



# The Bonsai Wire

July 2011

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

## Message From the President

The summer is coming and we are getting busy with our bonsai feeding, designing, wiring, and will be paying special attention to watering our bonsai properly.

We do not realize how hard some of the members work until they do not show up for the meeting, like Nellie, who was on vacation and three or four people tried to fill in for her. Somehow, we made it through the day, but it was not half good as when Nellie does it. We also missed Cary and Steve Valentine. Jim Rendina was running a little late, he was busy with Del Mar Fair and on top of that, we were in room 102 with no setup. I do appreciate every one that stepped in and helped. Overall, we had a wonderful day. The Beginners Class executed on time and was a success. Shirley took care of the Intermediate Class and did an awesome job. And, Glenn Jensen did a beautiful demonstration and presentation on Sago Palms and Olive.

Now that we have conducted our grand opening at the new pavilion, we have to focus more in our club

Members, and provide quality bonsai educational articles for them in our newsletter .

September is around the corner and we need a show chair for the Fall Show in September. Because of the May 1st Pavilion Opening, we did not have a Spring Show reception. So, we are going to have a big reception in September to make up for it. We need a club member volunteer to chair the reception, as well as the plant sales. Please contact me for these matters.

We have a need for a video camera operator. We realized that at our last meeting, when I kind of managed to move the camera to the right spot, and I received a lot of positive comments. So, we need a volunteer to be in charge of the camera for the meeting. As I have stated before, this is a member's club, not a board club. So everyone has to participate in all the activities, so that we can have a better and stronger club.

Keep your Bonsai alive and enjoy its beauty.

*Abe Far*

## July Program

Special thanks to our June presenter: Glen Jensen. His outstanding demonstration thrilled the audience and kept every one's attention and interest as he deftly worked, while providing interesting comments and tips on styling.

In July we are happy to once again have Ted Matson as our guest lecturer. Ted's topic will be "Space, the Final Frontier" as he discusses line, proportion and the use of space as significant elements in the art of Bonsai.

Ted began studying bonsai in 1979 in San Francisco, where he learned the basics under John Boyce. He moved to Los Angeles in 1980, where he became involved in a number of clubs and began a serious pursuit of the art, taking classes from leading masters in Southern California, including Ben Suzuki, Shig and Roy Nagatoshi, Melba Tucker, Warren Hill and John Naka.

Ted was urged to get into teaching by Melba Tucker and he started offering classes at his home in Pasadena in 1988. Today, in addition to his own classes, he maintains a busy teaching schedule, traveling to nurseries, clubs and study groups throughout the state of California and across the U.S. for workshops and critiques. Also an in-demand

demonstrator, Ted has conducted numerous programs (as well as workshops) at several bonsai conventions and conferences, and has been appearing more as a headliner /featured artist for major bonsai events. Along with Jim Barrett, he was the co-chair of the GSBF Convention XVIII in 1995 and, in February of 2000, chaired the California Shohin Society Seminar 2000. In addition, he has he has served as committee chairs for several GSBF and CBS conventions.



*Ted Matson*

Current memberships include Descanso Bonsai Society (a past president), Shohin Bonsai Society (a past president), the California Bonsai Society and Nambu Kai, a group comprised of John Naka's ...

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Jim Rendina, First Vice President

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**Editor's Notes**

The summer is upon us. The warm weather has forced me to place my water dishes under my trees to keep extra water, to last me a couple of days longer between waterings.

We have moved back to the 8 page newsletter. With the completion of the New Pavilion Opening, we will be focusing on San Diego Bonsai Club membership in the areas of education and opportunities to learn more about bonsai. Of special interest is the intermediate class with Ted Matson. Don't miss out on that.

I am working on a set of articles, to help our new beginners understand some of the results you may get from "mall bonsai". Joan asked me about this earlier in the year, and I am just getting around to it. You should see something on this in the August Newsletter.

Marty Mann's article on bonsai ideas has a lot of good information regarding the heat and the care of your bonsai. I appreciate Marty's diligence with his timely submittals and technical nature of the content he provides to the membership. Thanks, Marty.

Enjoy the summer months and enjoy your bonsai hobby activities!



*Silver waterfalls  
Bridal veils of the mountain  
Ever falling down*

Marty Mann

July 2011

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# SDBC Education for July

## Intermediate Class

The first 6 lucky members will have a chance to have *Ted Matson* give you pointers and help on one of your trees that you bring into the class. This is very educational and helpful. Ted will guide you with what to do with your tree, what not to do, etc. There is no charge for this class. Contact me soon, the spots will run out quickly!

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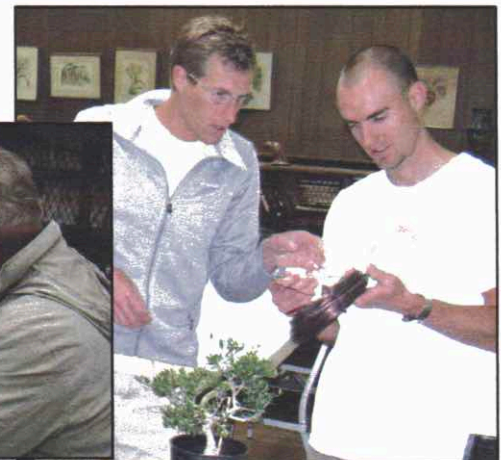
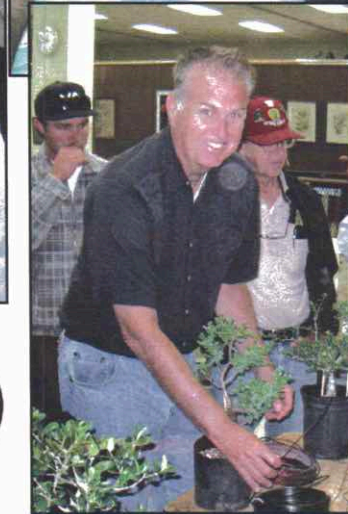
## Beginner Class

Well, this is the 3rd and last of our 3 part series. Repotting is the topic for this month's class. Even if you have repotted before, this will still be very helpful to know the best and the right way to repot your tree. Pots, soil, wire, screen, and other materials will all be provided and you will get a chance to place your tree into a bonsai pot. This is the best deal in town; 3 classes, lecture, hands on instruction, and every thing you will need, all for \$35.00. So, please, see Cary and sign up for the next series of classes starting in August. John Voss, a talented and knowledgeable instructor, will lead this series of classes.

Steve Valentine,  
Vice President Education

## Beginner Class Pics

Pictures by  
Harlan Price



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# San Diego Bonsai Bonsai Ideas

#115 July, 2011

By Marty Mann

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Since most plant growth slows down during the warm summer months, diligent attention must be given to its needs. Excessive water or improper feeding can do more harm than good. Trees must be protected from summer heat and dehydrating winds. Trees requiring special care should be grouped together to simplify attention. It's important to keep the pots and root systems cool.

A regular feeding program during the summer months is essential. Reduction of the nitrogen content of the fertilizer mix inhibits excessive green growth and allows for the formation of chemical changes produces the best fall color of deciduous trees.

Feed sparingly during hot summer months. Use a half-strength liquid or a granular fertilizer (0-10-10) to provide an excellent source of phosphorus and potassium. Regular feeding during the hot summer months may be supplemented by early morning refreshing foliar feeding of Miricle-Gro. Use Miracide to correct the PH condition for acid loving plants. Yellowing or leaf-drop indicates a need for more nitrogen or iron. It also suggests overwatering, poor drainage or insect damage.

The basic mix of cottonseed meal (70%) and bone meal (30 %) can be altered. Reducing the cottonseed and increasing the bone meal provides more potassium and phosphorus to harden the woody growth and improve the rootage. These changes induce the development of fruit and flower buds for next year. Don't feed plants that appear to be suffering from summer stress due to oppressive heat or moisture deprivation.

Late June or early July is still time to consider leaf pruning. Be certain to work with healthy trees only. The removal of large and sunburned leaves enhances the look of the tree. It's often natural for moss on the surface of a planting to become brown at this time due to the heat. If the moss color remains green it may indicate an excess of water or a poor draining soil mixture. Water early in the day or in the late afternoon. Be sure the leaves have time to dry before nighttime. Moisture on the leaves encourages the formation of fungus growth.

As soil temperatures increase during summer months the root system growth slows down considerably. Conversely, the top growth of most species will be vigorous. Overall growth requires a

careful selection of areas requiring pruning and general shaping. Don't forget your overall design

Check plants for long internodes or too much growth in the dominant upper areas. Continue pinching and trimming. Pruning is essential for balance and retention of style. Eliminate defects such as parallel branches, crossing branches and improperly positioned limbs. Continue pinching the weaker twigs from three branch forks. Keep promoting the growth that creates a compact foliage mass. This work can be done at any time up to fall dormancy.

With the heat and the long days of summer you may think you can slow down the constant training and just sit back to enjoy the trees. Doing less, yes. Sit back? Not a chance. Now is the time to follow up on all the care and design you have been working on since spring brought the trees back to life.

This article has been extracted from the recently published book called "Bonsai Ideas"© by Marty Mann. Material is not to be copied without publisher or author's permission. Jul 2011

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## Special Mention

The pastries at the New Pavilion Opening were a very special treat. I know I ate at least three. **Joan Holliday** asked to post the following:

"I wanted to give credit in the next newsletter for the wonderful pastries that Harry donated to the Pavillion Opening. We should list his bakery's name and phone number so people might call them.

Hans and Harry's Bakery; 5080 Bonita Rd; Bonita CA 619-4752253."

If you thought they were as good, please feel free to call on them for there services!

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## Award Presentaion

This belated presentation of the noteworthy Pavilion plaques were presented to **John Jackson**, Construction Manager, and **Dennis Wagner**, Pavilion Assistant and Electrical Manager, by **Ilyn Stevenson** on behalf of President, **Abe Far**, and the **SDBC Board of Directors**. Picture by Harlan Price





*San Diego Bonsai Club*  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Members  
June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 April 10, 2011 meeting were approved.
3. **Reports**
  - **Abe Far, President:** (1) Thanked everyone for making the new Bonsai Pavilion at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park a reality. (2) Urged participation in the 2011 GSBF Convention to be held at the Riverside Marriot Hotel Convention Center, October 27-30.
  - **Treasurer, Maria Barbosa:** No report.
  - **VP Membership, Cary Sullivan-Valentine:** There were no new members to report.
  - **VP Education, Steve Valentine:** No report.
  - **New Pavilion Safari Park Liaison, 'Iyn Stevenson:** (1) Honored John Jackson and Dennis Wagner for their work at the new Pavilion – presented each with a plaque for outstanding service. (2) Provided an update on the latest grant application. (3) Reviewed future Pavilion projects. (4) Explained the various categories on the Pavilion donor board. (4) Announced SDBC founding member Gerald Parrish died in May. Of the founding members, Ko Tsushima is the sole surviving member.
  - **Japanese Friendship Garden, Fred Miyahara:** (1) Announced that, because of budget cuts, there will be no school program after the June 24 class. Fred thanked everyone who had helped and supported the class program over the years. (2) There will be a summer camp, including a bonsai class, in August.
  - **Vice President Special Projects, Barbara French-Lee:** (1) A shopping trip to the Nagatoshi, Ishii, and San Gabriel nurseries is scheduled for Sunday, July 24. Cost \$35 each.
  - **Vice President, Jim Rendina:** (1) As Club Liaison to the Del Mar Fair, announced the prize winners by category. The Bill Murphy Award was presented to Neil Auwarter. 2011 Best-In-Show Award went to Jim Rendina. Jim thanked Phil Tactill for his efforts coordinating set up of the TLC and Bonsai and Beyond exhibits. (2) Jon Petrescu will coordinate the Fair's Bonsai Day – Saturday, July 2. Support staff and demonstrators are needed. (3) Announced the pots produced in the April class were available for pick up. (4) Introduced Glenn Jensen, guest speaker for the June meeting.
  - **New Business:** Jon and Terri Petrescu generously donated a video camera to the Club.
  - **Miscellaneous:** Terri Petrescu thanked Harry Eisjermans for the beautiful pastries provided for the Pavilion opening

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next SDBC board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at a place to be determined. The next regular meeting will be held Sunday, July 10, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joyce Goldman, Corporate Secretary

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### *July Program Continued ...*

students. He also is a co-founder of the California Shohin Society (a statewide organization devoted to the study of the smallest category of bonsai). He has served as an elected trustee of the Golden State Bonsai Federation, a statewide organization of clubs, for several years and was the Editor of Golden Statements for three years. His articles have appeared in various bonsai publications and newspapers. From 1998 to 2004, Ted served as the Chair of the GSBF Collection at the Huntington Committee, serving the needs of the permanent masterpiece bonsai collection at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. He currently serves as Past President of the Golden State Bonsai Federation.

Although Ted is a lover of shohin bonsai, his collection includes trees of all sizes, styles and a range of species. They are known for their proportion, refinement and detail. Perhaps most notable of his

bonsai is a 7-tree Foemina juniper grove on a granite slab that was selected for photographic display in the 1999 JAL World Bonsai Contest. In February 2000, the tree was featured in an article in the Bonsai Shunju, the official publication of the Nippon Bonsai Association.

Ted says one of his strengths is having a good eye for selecting material. A primary goal in his lectures and demonstrations is to help others improve their own abilities to recognize potential bonsai stock. And, he works to help people understand how to realize that potential through creative design and proper styling techniques.

#### **Awards**

- 1999 JAL 100 Best Bonsai
- Various Best in Show awards
- Various lifetime service awards from GSBF and local clubs
- 2 John Naka awards from Descanso Bonsai Society

# San Diego Bonsai Club Pavilions at the Safari Park

We are seeing and talking with many more visitors to the Bonsai Pavilion since the opening on May 1st. With over 20 bonsai volunteers in their red shirts working on many different trees, the visitors have ample opportunities to ask questions and appreciate the information and education of our dedicated bonsai members. The work area in the back of the Pavilion houses many trees that are not currently on display but much of the work done this past month has been in the forward areas so the volunteers are accessible to the visitors. Golden State Bonsai Federation President **Bob Hilvers** toured the new Pavilion this past month also and commented on the large areas that we now have for displays. Bob is also the Curator of the Clark Museum Bonsai Collection in the Fresno area and wishfully would like more display area at his facility.



Harlan Price took this photo of a mother duck and her ducklings during one of the Pavilion work weekends. Thanks Harlan.

Among other Pavilion visitors in June were a Mother Duck and her 6 ducklings who came to swim and waddle around. They caused more of a stir than some of the resident Safari Park animals. We were happy that they didn't eat our ground grasses like the rabbits have been doing.

The June volunteers included: **Neil Auwarter, Susan Baker, Judy Barnhurst, Andres & Martha Choy, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Maria & Tina Flores, Joyce Goldman, Barbara French-Lee, John Jackson, Jim Kirchmer, Marty Mann, Charlie Mosse, Jon & Terri Petrescu, Sally Prestele, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, 'lyn Stevenson, Charlie Tamm, Cary & Steve Valentine, Dennis Wagner, and Dave Woodall.** Many thanks always to all of them for their participation! Wonderful snacks were provided by **Charlie Mosse, Mary Ann & Harlan, Cathy Edgar, and 'lyn Stevenson.**

Current work included much general care, raking, weeding and trimming in the pavilion areas and specific work on the bonsai. The bonsai are responding well in their new locations; the irrigation system is working very well; and much spring trimming and styling of the trees is being done.

**Jim Kirchmer** presented a new grant proposal to the San Diego Board of Supervisors in June and we will hope for a favorable response sometime in July.

**Carl Glowienke** joined us on both our volunteer days in June. He installed some new fittings so that the gate would function more easily for the Safari Park personnel who lock and unlock the gate each day.

**Brian Jackson**, John Jackson's brother, has generously donated 2 large bonsai pots, a metal lantern, and slabs for rock plantings. He had formerly presented a beautiful bonsai to the new Pavilion.

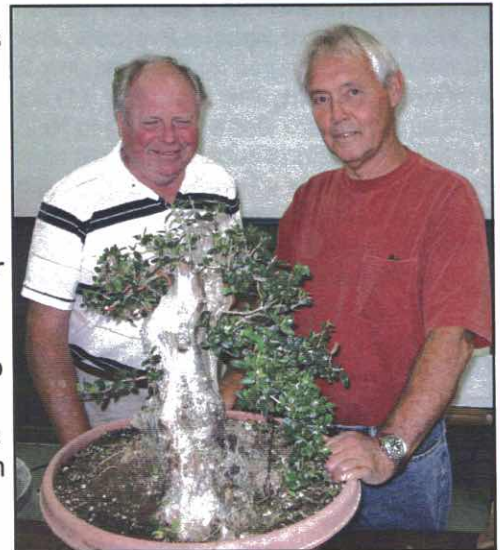
July 2nd and 16th will be our scheduled workdays but other optional days during the month can be arranged with **Curator Steve or Liaison 'lyn.**

Call if you have questions. Also, call if you want to volunteer at the SDBC Pavilion at the Safari Park!

'lyn Stevenson,  
SDBC-Safari Park Liaison

## June Program Notes

To the right is **Pat O'Brien**, recipient of the olive demo tree that **Glen Jensen** worked on for the June Program. Congratulations to Pat. This will be a great addition to his collection.



Picture by Harlan Price

## Honor Board Updates

Donations received in June, 2011 include an added \$250 from SDBC member **Dave English.** He and **Dawn** are already listed in the Maple category on the Honor Board.

Many thanks to **Dave** for his continued generosity. SDBC Treasurer **Maria Barbosa** issues official thank you notices and 501(c) 3 tax information to our donors for their donations.

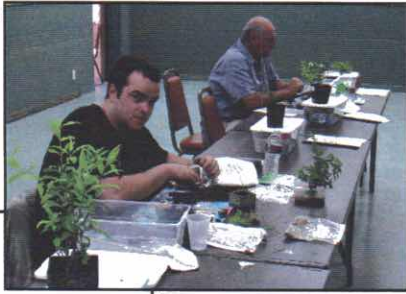
'lyn Stevenson

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## Intermediate Program Pics

The intermediate class was a great success. Shirley provided all the materials in her usual style, and the instruction was superb.



Pictures by Harlan Price



This style usually requires it's own care regimen, and Shirley provides you with all the tools to keep your alive and well. Thanks Shirley.

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## Address Change!

Effective July 1, 2011, our new address is:

**The San Diego Bonsai Club, Inc.  
PO BOX 86037  
San Diego, CA 92138-6037**

Our previous facility closed down and we had to relocate to the new address.

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## Bus Trip!

We are having a Bonsai Shopping Bus Trip to three bonsai nurseries on Sunday July 24th. We will be visiting the San Gabriel Nursery, Roy Nagatoshi's Nursery, and Mas Ishii's Nursery. The bus will leave Balboa park at 8:00 AM and Carlsbad Village Drive at 8:30, the cost is \$35 for SDBC members. Please bring something to share, your check book, and your Bonsai Eye. You'll need your "bonsai eye" to study what you will be purchasing. Due to the large amounts of material, you will have to be very selective.

Barbara French-Lee, Special Projects VP

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## Baby Announcement!

Josie Tucker was born on Friday, June 17th, to Kristen and Jason Tucker. Baby Josie was born at 4:25 PM. She weighed in at 5 lbs., 1 oz and is 19 in. long.

Kristen and Josie came home from the hospital on

Tuesday and things are going well.

Everyone is happy and healthy and Kristen and Jason are thrilled to be parents, even if a little bit earlier than expected! Congratulations to Kristen and Jason on the birth of their new baby girl, Josie.



Josie Tucker

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## Refreshments

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

**John Jackson, Susan Baker, Terri Petrescu, Sue & Dennis Wagner, Tina & Maria Flores, Terri Heath, 'lyn Stevenson, Beth Leeks, Teruko Jones, Abe & Cristina Far, Mary Ann & Harlan Price, Doug & Tim Kirkish, Marty & Ruth Mann, and Pat Singer.**

Nellie Downie, Refreshments Coordinator

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## Raffle Donations

A big thank you to the folks that brought in items for the raffle table to the June meeting. Please continue to bring in your bonsai related items. Trees of various species and age, clay pots, ornate pots, glazed pots, new books, used books, tools, seeds, magazines, soils, and any other type of bonsai related materials are always welcome. By donating your materials, you will make room for additional new stuff. And, it is all for a good cause.

**Ron Descoteau, John Jackson, Jon & Terri Petrescu, Dave Woodall, Jason Tucker, Abe & Cristina Far, 'lyn Stevenson, Glenn Leeks, Jim Rendina.**

Jason Tucker, Benefit Drawing Coordinator

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## Bonsai & Beyond

### A note on the San Diego County Fair:

**BONSAI & BEYOND** set up an outstanding display, with a well received addition of background music. The hand painted lanterns hanging over the the walkway of the Asian Arts Promenade sets the tone for this distinguished Setting. The booths had programmed flood lights for the evenings for the first time.

This year our own long-standing members, Phil Tackill and Cynthiana Read, have been chosen "**Honorees**" for their efforts in helping the clubs and their members.

Phil is the only Sensei in the San Diego area to have Bonsai trees on current display at the National Arboretum, the Huntington Garden and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Their special display is outstanding.

Janet Wanerka

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## Bonsai Sale

### Collection of Frank Goya

Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 A. M.

4251 Neosho Ave. Los Angeles

Frank's large California junipers and numerous saikei will be included in the sale.

**PLEASE NOTE: Frank is recovering from a recent surgery and should not be disturbed prior to the sale.**

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**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

## *San Diego Bonsai Club Calendar of Events*

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

July 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **Ted Matson**)

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

August 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **John Wang**)

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

September 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **Bart Switzer**)

September 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Fall Show

October 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 Lake Poway Picnic!

October 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
 SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm

November 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **Dave Rochester**)

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

December 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **Steve Valentine**)

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

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 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	Ted Matson Bonsai Demo	Room 101
12:00 pm	Lunch	