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

Message From the President

As most of you know, SDBC was established 46 years ago. During these years, many dedicated volunteers have worked very hard to bring the club to the point where it is now, which is to be one of the biggest and most successful clubs in the nation. Also by opening our new pavilion, we have made a mark in history.

All of the volunteers have a variety of backgrounds from culture and profession, and even a different view of the art of bonsai. But we all have the same goal, which is to enjoy the art of bonsai and push the club to the highest point of success. From time to time, there are also low points in our club history over disagreements in how we conduct SDBC business. As a result, some folks stay and continue the challenge, while others decide to leave and someone else will step in to continue the tasks. Being a board member is a voluntary activity, and the board members have a right to leave or stay. In the last two months, we lost two of our board members. Jim Rendina, First VP, resigned from his position. Jim did a lot for our club. He did a wonderful job as our librarian and we are all sorry that we lost him, but we will always remember him. Next, Joyce Goldman our secretary, resigned at the last club meeting. She is a very hard worker and always kept our board and club meetings in order. We will miss her at our board meetings, and we wish her the best. I hope that she has the time to enjoy bonsai in the near future.

Dave Rochester has accepted the offer of First VP for the rest of 2011 until next election and I am 100 % sure that he will do a great job as he has in many other capacities in the past. We are looking for a member to fill up our club secretary's position and also we need Fall Show Chair. Please let me know if you are considering any of these roles.

We try very hard and we pay lots of money to bring bonsai artists from different areas and with different talents and views to our club meeting demonstration. We usually start our club meeting at 10:30 AM, which goes for half an hour. At 11:00 AM, we start our program, and amazingly by 12:00 PM every body get impatient and asks for the food and raffle. Starting our August meeting, the program will start at 11:00 AM and will proceed to 1:00 PM. After one o'clock, we will start the food and raffle. This way, we will have enough time to allow our demonstrator to go complete their routine, and will also us to focus on observing, asking questions, and self learning. Please make plans ahead of time, to support our new schedule.

I do appreciate all our club volunteers, past and present, for doing such wonderful job for our club. You will always be remembered.

Keep In Mind "Bonsai Is Our Hobby".

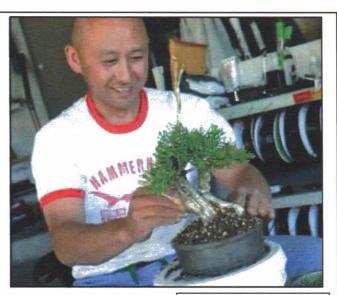
Abe Far

August Program

This month's program will be conducted by John Wang (pronounced Wong). Most of you will remember him from last February's program. His humor and enthusiasm was great. We look forward to more really great bonsai information from him this month.

John did an apprenticeship in Japan, under Seiji Sakurai at Sakurai Sansei-En in Koshigaya, Japan. That kind of experience gave you an amazingly quick learning curve. John did lots of wiring and styling trees, on old valuable client trees and also on really amazing raw stock. He has a well-rounded experience and brings that to us for our continuing bonsai education. It will be great!

Please give me your ideas and requests for future programs as it is now time to start planning for our future. You can e-mail me with any of your thoughts at bunjin54@Yahoo.com. Dave Rochester, First VP



John Wang

Picture taken from video by M. Ramirez Photography, 2009.

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Editor's Notes

The summer is here and your main concern should be to keep your bonsai happy. Read more on page 4, Marty provides guidance in his article for summer care in Bonsai Ideas #116.

We had a bus trip to Los Angeles and there are a few pics to show the group at San Gabriel Nursery, Chikugo-en Bonsai Nursery (Gary Ishi), and the Roy Nagatoshi Nursery. Everyone had a great time and

There is a GSBF convention coming up in October in Riverside, and we would like to encourage everyone who can make it to attend. Headlines will be Kathy Shaner, Pedro Morales, Roy Nagatoshi, and Ryan Neil. In addtion to the headliners, there will be workshops, seminars, demos, excursions and various activities planned. Go to the Golden State Bonsai Federation web site and you will see all the information that you need to plan and make arragements.

There is change taking place in our club. See Abe's President's message on the cover for more details. While change may be stressful, it occurs in many forms. Learning to manage change in a graceful manner is a key to long life and happiness. Enjoy the August edition of The Bonsai Wire!



When one views his trees
The illusion of sight must
Feel wind and warm sun

Marty Mann

August 2011

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SDBC Education for July

Reginner Class

We are starting a new bonsai class, it is the last one for this year. *John Voss* is the teacher this go around. John is a professional nursery man, John has a double degree, in soil science and ornamental horticulture form CalPoly. He then signed up while at collage for a bonsai club on campus. When they closed the club, he asked, where he could get bonsai help and was given the name of *Khan Komai* a teacher that we all knew very well. He has a wonderful nursery and he has also taught beginning bonsai classes. He also had 2, one man bonsai exhibit's while he was at CalPoly. John has been doing bonsai for 30+ years, so he has a lot to share with you.

The material for this set of classes will be trees that were specially picked for you all at *Roy Nagatoshi's nursery*. The trees are *foemina junipers* and you will be learning upright formal style. Roy also is one of the head liners at the up coming GSBF convention in Riverside. Please *bring soft gloves* with you to all 3 classes. Please call 760-445-2548 (e-mail caryme2@yahoo.com Cary) to get your name on the list. There are still a few spaces left. Even if you have taken it before, you will always learn something new.

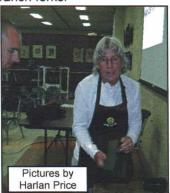
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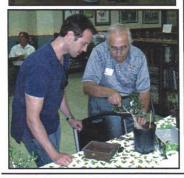
WOW! We are so lucky to have Jon & Teri Petrescu sharing with us their slide show trip to China and the BCI Bonsai Convention. Joining them on this trip was Dave Woodall, Barbara French-Lee, Susan Baker and John & Margret Jackson. So, we will have many members to help on the sight that you will see. They will share with you Chinnese bonsai. how they were treated like royalty, this for sure you will not want to miss. This is something for everyone and I know you will really enjoy and learn a lot from their slide show. I know we really enjoyed it and really appreciated them sharing this with San Pu Kai meeting last month.

Steve Valentine, Vice President Education

Reginner Class Pics

Below are a couple of pics of our beginner students and instructors. Gary is fitting a pot with mesh and wire to hold the root ball in place. Marty is trimming and showing how to cleanup the material near the branch forks.





Ted Matson's Tree Assessment

Ted provided assessments of bonsai material in order to provide suggestions on how to improve on the tree's design and future potential as a true bonsai specimen. Thank you Ted, for your time and for your help.





SDBC Pravilion Pies

Pictures by Cary S. Valentine

The work at the SDBC Pavilion is continuing despite the opening that we had back in May.





To the left, you can see the assembly of a bench. which will be used by weary park visitors. As they sit on the bench and gaze at the pavilion scenery and the bonsai, they will easily get lost in the small wonderland of this oasis in the park.



San Diego Bonsai Bonsai Jdeas

#116 August, 2011

By Marty Mann

Deciduous trees that have large amounts of foliage need to be moved out of full sun into shaded or partially shaded areas to protect leaf surfaces and fine surface rootage. Keep rotating all full grown material on a regular basis to expose them to even light conditions. Maintain high humidity and good air circulation. These activities protect the bonsai as well as improving the maturing fall colors.

Summer is the time to monitor the Shari and Jin portions of your styled trees. Apply a second application of Lime-Sulfur (Ortho Dormant Spray) to the dampened dead wood areas to protect against wood rot. Avoid seepage of this chemical into the soil and root area. Avoid live wood surfaces. Consider applications of Mini Wax Wood Hardener.

This is not the best time to consider transplanting most material however, certain plants such as Pomegranate, Ficus. Buttonwood. Cotoneaster. Pyracantha and most Bamboos can be repotted or transplanted during the warm weather. Material that had recently been defoliated, such as Maple, Olive, Privet, Zelcova, Ginkgo can be transplanted just prior to the re-emergence of the new growth. Remember that transplanting of any material during these warm months is risky but it can be done if proper after-care is taken. Keep them cool and not too wet. Generally speaking, anything done during the summer months should be done with restraint and proper attention given to the effect of warm weather.

Propagation by cuttings of softwood or semihardwood material can be done in July. Keep cuttings in shade and in a sandy, moist mixture. Don't rush to transplant any cuttings just because the new signs of growth tell you that they have 'taken'. Let them hardenoff first.

This is a period of extraordinary activity for garden pests. The warm air and frequent watering encourages aphids, scale, mealy bugs, red spider mites, and, fungus-both above and below ground level. Keep at them all with insecticides; Malathion, Isotox, Sevin, and fungicides-Triazicide, Ortho Funginex, or Ortho Garden Disease Control. Each is designed to do its own thing. Read the product labels carefully.

Now, the last important seasonal suggestion. Vacationing bonsaiists must rely upon automatic water systems or the 'good will' assistance of bonsai friends to care for the trees. Don't trust the automatic watering system without the back-up of someone who can check from time to time to audit its functions. Be reminded that summer vacationing puts an additional burden on the 'bonsai sitters'. A suggestion would be to let them water your trees for you for a few days before you leave to be sure that they are following your instructions. Try

forming a mutual watering pact with fellow bonsaiists. You do for them when you can and they will do for you. It's a great working arrangement and considerably safer than trusting your 'babies' to strangers.

Enjoy your summer and look forward to the beautiful colors of the fall season.

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Sequoia Bus Trip

June 23-24, 2012. We depart by bus to Wuksachi Lodge,

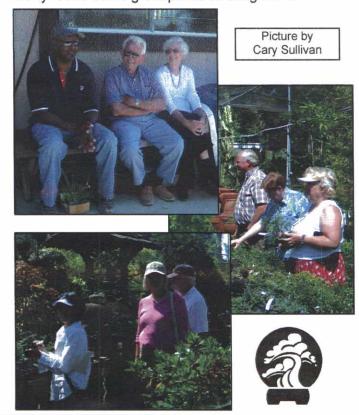
BBQ Dinner with the ranger Sat. evening (subject to confirmation), explore the park on Sunday and return in the afternoon with a box lunch provided.

Approximate Cost is \$214 per person based on 2 people sharing a Standard room and \$223 per person based on 2 people sharing a Deluxe room. This costs includes the above plus taxes and tip to the driver.

A refundable deposit of \$100 per person is due at time of sign up and osts are based on 40 people on the trip. I will be available to answer any questions you may have.

LA Bus Trip

We had a wonderful trip to three Bonsai nurseries in the LA area. The weather and traffic all cooperated to allow our travel to go smoothly and many found some great plants to bring home.





San Diego Bonsai Club

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Members



July 10th, 2011

- 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 guorum was present.
- 2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the June 12, 2011 meeting were approved.
- 3. Reports
- ➤ Abe Far, President: (1) Reviewed the financial position of the Club and heard comments and concerns from members, including members of the Audit Committee. (2) Confirmed the Audit Committee, consisting of Bob Meyer, Alan Burrows, and Patrick O'Brien. (3) The Club's financial records have been accumulated and are now digitized. (4) Jim Rendina's letter of resignation has not been accepted.
- ➤ Treasurer, Maria Barbosa: (1) Explained that the books for 2009 have been balanced, although with adjustments made for prior years where information was lacking. Taxes were filed on an extension in 2010 using an accountant approved by the Board. Maria continues to work with the accountant to reconcile numerous past-year issues. (2) Currently, accounting is being accomplished using information provided on bank statements. The 2010 and 2011 books are to be entered into Quicken to make regular reporting and tax preparation simpler. Maria intends to have this completed by the end of August. (3) Balances: Club Money Market = \$2,149.24; Club Operating = \$5,633.70; Pavilion: \$20,152.28. ➤ VP Membership, Cary Sullivan-Valentine: (1) 1 new member and 2 returning members were introduced. (2) Volunteers are needed for the GSBF Convention. They will work in the areas of registration and security. Those volunteering will receive equivalent registration to the Convention. Those volunteering for a full day will also receive the convention pin. (3) A card is being sent to Kathy Shaner following her surgery.
- > VP Education, Steve Valentine: (1) Thanked everyone for their patience on the room mix up for the Beginner Class. Thanked Dave Rochester for a wonderful beginner class series. (2) Thanked Ted Matson for chairing the Intermediate Class and sharing his vast knowledge. (3) Announced Board approval for three Mas Takanashi Grants for 2011. The recipients are Christina Far, Patrick O'Brien, and Martha Choy. (4) Neil Auwarter, 2011 winner of the Bill Murphy Award, was presented with a certificate and a check for \$100.
- New Pavilion Safari Park Liaison, 'lyn Stevenson: (1) Saturday, the 16th, is the regular work day at the Pavilion. At 12 Noon there will be an update meeting to review the financial status and proposed projects. Mario Condit may also attend so that the video he is preparing can be reviewed.
- Vice President Special Projects, Barbara French-Lee: (1) A bus trip to the Sequoias has been scheduled for June 23, 2012. Cost \$218 per person/double occupancy (standard room) or \$247 (deluxe room), based on 40 people participating. Cost includes: the trip, a BBQ, walk, lunch, tax, and tip. Breakfast the morning of the 24th is not included. A \$100/person deposit must be received by the October 2011 meeting. The cancellation policy without penalty is 60 days before the trip. (2) A shopping trip to the Nagatoshi, Ishii, and San Gabriel nurseries is scheduled for Sunday, July 24. Cost \$35 each. The bus will leave Balboa at 8 a.m..

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Ted Matson, former President of GSBF, was introduced. The next regular meeting will be held Sunday, August 14, 2011. The next SDBC board meeting will be held following that regular meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

More LA Rus Trip Pics

Joyce Goldman, Corporate Secretary





San Diego Bonsai Club Plavilions at the Safari Plark

We had a great response from our members for the July workdays at the Bonsai Pavilion. Everyone seems to enjoy the larger open spaces for our work each time. There is more space around each bonsai and definitely more space in the garden. Many more visitors enjoy strolling up and down across the bridges and perusing the identification cards as they view the bonsai and talk with our Safari shirted volunteers.

Of course, there is much more routine work for all too. The summer weeds filled over a dozen trash barrels, the paths needed raking, the bridges needed sweeping, the irrigation lines needed checking, and the precious bonsai needed more trimming, wiring, styling, fertilizing, and cleaning. Also, two more sitting benches were built and placed: one at the entrance area and another by the waterfall. These maintenance efforts have all been done by our most valued volunteers. Thanks this past month to: Neal Auwarter, Susan Baker, Judy Barnhurst, Allan Burrows, Andres & Martha Choy, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Maria & Tina Flores, Joyce Goldman, John Jackson, Jim Kirchmer, Marty Mann, Charlie Mosse, Patrick O'Brien, Jon & Terri Petrescu, Sally Prestele, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, 'lyn Stevenson, Charlie Tamm, Cary & Curator Steve Valentine, Chelle & Forrest Vess, Dennis Wagner. Dave Woodall, and an anonymous "Dr. Dirt".

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Special thanks also for the refreshments supplied by Charlie, Cary & Steve, Mary Ann, Cathy & Mark, John, Maria & Tina, and 'lyn. Some volunteers travel a little farther than others to get to the Park but the Choy's make the trip from Tijuana and spend extra time waiting at the border. Great dedication!

At the July 16th session, we also had a meeting to update Pavilion projects, finances, and future plans. We are hopeful the current grant request to the County is approved so we can move ahead with a Shohin/Tokanoma display area. Thanks to the 27 volunteers who participated at this meeting too. The continued camaraderie at these work sessions makes Curator Steve's responsibilities much easier. Call Steve or 'lyn if you have questions or want to join the volunteers. Once you have established your enrollment with the SD Zoo Safari Park Volunteer Program, you will have complimentary entrance.

'lyn Stevenson, SDBC-Safari Park Liaison

There will be a Nampu Kai Bonsai Show taking place at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center (JACCC) on August 20/21, from 10 am - 5 pm.

The event will take place at the George J. Doizaki Gallery.

Cary S. Valentine



AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE...

The San Diego Bonsai Club has been in charge of the Bonsai Pavilion at the Wild Animal Park since its inception over 25 years. In 2011, the W.A.P. changed its name to the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. At that time, SDBC also made a change in its location within the Park with the opening of the new Bonsai Pavilion which is almost 4 times larger than the original Pavilion.

- —The Club maintains the bonsai, receives donations of money and trees, and helps all the volunteers improve their learning of this wonderful art.
- —As a member of the SDBC, you are cordially invited to join this volunteer group.

- —There is much camaraderie as well as learning and some special privileges involved in being a SAFARI PARK-SDBC volunteer.—Our normal "working" days are is the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Some volunteers are there each month and others come only a few times a year.
- —There are other days too when we volunteer at the Park since the new Pavilion requires more hands on work to maintain the beautiful garden and additional bonsai.
- —Contact Steve Valentine, SDBC Curator, or 'lyn Stevenson, Safari Park-SDBC Liaison, for more information and/or to sign up!

'lyn Stevenson, SDBC-Safari Park Liaison

Membership Apdates!

Please welcome new member Joanna Strong and returning members Charles & Marla Deyoe.

It is summer time. This is a good time to invite friends to come to our club and see what we are all about. We always get a surge of new members during our shows.

Have a great summer everyone!

Cary Sullivan, Membership

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.

Announcement

It saddens me to say that yesterday (8/02), Alice Naka passed away peacefully. She was 93. Services are next Wednesday 8th, 7:30 pm. Higashi Honganji Buddist Templte, 505 East Third St., in Los Angeles.

Cary Valentine

GSBF Elections

Nominations for the upcoming GSBF District Trustees fand At-Large Trustee for 2012

Wanted: GSBF District Trustees and At-Large Trustee for 2012. If you are interested in serving on the GSBF Board, please see Cary, Steve, or Abe.

Pavilion - Honor Board Recognition

The following contributors should be recognized. We are working to verify and validate their submisssions, but did not wish to delay the report any further.

'lyn did receive a \$25.00 donation from **Kiyo Yoneda**, the widow of **Kaz Yoneda** who donated a tree to the Pavilion many years ago.

There was another donation from Laure Orange in April, 2011 for \$300 which we are working on verifying.

Also, **Dave Woodall** had made another donation for the Honor Board and I need the verification on that donation from the treasurer.

Steve Valentine had informed me that **Kathy Shaner** should be on the Honor Board at the Pavilion but I do not have information on her donation(s), and we are working on verifying that status.

Many thanks to all of our contributors for their donations. "lyn Stevenson, Pavilion & Safari Park Liaison

\mathcal{R} efreshments

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

Nellie Downie, Cary & Steve Valentine, Charlie Mosse, Marty & Ruth Mann, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, Shirley Kavanaugh, Cathy Edgar, Neil Auwerter, Trisha Bonapace, Mary Greenwald, Sue & Dennis Wagner, Tina & Maria Flores, Joan Holliday, Beth Leeks and Terri Heath.

Nellie Downie, Refreshments Coordinator

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.

Cary & Steve Valentine, Charlie Mosse, Marty Mann, Gary Jones & Karla Kelly, Terri and Jon Petrescu, John & Margaret Jackson, Vernon Rutherford, Ken Bross, Shirley Kavanaugh, Alan Burrows, and Joan Holliday.

Jason Tucker, Benefit Drawing Coordinator

Volunteers Wanted

GSBF Convention... We want you!! If you can work a half day shift or a full day shift, we would love to have you come and help out. This is really a fun event, and not hard at all. There are many things that we need your help with; raffle table, security for the exhibit, runner for workshop leaders.

If this sounds like fun, please see Cary or e-mail or call me, so I can get your name on our list. We will give you in return for a half day, a half day registration, a full day gets a full day registration and a GSBF convention pin. You also get to see the vendors, the exhibits, maybe a demo or two, be a silent observer in the workshops. LOTS OF FUN and you get to meet other bonsai nuts as well as learn a lot.

760-445-2548, caryme2@yahoo.com

Cary Sullivan, GSBF Convention Commiteee



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

San Diego Bonsai Club Calendar of Events

August 6th & 20th Saturday

SDBC Workday at Safari Park, 9am to 12pm

August 14th Sunday

Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: John Wang)

September 3rd & 17th Saturday

SDBC Workday at Safari Park, 9am to 12pm

September 10th Sunday

Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: To be Announced)

September 28th - 30th 24 + 25

Fall Show

October 9th Sunday

Lake Poway Picnic!

October 1st & 15th Saturday

SDBC Workday at Safari Park, 9am to 12pm

November 13th Sunday

Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: Dave Rochester)

November 5th & 19th Saturday

SDBC Workday at Safari Park, 9am to 12pm

December 11th Sunday

Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: Steve Valentine)

December 3rd & 17th Saturday

SDBC Workday at Safari Park, 9am to 12pm

January 8th Sunday

Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: To be Announced)

January 7th & 21st Saturday

SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm

Sunday, August 14th 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	John Wang Bonsai Demo	Room 101
1:00 pm	Lunch	e the county