recognitions plaques for **Cary Sharp, 'Iyn Stevenson & Steve Valentine**. Abe's special touch, to include a beautiful bouquet of flowers, was very appropriate.

We also had a wonderful staff of docents on hand. They were led by **Harlan & Mary Ann Price** with the help of **Marty Mann & 'Iyn Stevenson**. I also had a team of techies doing all of the most valuable photography/videoing of the day and a special slide

show of the pavilion construction photos. My guys were **Mario Condit, Dave Rochester, Forrest Vess** of *San Pu Kai*, and **Rich Emhoff**. Where could I be without the wonderful help of **Claude Poissonniez & Nellie Downie**. They always save the day helping with all of the wonderful food that we had for the event. **The Safari Park Food Service Team** was a great help with all the wonderful food and drink.

I want to extend a very **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to **Hans & Harry's Bakery** for all of the wonderful sweets for the day and **Stone Brewery** for the spirits. These two companies, not only did they give us a wonderful product, but it was **100% donated** to us. WOW! You guys rock! Thank you **Harry & Chris Cochron**.

Speaking of saving the day, a really big thank you goes to the *Safari Park Horticultural department*, **Cary Sharp, Linda Post, Katie Ostrander** and all of the **Safari Park ambassador volunteers**. They supported directing our guests, transporting the guests, and many other behind the scenes activities that they performed to make this such an wonderful and well organized event.

There is always some one that I can call on at the last minute to help, **Joyce Goldman** is always there. She did a wonderful job of helping **Steve** and I put together a Guide to Exhibit, so that the Safari Park Pavilion guests would know who donated each tree and the species of each tree.

Special thanks to Laurie Orange for all of her hard work to get the opening information out to the media and in our local newspapers. She did a fantastic job. She is a keeper when it comes to PR.

Very special big thank you again goes to our very special Guillermo Castano for designing not only our beautiful gate, but once again for the special one of a kind 5-1-11 commemorative pin for all of the new pavilion workers. What a very special and talented man. (I will let you all in a secret, Guillermo is going to teach a very special workshop on carving in hot wax, your very own bonsai at the GSBF 2011 convention. Watch for more information to come.)

This was a very special day in our history of bonsai and our very own New Bonsai Pavilion. We have something to be **very proud of** and to know that thousands of Safari Park guests will come to visit, enjoy such a beautiful and tranquil exhibit, and also learn of bonsai for years to come. Mas Takanashi, his dream has come true and he would be very pleased, I am sure, if he was here with us today.

If I have left anyone out I am so sorry. You all get a **BIG HUG & THANK YOU** from me.

Cary S. Valentine, New Pavilion Opening Day Chair



San Diego Bonsai Club

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Members

April 10th, 2011



1. **Call to Order:** The meeting of members of San Diego Bonsai Club was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Abe Far, President. A quorum was present.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the March 13, 2011 meeting were approved.

3. Reports

- **Abe Far, President:** Reminded the members of the Spring show on April 23/24 and requested all who are able to please help with the set-up on April 21. He will provide the pizza.
- **Treasurer, Maria Barbosa:** There was no treasurer's report. Abe Far assured the members that the club has money.
- **VP Membership, Cary Sullivan-Valentine:** (1) Reported the club acquired one new member. (2) Dues are past due and must be paid in order to attend the May 1 new pavilion party. (3) Asked that any members who need entrance tickets to the San Diego Zoo Safari Park for the May 1 opening, to please let her know. (4) The National Bonsai Federation in Washington, D.C., is having a fund raiser for the Northern Japanese Bonsai Masters who were affected by the earthquake and tsunami. (5) A jar was placed at the front table for collecting funds for Bonsai Master Isao Omachi who lost all of his bonsais, as well as his home, to the tsunami. (6) The board of directors for the SDBC donated \$200 to the Red Cross for earthquake and tsunami relief.
- **VP Education, Steve Valentine:** (1) Thanked Dave Rochester and his group of teachers for their help in the beginner class. There will be no classes, or meeting, in May. The beginner class will resume at the June meeting. (2) Steve thanked Jim Barrett for the pot-making class and thanked Terri Petrescu for helping Jim.
- **New Pavilion Safari Park Liaison, 'Iyn Stevenson:** (1) Gave a detailed report on the progress of the new pavilion. (2) Commended and thanked John Jackson and all who have helped to make the pavilion a reality. (3) Explained the mock-up of the donor board and asked all who have donated to check the spelling of their names and that they are placed in the proper category. (4) Read a letter received from a former member who is now in Hawaii. Included in the letter was a donation of \$500 for the new pavilion. (5) Announced that the pavilion project is debt-free. (6) Thanked Ruth and Marty Mann for their help in manning the SDBC table at the Safari Park's Garden Celebration that was held 4/9 and 10. (7) Reminded members to check with Cary Sullivan-Valentine if they need tickets to enter the Safari Park for the May 1 pavilion opening.
- **Japanese Friendship Garden, Fred Miyahara:** (1) Thanked all who participated in the Garden's Cherry Blossom Festival. (2) Reported that all of the gardens should be planted, and the Koi pond should be finished in the new construction area at the Friendship Garden by the end of 2012. The Buildings will come later. (3) The next youth class will be Friday, 4/22 at 10:45 a.m. He invited those interested to come and help. A lunch voucher is given to all of the instructors.
- **April Show Chair, Ron Descoteau:** Reminded the members that the set-up for the show will be 4/21/22. There will be no raffle or reception due the May 1 opening. The reception will be held at the Fall Show.
- **Vice President, Jim Rendina:** (1) Encouraged SDBC members to consider entering a tree at the Del Mar Fair Floral Show Bonsai Division. Entry date for trees is May 6. There are monetary prizes for the different categories. (2) Reminded members of the Coronado Floral Show. (3) Introduced Jim Barrett, guest speaker for the April meeting, and gave a brief bio of Jim's bonsai history.
- **New Business:** Guillermo Castano (1) Announced that the Bonsai Club International will have the second bonsai festival in France. (2) Reminded the members that the Mexican Federation has a news letter and copies were available at the front table. (3) Invited all to the American Bonsai Club convention to be held in Louisville, KY. (4) Abe Far mentioned that he is chairing the bonsai convention to be held in Riverside, CA, in October. Many of the SDBC members are also heading committees for the convention. He also wished Guillermo an early Happy Birthday.
- **The Bonsai Wire Editor, Mario Condit:** Shared with the club that he sends the Bonsai Wire to other bonsai editors. He read a letter from the South Georgia Bonsai Club editor, Hetty Harrington, commending the SDBC for the effort shown by the members in making the pavilion a reality. Mario also thanked all those who contribute to the Bonsai Wire.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Price for
Joyce Goldman, Corporate Secretary

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San Diego Bonsai Club Pavilions at the Safari Park

April and May exceeded the expectations of many of our members, Safari Park staff and visitors, supporters and friends. Our long time dreams with months and years of diligent work truly paid off with the Opening of the New Bonsai Pavilion.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who contributed in many different ways. The accolades and rave reviews keep coming and we are all ecstatic about the way the Pavilion has impressed and thrilled everyone. The Pavilion is extremely attractive, tranquil, large, comfortable, educational, scenic, and an ideal backdrop for our growing collection of beautiful bonsai.

Work was intense in the weeks preceding the Opening. Moving the Torii, the kiosks, the bonsai and in ground plants, benches, cement blocks, etc. from the old pavilion to the new area along with purchasing and placing landscape plantings, more rocks, irrigation lines, decomposed granite, the donor board, etc. kept 45 of our incredible volunteers busy on 15 different days for over 1,200 donated hours in April alone. Truly amazing!

These special volunteers for April and May include: **Neil Auwarter, Susan Baker, Maria Barbosa, Judy Barnhurst, Joan & Craig Berkwitz, Alan Burrows, David & Martha Choy, Florentina Cruz, Nellie Downie, John Donnoe, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Abe & Cristina Far, Lucas Field, Maria & Tina Flores, Barbara French-Lee, Joyce Goldman, Dave Inglish, John Jackson, Jim & Susan Kirchmer, Bob Knox, Kris Landwehr, Ray Lish, Tracey Lutes, Marty & Ruth Mann, Charlie Mosse, Patrick O'Brien, Jon & Terri Petrescu, Steve Pluth, Claude Poissoniez, Sally Prestele, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, Bill Quillin, 'lyn Stevenson, Charlie Tamm, Cary & Steve Valentine, Jennifer & Forrest Vess, John Voss, Dennis Wagner, and Dave Woodall.**

Planning the Opening's successful festivities took special extra time, work, and care. **Cary Valentine** chaired the event which saw over 300 people arriving for the celebration including a bonsai friends' bus from the Los Angeles area. The **Taiko entertainment**, the delicious food and beverages, the special event shirts, the **Guillermo Castano** special award pins, the floral bouquets and awards, and the appropriate short

speeches all added up to a successful and wonderful celebration.

Congratulations and thanks to **Cary, Abe, Jon**, volunteers all, and the **Safari Staff Personnel** who assisted especially that day.

The Pavilion has also been enhanced now with donations of 15 more bonsai to our collection. Many special thanks: to **Bruce & Yaeko Hisayasu, Brian Jackson, John Jackson, Lindsay Shiba, Ted Schwartz, Paul Williams, and Dave Woodall**. These bonsai gifts include: bald cypress, buck wheat, California juniper, cork bark elm, crabapple, formina juniper grove, Japanese maple, liquid amber, and twin trunk olive. These trees and all the others on display are numbered and visitors can refer to special descriptive cards in our kiosk which identify the particular bonsai and the donors. The Safari Park and several SDBC members have also donated landscape trees which were in place for the May 1st Opening.

The Opening is over! What happens next? We know we have a larger garden area and more bonsai. This Pavilion will take more attention, more maintenance, and more responsibility from the SDBC and the volunteers. Visitors and Zoo Staff have requested docent tours. We met on May 21st to assess future plans and unfinished projects from our initial master plan. There are two sheds and their contents in the lower pavilion that still need to be moved. We have now scheduled two work days each month—the first and third Saturday of each month. There are plans to add more shade cloth, more sitting benches, shelving, closets and more exhibit area. **Jim Kirchmer** will be making a presentation to San Diego County in June for more financial assistance and we will continue fund raising.

We want our Pavilion to continue to be an educational and aesthetically pleasing experience for our volunteers, bonsai members, and visitors.

June 4 and June 18th are the scheduled work days coming up. Call **Curator Steve** or **'lyn** if you have questions. Contact **Dave Cuthbert** at the Safari Volunteer Trailer if you want to become a credentialed volunteer.

'lyn Stevenson,
SDBC-Safari Park Liaison

Spring Show Thank You

A big thank you to all those that helped to setup and teardown, as well as volunteering for security, demonstrations, walkway demos, food service, plant sales, and door counter duties.

Setup team: Shirley Kavanaugh, Leonard Monta, Sue and Dennis Wagner, Martha and David Choy, Gary Jones, Ron Descoteau, Fred Miyahara, Dave Woodall, Harlan Price, Jim Rendina, Ray Lish, Paul Lawrence, Paul Sorenson, Ka Kien Ma, Jim Kimura, Glenn Jensen,

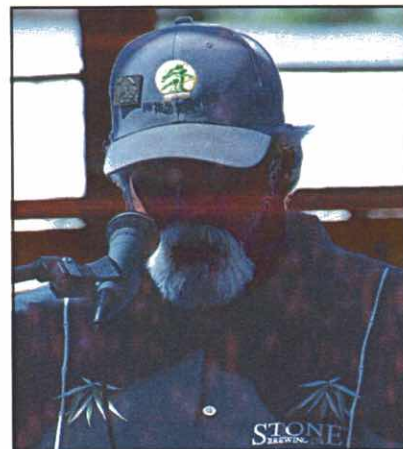
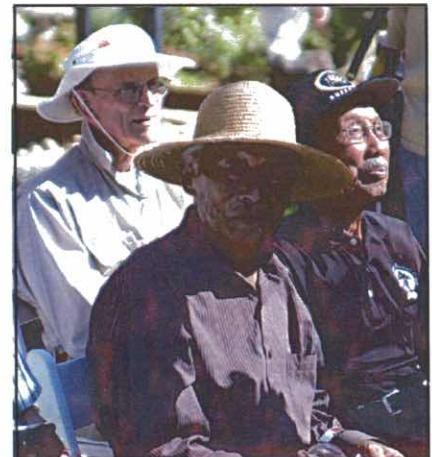
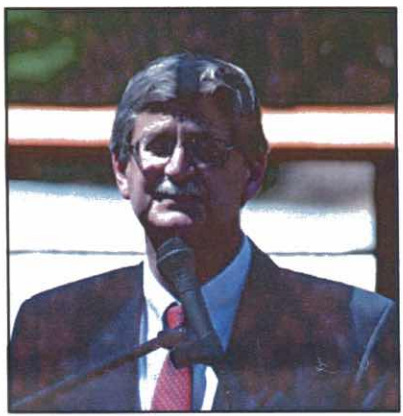
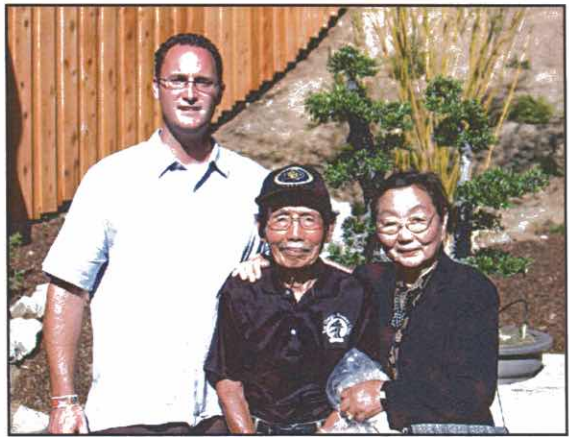
Mario Condit, Peter Abernathy, Abe Far, and Tricia Bonapace.

Tear down team: Dennis Wagner, Abe Far, Jon and Terri Petrescu, Jim Rendina, Leonard Monta, John Amin, Ron Descoteau, Craig and Joanie Berkwitz, Mario Condit, John Voss, Nellie Downie, Abe & Cristina Far, Tricia Bonapace, Fred Miyahara, Glenn Jensen, Steve Sullivan, Florentina Cruz, Sally Prestelle, Sara Kersbergen. If we missed anyone, I apologize.

Tricia Bonapace and Ron Descoteau,
Spring Co-Chairs

SDBC New Pavilion Opening Pictures

Pictures by Rick Emhoff



A few pics of the days events. Top to bottom, left to right: Abe Far, Iyn Stevenson, Bruce and Yaeko Hisayasu, Bob McClure, Cary Sharpe, Cap Paliufico, Cary S. Valentine, Ted Schwartz, Harry Hirao, Bruce Hisayasu, Steve Valentine.

The center picture is a "Thank You" themed bonsai piece, which Cary Sharpe and Steve Valentine created on the spot as a salute to the education that are the main stays of both the San Diego Bonsai Club as well as the Safari Park Zoo.

We were so happy to have all the visitors come and participate in the opening of the new pavilion. It was such a treat to see all of the support that everyone gave and to see everyone admiring the beautiful work of the landscape and bonsai in such a picturesque setting.

Finally, a few words to try to capture the moment and add perspective: ***It was a beautiful day. The sun was out, a gentle breeze came and went, it complemented the waterfall beautifully. The babbling brook also sang out, as it traversed the winding path over the stones to the pond at the end of its run. If you closed your eyes, and removed the sounds of humans, you could imagine yourself high in the mountains observing a valley with trees and a river, down below.***

A Message of Congratulations and Grateful Thanks

'lyn wrote the following thank you note and sent it out via email. I have elected to put this into our newsletter so that a larger audience could be reached.

To the following:

San Diego Bonsai Club President Abe Far
SDBC Board of Directors,
SDBC Pavilion Curator Steve Valentine,
SDBC Pavilion Opening Chair Cary Valentine,
SDBC Pavilion Construction Manager John Jackson,
SDBC Pavilion Project Assistant Dennis Wagner,
SDBC Bonsai Pavilion Volunteers,
Safari Park Horticultural Staff,
Safari Park Volunteer Staff
SDBC Bonsai Pavilion Donors

May 1, 2011 was a huge day for all of us. We anticipated this day for sometime and truly celebrated its arrival! IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! The success was the culmination of efforts by all of you! Many of you went way beyond any early expectations we had of the project and its progress. The outstanding Bonsai are now happily ensconced throughout the lovely, new Pavilion. THANK YOU!

We all wanted the program to move quickly yesterday and it would have taken too much time to enumerate all the interesting and individual stories of planning, participation, procurement, and feed back responses that were promulgated through the years or to even mention them at yesterday's celebration. Certainly, we can share them at future get-togethers. Suffice it for now to say, we also have made many new friendships between us and our respective groups. THANK YOU!

The short speeches yesterday by Master of Ceremonies **Jon Petrescu**, Safari Park Director **Bob McClure**, Chief Horticulturist **Cary Sharp**, SDBC President **Abe Far**, SDBC Pavilion Curator **Steve Valentine**, Opening Celebration Chair **Cary Valentine**, and yours truly **'lyn Stevenson** covered many of the important items but some were left unsaid for another time too. The **Taiko Drummers** and the catered beverages and refreshments were much appreciated by the visitors and guests. The ribbon cutting by **Bob McClure and John Jackson** was well photographed. The special **Guillermo Castano** award pins and the plaques were extra surprise presentations.

The next issue of SDBC's Bonsai Wire will have many more details and photos. The **Safari Staff** is also publishing more coverage in the ZooNooz.

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These e-mail messages will continue in the future as we continue with the next phase of additional projects and/or additions in the Bonsai Pavilion.

The calls for volunteer help will continue also. Our challenge will be to continue to improve, learn, share, and educate each other and our visitors about our wonderful avocation in this living art form.

I personally want to send my hugs and thanks to all of you. You are much appreciated!

Most sincerely, 'lyn Stevenson.

Membership Notes

Please welcome new members:

Yolanda Kelly, Darlene Roy, Teddy Kawakami, Jay Iannacito, Benson & Kira Wong.

We have a very large club and after every show we always get new members, so please make them all feel welcome and share the knowledge of bonsai that we all love. I encourage all new members to become active in all of our club's many activities.

We have beginning classes that are always a big hit, just do not forget to pre-register for the class as spaces go fast. Intermediate classes have a lot of different interesting topics and provide a variety of hands on activities to learn from.

The club membership also supports several club related activities, one of which is working as a Safari Park bonsai pavilion volunteer. The membership meets at the new bonsai pavilion on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month. Please see liaison **'lyn Stevenson** or **Curator Steve Valentine**, you can find their contact information in the SDBC board members information section of the newsletter.

A second one is working with the Japanese Friendship Garden - teaching the 5th graders in a beginning bonsai class. This is always fun activity, working with kids, or helping with the bonsai collection at the Friendship Garden. For further information please contact Curator and Vice President of the Japanese Friendship Garden (JFG), **Fred Miyahara**.

Our club offers something for everyone. SDBC has a very extensive bonsai library for you, from books to magazines and great learning videos. Librarians are there to help you at our regular meetings.

We have a great selection of tools for sale for our members. You will find our tools managers at each regular meeting.

Never forget our great raffle each month. This gives you a chance at something great (like tools, plants, books, pots) and a way to help the club out.

VP Membership, Cary Valentine

Bonsai Pavilion Donor Board

Since our last Bonsai Wire issue in April, we have had wonderful financial responses from members and friends. Our plaque at the entrance of the new Bonsai Pavilion will be updated periodically and will include these and future donors along with all our past contributors. Many thanks to all.

Several generous contributors increased their previous donations including:

Jon & Terri Petrescu \$1000, **Marty Mann** \$500, **Kofu Bonsai Kai** \$200, **Maria Barbosa** \$50.

The **Aldo Pia Memorial** was increased \$180 (donation from **Jim and Susan Kirchmer**).

The **John Naka Memorial** was increased \$100 (donation from **Phil Tackill**) and \$50 (donation from **Dave Strickland**).

The **Mas Takanshi Memorial** was increased \$100 (donation from **Janice Ochi**).

New entries on the Honor Board include:

Marjorie Blasingame \$50

Helen Mildner and K.M. Emmert \$100

Richard & Cheryl Emhoff \$100

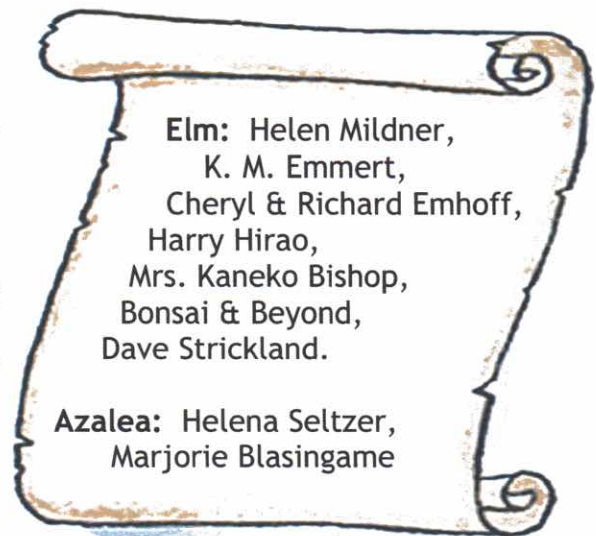
Harry Hirao \$200

Helena Seltzer \$25

Mrs. Kaneko Bishop \$100

Bonsai & Beyond \$250

Dave Strickland \$150



Donation Categories

Black Pine: \$10,000 and upwards

Oak: \$5,000 to \$9,999

Maple: \$1,000 to \$4,999

Juniper: \$500 to \$999

Elm: \$100 to \$499

Azalea: \$10 to \$99

Donations were also received from over 30 people for the New Pavilion Logo Shirts which will continue to be a fundraiser. Contact **Maria Barbosa** or **Cary Sullivan** to obtain a shirt.

Treasurer Maria Barbosa continues to receive all donations and sends 501(c)(3) tax receipts along with thanks from the SDBC.

lynn Stevenson, SDBC Pavilion, Safari Park Liaison

Donor Board

To the right is the donor board that is mentioned in the article above. It is located to the right of the main entrance, as you walk into the new pavilion.

There are two lists. The Benefactors are those that contributed monetary donations and like kind donations. A second list, called the Guardians, lists those folks that donated their time and labor to this wonderful activity.

This is a great way to recognize those that provided for this long time dream which has finally come true.



San Diego Bonsai Bonsai Ideas

#114 June, 2011

By Marty Mann

June is a treacherous time for the tender new leaves of Maples, Liquid Ambers, Birch, Beech and even Elms. Hot weather and blowing winds quickly dry these leaves and turn the edges brown. Avoid direct, strong sunlight. Avoid deep shade that encourages spindly and weak branches. *Semi-anything is best.* Keep trimming new shoots back to two or three sets of leaves. Balance the density of the tree. Do selective trimming in all areas--from the apex to the lower branches.

Evergreens and conifers must be attended to in the early summer season. Continue to pinch (fingers are still the best tool) back on growing tips of evergreens. Young, fast growing pines may still be de-candled. Spread this activity out over several days. Start low on the tree and work up to its apex.

This is a terrific growing period. Spring rains created good health but cause excessive growth. Particularly, deciduous trees leafed out with large healthy foliage. Late June and into early July is the time to consider defoliation. The trees must be healthy and well fed.

Trimming a deciduous bonsai accomplishes leaf size reduction. This happens when a second crop of leaves comes in smaller. The removal of large leaves is necessary to maintain a neat appearance and encourage development of new auxiliary buds. It is best to leaf prune late in June or early in July.

The technique that makes defoliating effective is quite complex. In a normal plant growing cycle, a plant that is living in a healthy light environment creates new stems that are growing straight up, where the most light falls. This phenomenon is called *apical dominance*, meaning the plant is dominated by the bud at its very top. If nature, or the bonsaiist, removes this bud, a message is conveyed to the plant. Growth in that direction is discouraged. A plant that has been pinched back will therefore sprout new branches up and down the older parts of the stem.

When the leader is removed, side branches appear. Growing tips, at the apex of a branch, produce a hormone called AUXIN. Removing them has the effect of keeping new

growing. There is, however, another hormone group called KININS that conflict with AUXIN essentially spurs dormant side buds to grow. This lateral growth develops twiggyness and the intricate quality of design that makes a mature bonsai compact and retain smaller leaves.

Keep all trees evenly exposed to the warming rays of sunshine and stronger light. Develop a habit of turning each tree on the bench frequently. Be particularly watchful of trees that are backed by a light wall or fence. Strong light reflection can induce excess back growth or, in certain conditions, will burn young growth due to reflected heat. Consider the light conditions of each tree. Keeping material in a sheltered or shaded area produces lanky and weak growth. Protect the deciduous trees from burning if the weather becomes unusually warm. Conversely, conifers and junipers thrive in a well-lighted area and produce firmer, greener foliage. Compensate for the benefits of good light condition by adjusting the watering schedules.

Taking care also means protection. As the weather improved, the growth of the undesirable population of aphids, green flies, spider mites, white flies and scale was encouraged. If Junipers appear to be yellowing or looking sickly--suspect spider mites. In Pines, if there is evidence of a white woolly substance in the interior of the tree, suspect borers. Insects suck plant juices and cause considerable damage. Mites are quite small and can be easily discovered by shaking a branch over a white surface and watching the tiny red spots move. Use a few drops of Volck oil in your insecticide sprays to improve effectiveness. Be attentive to regular application of insecticides and miticides. Apply Malathion, Sevin, Isotox for insects.

Warm weather increases the productivity of various fungus infections. Use Triazicide, Captan, or Ortho Garden Disease Control other general-purpose fungicides to avoid damage from mildew and leaf spot. A drop or two of a mild soap solution or other wetting agents in the formula improves effectiveness. Enjoy the summer.

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April Program Notes

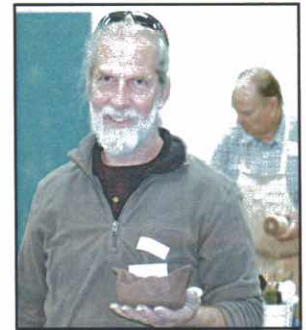
In April, we were pleased to have Jim Barrett spend the day with our membership. He first did an intermediate class workshop on bonsai pot making fundamentals. Needless to say, based on the pictures presented here, everyone had a grand time. This activity is always a big hit and everyone is rewarded with having their own creations fired and ready to use or display in a couple of months. Thanks Jim, for spreading the word on bonsai pot making as well the detailed presentation that followed afterwards, on bonsai pots.

Pictures by Mario Condit



Bonsai pot making, such an art and so much fun! Everyone will be pleased with their fired pots.

The designs and methods for creating these beauties is part of the learning experience. If you missed the class this time, make sure you take it next year!



Refreshments

Many thanks to the folks that brought in refreshments to the April meeting. The refreshment team is listed below:

Nellie Downie, Sue & Dennis Wagner, Jim Rendina, Shirley Kavanaugh, Martha Choy, Jim Kimura, Terri Petrescu, Abe & Cristina Far, Ray Lish, Cary Valentine, Meg Greenwald, Trisha Bonapace.

Nellie Downie, Refreshments Coordinator

Benefit Drawing

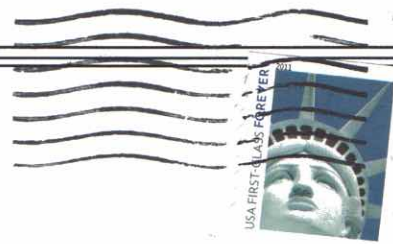
A big thank you to the folks that brought in items for the raffle table to the April meeting. This month's donors were:

Dennis & Sue Wagner, Jim Rendima, Dave Woodall, Shirley Kavanaugh, Steven & Cary Valentine, Jon and Terri Petrescu, Abe and Critina Far, Ron Descoteau, John Jackson, Rich Glauser, Cary & Steve Valentine, Gary Jones, 'lyn Stevenson, Tim Kirkish, Neil Auwarter.

Jason Tucker, Benefit Drawing Coordinator

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San Diego Bonsai Club Calendar of Events

May 27th Friday
 Japanese Friendship Garden, Kids Class 10:30 to noon

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

June 12th Sunday
 Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **Glenn Jensen**)

June 24th Friday
 Japanese Friendship Garden, Kids Class 10:30 to noon

July 2nd & 16th Saturday
 SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm

July 10th Sunday
 Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **Ted Matson**)

August 6th & 20th Saturday
 SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm

August 14th Sunday
 Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **John Wang**)

August 26th Friday
 Japanese Friendship Garden, Kids Class 10:30 to noon

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

September 10th Sunday
 Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **Bart Switzer**)

September 28th - 30th
 Fall Show

October 9th Sunday
 Lake Poway Picnic!

Sunday, June 12th 2010
 Balboa Park, Room 103
 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 103
10:30 am	Business Mtg	Room 103
11:00 am	Glenn Jensen Bonsai Demo	Room 103
12:00 pm	Lunch	