



Message from the President

It is amazing how the time goes by so fast, the year is nearly over. We are ready for a holiday party and a new SDBC board has been elected for 2012. I have 100% confidence in the incoming board members, they are great group of people and club members. They are ready and prepared to serve the club. We had a great year in 2011 by offering a variety of educational activities. As I have said in the past, this is a great club as it offers bonsai education and fun at the same time. The art of bonsai will continue well into the future. I would like to thank everyone that has helped the club through this journey.

My hopes are that we reach a larger portion of the younger generation by encouraging them to join our club and learn the art of bonsai.

I have been contacted by the "Women Fighting Cancer Group" in Carlsbad which is interested in learning about the art of bonsai. I will pass the information to our new president Dave Rochester to follow up with them. I think this is one way that we can give back to society and to our community.

Thank you for all of your support and I wish you a Happy Holiday season and many Healthy and Successful years to come.

Abe Far

First Vice President Report

Hello Bonsai Friends,

I want to give a big "good job" and huge thanks to **Claude and Martha** for last month's demonstration. I especially appreciate the fact that they put a lot of energy into their presentation even in light of all the happenings of the day. Root over stone is a great project and everyone needs one in their collection.

On a personal level, I am honored to be elected as your President for 2012. The new board is motivated, and we will work for you. Bonsai is fun. We will try to make the club as awesome as we can for you. On that note, let the fun begin !

Bonsai Contest ! What is that? For our main program we will have teams styling some bonsai stock. The contestants will be up and coming bonsai members. Some fresh faces you may not have seen up there before. We will learn from them by getting their thoughts as they style the trees. Then you, the members will get to pick the winners. Prizes will be given!

Then we will have a special drawing. Anyone who helped judge the winner will get a **free chance to win a tree**. Cool ! Did I mention that was a freebie? **Great food !** Your club will provide a tasty Main Course and desert. If you bring food make it a side dish, and thank you all for the good eats.

Your 2012 club activities are shaping up and some of our Themes will include:

- A film series on how to properly set up displays of bonsai, show preparation
- A bonsai tree growing program and a wholesale group buy for members
- Advanced study-with a goal of preparing a show "tree-stand-accent" set-up for anyone interested
- Revamped Takanashi teacher training program
- Fun Trips to bonsai events, small group bonsai study, special and free drawings, bonsai book reading and discussion group, and tons more! Fun, right?

Looking forward to see you all at the park!

Your Buddy,

Dave

Dave Rochester
1st VP

San Diego Bonsai Club Presents

1st HOLIDAY BONSAI STYLING CONTEST

Prizes 2011 Styling Contest

Score Card

- ✓ Members
- ✓ Will be
- ✓ The Judges

December 11

Free Raffle ticket for all Members ! Contest trees Will be Ruffled !

Special holiday Main Course by Club- Bring Sides !

Editor's Notes

Another year gone by, and more growth has occurred on our bonsai and training material. In addition, some scale has accumulated on our pots as well as maybe some fallen leaves due to the cold weather and fall season. The cycle will start again in January, with new vigor and enthusiasm.

Marty's column on page 4 has some good winter tips and warnings for unplanned warm weather patterns that we experience here in San Diego. Our new board has been voted on see page 4. The new board will be sworn in at the December meeting. 'lyn has a great report on the happenings at the Pavilion at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. She will also be heading up the education classes in January (see facing page). We have a couple of bus trips coming up, see page 6. Barbara French-Lee is heading up those activities. And as one cycle ends, another begins. Membership ship dues are in season again.

I have been updating my bonsai benches and have found new vigor in working on my trees. I call them trees, for they are in the "training material" category. I have stopped increasing my collection and have started to style them. How many trees is too many? I think everyone has their limit based on spare time, local weather patterns, and other distractions. I am pretty sure I have exceeded mine and plan to spend more time contemplating design. I love to get lost in my little forest of trees in my bonsai garden. My trees may not be as styled as prized bonsai, but they are my trees.

Happy bonsai adventures to everyone!



*A shining bright star
Bathes its light upon our trees
With daylight, they glow*

Marty Mann

December 2011

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SDBC Education for December

Intermediate and Beginner Class

This is my last e-mail to you all, I thank you for your support over the last year. If any of you need any of my help, please feel free to seek me out, I will be around.

For the Dec. meeting, we are just going to relax & have a fun meeting, so that mean No Intermediate or Beginners class in Dec.. Dave has a very interesting meeting planned, that will take up most of our time.

The Jan. 8th 2012 beginning class, has a sign up sheet already started, you can still see Cary to

sign up & pay for the class (caryme2@yahoo.com). It is still a great bargain at \$35.00 for 3 months of classes + all of the material. I can not tell you who is going to be the teacher in Jan. or the material as of yet.

Please check with Charlie Mosse for any more information on the classes as he is your new Vice President of Education: (smosse@cox.net 619-447-4713)

Please give Charlie all the support that you gave me.

Signing out,
Steve Valentine, VP Education

Beginner Class 2012

Ilyn Stevenson has volunteered to teach the first sessions of beginning classes starting in January. The class will be working on Elms. Elms are partly deciduous so the branching will be easy to see and fun to work with in determining the style and other bonsai elements of the tree.

If you have any questions or comments please let me know.

Charlie Mosse

Bonsai Fellowship

There will be no Beginner or Intermediate Classes in December. Love to see folks bringing in trees to work on before the business meeting. This is a long time tradition in our Club.

Let's call it "Bonsai Fellowship". It's everyone learning from each other, discussing and trimming. Bring a tree, grab some coffee and do your thing -from 9:30-10:30.

Dave Rochester, 1st VP



Beginner and Intermediate Club Member Pictures



San Diego Bonsai Club
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Members
November 13th, 2011



1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of members of the San Diego Bonsai Club was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Abe Far, President. It was confirmed that a quorum was present.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for October 8th, 2011 were amended to show that Education and Membership officers were Vice Presidents and not Secretaries. Approval was then voted.
3. **Reports**
 - **Abe Far, President.** After a few introductory remarks, Abe invited the Treasurer to give her report.
 - **Maria Barbosa, Treasurer.** Advised the Club's account, ex-Pavilion, showed a balance of \$26,177.45. This was as at November 12th and that the operational fund balance is \$8,776.68. For the Pavilion, there is a balance of \$17,400.17. The foregoing balances are net-of all 3rd quarter expenses. Maria stated there are not outstanding bills to be paid. Maria also reaffirmed that all requisite paperwork had been filed with the County and we continue to await receipt of the \$10,000 grant. The County authorities have confirmed to Maria the funds should be forwarded to us shortly. The grant was based on support for construction of the newly proposed Tokonoma display area. Finally, Maria also confirmed our tax returns were filed within the 15th November dead-line. These were prepared by a CPA firm, and that the requisite IRS approved extensions were filed with our return.
 - **Steve Valentine, V.P. Education.** Steve thanked everyone from the Club who assisted with the recent GSBF convention in Riverside.
 - **Cary Valentine, V.P. Membership.** Cary announced we had five new members this month and encourage all of us to welcome them to the Club.
 - **Barbara French-Lee, V. P. Special Projects.** Barbara advised the Sequoia trip signup sheet was located at the entrance table and encouraged members to join as there is additional space available. At present we have 16 members who have signed and paid their deposit.

Two further trips are planned: January 21st, Winter Silhouettes and on February 18th, a bus trip to the Huntington.
 - **Joan Holliday.** This year's Holiday Party will be held on December 4th at the Guadalajara Grill located at 4105 Taylor St., San Diego. Please see November Bonsai wire for details.
 - **Interim Audit Report.** Robert Meyer and Patrick O'Brien outlined the scope of the Audit Committee's findings concerning the Club's 2010 financial reports. A number of questions were raised, in particular the need for further documentary support for both expenditures and receipts – the Committee will provide our Treasurer with the list of documents needed. Also reported was the need for greater oversight by the Board to insure compliance for expenditure approvals and related supporting documentation. The Committee's work to date, dealt only with the Club's accounts, not the Pavilion, which due to grants from the County specifically allocated in support of the Pavilion, are separately maintained. The next report, the final report, by the Committee, will be presented following provision of the needed documentary records, which reportedly are available between Maria and Steve Valentine, President in 2010. As this will be the final report, it will include the audit findings for the Pavilion accounts as well the Club accounts.
 - **Abe Far: Appointment of Pavilion Curator.** Abe called to the podium Steve Valentine, John Jackson, Dennis Wagner and 'lyn Stevenson. After expressing the Club's appreciation for the years of hard work and dedication at Curator to Steve, he announced the appointments of John Jackson and Dennis Wagner as Curator and Assistant Curator, respectively. NOTE FROM SECRETARY – it was later discovered that such appointments required board approval, and in the absence of same, were deemed invalid. Steve Valentine remains Curator.
 - **San Diego Safari Park Zoo ('lyn Stevenson, Liaison):** 'lyn addressed the membership advising any new interested volunteers for the Pavilion must also sign in with the Zoo-Safari Park Volunteer Program in order to be photographed and receive their credentials. This is not just for security but also includes liability and insurance and certain perks offered to Safari-Zoo volunteers —including free admission. See 'lyn for further information.
 - **Jon Petrescu, Election of 2012 Club Officers.** See announcement on page 4.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

There being no reports or announcements beyond those above, Abe turned the microphone over to Claude Poissonniez,

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick D. O'Brien, Secretary

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San Diego Bonsai Club Pavilion at the Safari Park

Many of our Pavilion volunteers were involved in the GSBF Convention but we still had a great turnout on the 5th and 19th of November. Good weather prevailed and good work was accomplished by all. Thanks for November help from: **Neil Auwarter, Martha Choy, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Maria & Tina Flores, Joyce Goldman, John Jackson, Jim Kirchmer, Bob Knox, Kris Landwehre, Marty & Ruth 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.**

With the larger area in our new Pavilion, we have added to the collection with bonsai donations from members and friends. Recently, **Terri & Jon Petrescu** donated a large flowering bougainvillea which will be styled and potted later but is currently in our back work area. **Bob Knox** donated a twisted trunk pomegranate bonsai in a sculptured bonsai pot this past spring and it is now catalogued as #64 in the collection and is on display.

The California Juniper that **Ted Schwartz** had donated earlier from his collection was originally designed by our founding president, **Mas Takanashi**, and Ted wanted the records to acknowledge that also.

Refreshment donations in November were truly appreciated also. Having a private work area allows us to take polite breaks and eat without being in view of Safari visitors. Thanks especially to **Kris Landwehre, Maria & Tina Flores, Mary Ann Price, Charlie Mosse, Cary Valentine, Joyce Goldman, Cathy Edgar, and 'lyn Stevenson** for their "gourmet catering".

At the end of November, I calculated the volunteer hours that have been donated to the Pavilions at the Wild Animal-Safari Park since January, 2011. This figure includes all the work that was necessary for the May 1st Opening of the New Pavilion as well as all the preparation that was done in the former area. **Over 50 VOLUNTEERS** from San Diego Bonsai Club and a few more from San Pu Kai have **donated over 4600 HOURS!** **THOSE ARE MOST IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS!** **MANY THANKS TO ALL!**

We will need to celebrate at our December work sessions.
'lyn Stevenson, SDBC-Safari Park Liaison

Pavilion - Honor Board Information

The Donor Board plaques at the Bonsai Pavilion will be updated early in 2012. Anyone who has not financially contributed to the Donor Board thus far could still make a tax deductible donation before December 31st and be added to the Board. Also, any donors who want to increase their prior donations and move to a higher category should try to send their donations before December 31st.

Checks should be made to the SDBC Pavilion Fund and sent to Treasurer Maria Barbosa at the SDBC P.O. Box # 86037, San Diego, CA 92138-6037.

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

'lyn Stevenson, SDBC Pavilion Fund

Winter Silhouettes Bus Trip

Winter Silhouettes Bonsai Show in Los Angeles, Saturday, January 14, 2012, an afternoon and evening event with a bonsai show, dinner, auction and entertainment.

The SDBC provides the desert and an item for the auction if you wish. We leave Balboa Naval Hospital parking lot at 12 noon and Carlsbad Village Drive, behind the Shell service station, at 12:30pm.

Barbara French-Lee,
VP Special Projects



GSBF Bonsai-A-Thon

At the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens -Feb 25th

There will be demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sale area, raffle and an auction. Also the beautiful gardens and museum are available to visit.

For this trip we plan to leave at 8am from Balboa Park and 8:30am from Carlsbad.

Barbara French-Lee,
VP Special Projects

Membership Updates!

Welcome new Members!!!

*Dan & Lee Wildermuth, Terri & William Graham,
Coleen Jumangit, James Dolis,
George Santilliau, Norman Terada,
Cory Burke, Deanne Gray, Kamdar Kiyanosha.*

2012 SDBC DUES ARE DUE!!

Here is how renewals will work again this year. I can't tell you how much time and effort you saved me in just a few steps:

FROM THE FIRST BOX:

- Find the envelope with your name on it – hopefully, they are alphabetical;
- Take the envelope with your name on it;
- Confirm that all information on the enclosed card is correct OR make any changes necessary;
- Enclose that card and your payment (cash, check) in the same envelope;
- Place the sealed envelope in the smaller **SECOND BOX**. All done – you're good for another year! And I can update our computer database without bothering you again.

AND, if you make your payment by mail and there are any changes to your information – address, zip code, phone, e-mail, etc., please include a note with those changes. I will remove your envelope from "the box" (see above), make note of your payment, and enter any information changes in the database. Please mail it to the club address at:

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Note to all new members and all members: This is a great time of year, take advantage of all the club has to offer you to help you learn or better your bonsai skills. Take classes, at the club and any where you can get them, many experience members offer classes to help you on a one on one basis, volunteer at the bonsai pavilion at the Safari Park, it is a great place to get hands on learning. Check at books or videos in the clubs library, we have one of the largest and best libraries, free to members. Go on all of the bus trips the club offers, first one is the **Winter Silhouette** show, second is the **Bonsai-athon at the Huntington Gardens**. The latter is like a free mini convention, demos, vendors, exhibit, guided tour of their pavilion and we have a bonsai shopping trip, great fun, and lots of material to buy. These would be a great Christmas present to you.

Thanks for your help, Happy Holidays – here's to a prosperous & healthy & good bonsai for all of you in 2012.

AS of 2012, IF you have lost, miss placed, or lent your name badge out, or you just do not have it & you want another on, there is \$6.00 fee for a replacement. The membership department is not responsible for your name badge

Cary S. Valentine, VP Membership

Refreshments

A big thanks to those folks that brought in good things to eat::

Nellie Downie, Cary Valentine, Charlie Mosse, Shirley Kavanaugh, Martha and David Choy, Marty and Ruth Mann, Abe Far, Cathy Edgar, Harlan and Mary Ann Price, Maude Laracy, Ka Kien Ma, Michelle Dougherty, Maria and Tina Flores.

Nellie Downie, Refreshments Coordinator

Benefit Drawing

The table was loaded this month, and thank you to the following people that brought in goodies to help raise funds for the club:

Charlie Mosse, Jon and Terri Petrescu, John Jackson, Shirley Kavanaugh, David and Martha Choy, Abe and Cristina Far, Dave Woodall, Scott Flack, Mary Ann and Harlan Price, Gary Jones, Joan Holliday, Rich Glauser, 'lyn Stevenson, Trisha Bonapace.

Jason Tucker, Benefit Drawing Coordinator

Sequoia Bus Trip

A reminder that the San Diego Bonsai Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sequoia National Park on June 23-24, 2012. The cost for the trip is \$214. per person for a standard room and \$223. per person for a deluxe room. This includes hotel room, bus trip, two meals, Ranger tour, taxes and bus driver tip. At this time half of the spaces have been reserved for the trip so if you plan on going please get your reservation in to me. Remember you can cancel with full refund two months before the trip. The deposit of \$100. is due immediately.

Barb French-Lee, VP Special Events

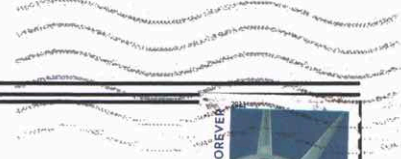
Happy Birthday!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to member KAY KOMAI. She is 91 and still going strong!

Cary S. Valentine



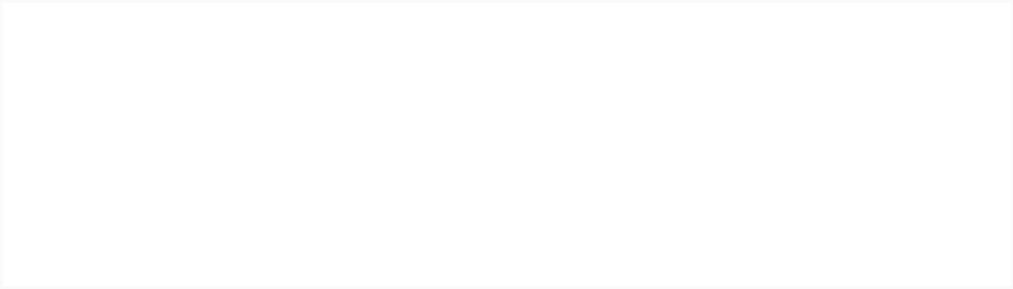
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San Diego Bonsai Club Calendar of Events

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

December 11th Sunday
Regular SDBC Meeting (Styling contest- Membership)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

May 13th Sunday
Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: To be announced)

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

Sunday, December 11th 2011
Balboa Park, Room 101
Casa Del Prado

Meeting Agenda

9:30 am	Library Opens	Room 104
9:30 am	Bring a tree, Bonsai Fellowship	Room 101
10:30 am	Business Mtg	Room 101
11:00 am	Styling Contest	Room 101
12:15 pm	Lunch	