



# The Bonsai Wine

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## Message from the President

*Bob Hale, SDBC President*

**FREE PARKING.** Yes you heard it right! There will be free parking at our October 8th meeting at Lake Poway. Just tell the attendant at the booth that you are with the San Diego Bonsai Club. Lake Poway Park is set in rolling hills adjacent to Lake Poway. There are dramatic views across the lake with Mount Woodson rising some 2,300 feet from the far shore. We have reserved tables under a patio cover and an activity room with our own private restrooms for this event. We're counting on you to fill the tables with silent auction items to peruse. The more notable items will be humorously auctioned off. This is a great opportunity to find that special or unique bonsai item. So please come and enjoy our October fundraiser at Lake Poway.

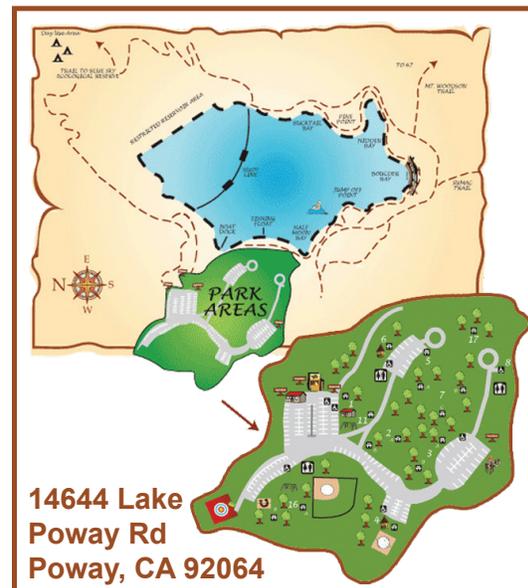
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## Next Meeting: 10/8

*Charlie Mosse, SDBC 1st VP*

The Oct program is to enjoy the day with bonsai friends, and terrific live and silent auctions at the Lake Poway annual Picnic and fundraiser. The weather is usually warm and breezy. The main dish for lunch, as well as water bottles, will be provided by SDBC. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. If you haven't RSVP'd please do so by emailing Janice @ [janicehale42@gmail.com](mailto:janicehale42@gmail.com).



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# SDBC Website Highlights:

*Eric Jacobson, Webmaster*

- Keep an eye out for the Fall Show pictures, which will be made available under the Resources tab of the website!

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# 2017 GSBF Convention: Bonsai New Horizon

*Janice Hale, VP Special Projects*



- Online registration for the Golden State Bonsai Federation convention opened July 1, 2017.
- The convention will be held at the Riverside Convention Center October 25-29, 2017.
- Sign up soon for your workshops, seminars, critiques and excursions, as well as your hotel room, by visiting [www.gsbfcconvention.org](http://www.gsbfcconvention.org).

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# The November Program

Charlie Mosse, SDBC 1st VP

November we will have **Jonas Dupuich** as our guest presenter. **Jonas** completed the full 5 year apprenticeship in Japan. He is thoroughly versed in all aspects of bonsai, and continues his education when traveling to Japan. He is highly skilled at Japanese Black Pines and the many other varieties of trees we find in bonsai. **Jonas** teaches around the country from the Pacific Northwest to Connecticut, and extensively in the Bay Area and Northern California. **Jonas** offers monthly workshops at his nursery in Alameda California, and also has a website with a very informative blog where an article is added twice per week. They always have photos of projects in sequence. **Jonas's** presentation will be on the subject that is difficult for people of all levels...You guessed it, how to select a quality tree whether you are beginning in bonsai or further along. Selecting nursery plants vs selecting a quality pre-bonsai or bonsai is similar in some respects and very different in other respects. **Jonas** is going to cover this often confusing and intimidating step in the process of creating bonsai. After his presentation, you will have a much easier time selecting trees regardless of the level of tree you are needing. **Jonas** loves to work with students of any level. So all members are invited to sign up for workshops with Jonas that will be offered on Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th similar to what we did with **Kathy Shaner**. Saturday will be an all day workshop at Fred's home from 8:00 to about 4:30 with one hour time slots.



Sunday has a change. Time slots with **Jonas** have been added for the morning from 8:20 to 10:20 am. The afternoon is still from 1-4. The morning and afternoon will have 30 minute time slots. You do not have to work on a Black Pine. **Jonas** can work on any variety of bonsai. Costs per time slot will be \$40 on Saturday and \$20 on Sunday. Sign-up sheets will be at the October (Picnic) meeting and you can email me at [chasmosse@gmail.com](mailto:chasmosse@gmail.com).

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## Bonsai Ideas

by **Marty Mann**

This is a good time to work on basic training and design. Remove the wire applied this past year. Remove carefully to avoid damage to the bark. Check for wire cuts. New wire can be applied but avoid the curls and marks of previous efforts. In spite of this period of slow growth, fall and winter training can still be effective. Study your bonsai for improper branch placement – crossing, bars, up and downs and identify a plan for removing unwanted growth.

Pruning and pinching is still an important activity in spite of the growth slow-down. Keep evergreens and conifers in shape. Our climate allows plenty of time for new growth to develop and harden before winter cool days encourage dormancy. Review the growth of new candles on pines. It's still a good time for the second candle removal. Attentive cut back and pinching minimizes unattractive long internodes and loss of compactness. The more you pinch and cut, the more branch diversification and new bud formation for spring. This constant attention from early fall, throughout the dormant winter season intensifies your design objectives.

Study your trees for overall health. Look for symptoms of insects or disease damage. Leaves that are yellow along the veins on the top and signs of the dark insects on the bottom of the leaf are evidence of Scale infections. Malathion is an effective killer when applied to both sides of the leaf and repeated a week later. The addition of agricultural oil (i.e. –Volk oil) to the mix increases your chances of success. Powdery Mildew is a bothersome fungus that appears on moist leaf surfaces. Applications of fungicides such as ORTHO GARDEN DISEASE CONTROL or a Bordeaux

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# SDBC Education:

Bill Graham, SDBC VP of Education

## Beginning Classes:

There is **no beginning class in October** (we'll see you at the Club's picnic at Lake Poway) or **November**.



The third and final session of the Juniper Beginners Class will be in **December**. This session will focus on finishing your styling and repotting your tree. Keep an eye on your trees and do not let them dry out. Please note the scheduling of this class, there is no class in October or November and the final class will be in December. The instructors are *Mark* and *Cathy Edgar*.

The class starts at 8:30 am in Room 104 Please be on time or a few minutes early. Observers are always welcome. Even if you did not get in to the class, you can still observe and learn.



*This Chinese Elm was on display at the Fall Show this September. Signup for the Chinese Elm class will be available at the November meeting.*

New members are always excited about taking the Beginners Classes, and several have asked to be put on a waiting list for the next class. If you are a new member



please note that sign-up sheets for all classes and workshops are first available at the Bonsai Club meeting TWO months before the classes/workshops are held. We do not start a waiting list until after the sign-up sheet has been put out at the meeting and filled.

In **November** the sign-up for the January Beginners Class will be posted. The class will be *Ulmus parvifolia*, Chinese Elms.

## Intermediate Skills Workshops

### September

The Kenji Miyata trees were fantastic material and the work conducted was excellent. A special thanks to *Fred Miyahara*, *Michael Sykes* and *Glenn Jensen* for leading this class and creating a great experience for the participants.

### October

We will be at Poway Lake for our October meeting, so there will be no workshop.

### November - Tecate Cypress

We have an exciting opportunity in November. Our own *Gary Jones* will be hosting a workshop with Tecate Cypress that he has been working and prepping.

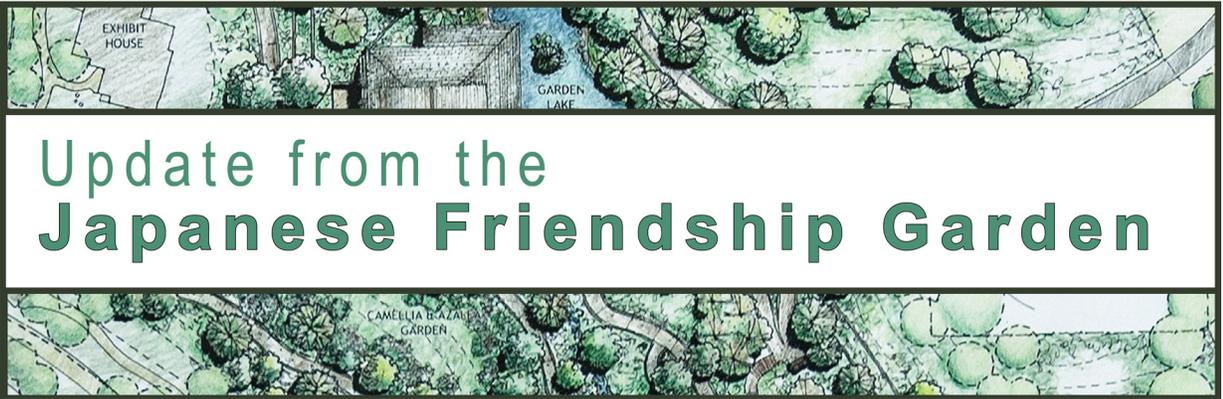


There are currently two slots still available. The sign-up sheet will be at the October meeting at Lake Poway.

### Reminder

A reminder that all beginning classes, workshops and skills classes are taught from 8:30 am to 10:15 am on Club meeting days at Balboa Park. Also, don't forget to bring any trees that you would like some help or advice on from our excellent Bonsai Masters at the Club. Help is located in the back of Room 101 to the right of the stage.

If you have any ideas that can improve our programs or have skills that you would like to share please contact me at the Monthly Meeting or at [wfgraham3rd@gmail.com](mailto:wfgraham3rd@gmail.com)



*Glenn Jensen, JFG Curator  
Barbara French-Lee, JFG-SDBC Liaison*

Our faithful volunteers: *Mori Suemori, Nancy Wilson-Ramon, Charlie Mosse, Harlan* and *Mary Ann Price*, under the direction of our Curator *Glenn Jensen*, continue to keep our bonsai trees looking well cared for. We receive continued appreciation from the Garden staff and the public. We are finalizing our bids for building the secure bonsai growing area at the Garden and appreciate the advice from Club members and the various fencing companies. This is a big step in reaching a goal the Bonsai Club has had to consolidate our donations at the Japanese Friendship and to take trees off exhibit when necessary.

Thank you!



Many thanks to *Jason Chan* for donating his time, talent, trees and pots to help 14 students create some very nice beginner bonsai trees. Although the original idea was to have the workshop at the Garden we decided to move it to the area outside the SDBC Show, and with the help of Club members, *Fred Miyahara, Sonya Holmquist, Kathy Edgar, John Jackson, Nelson Cortes* and *John Voss*, we were able to help 14 students take home a well designed beginner bonsai.

## Volunteer Opportunities at The Garden

Volunteers who can speak or teach about bonsai will be greatly appreciated for the following:

- **Weds, 10am - 12pm, Oct 11, 19, and 26.**

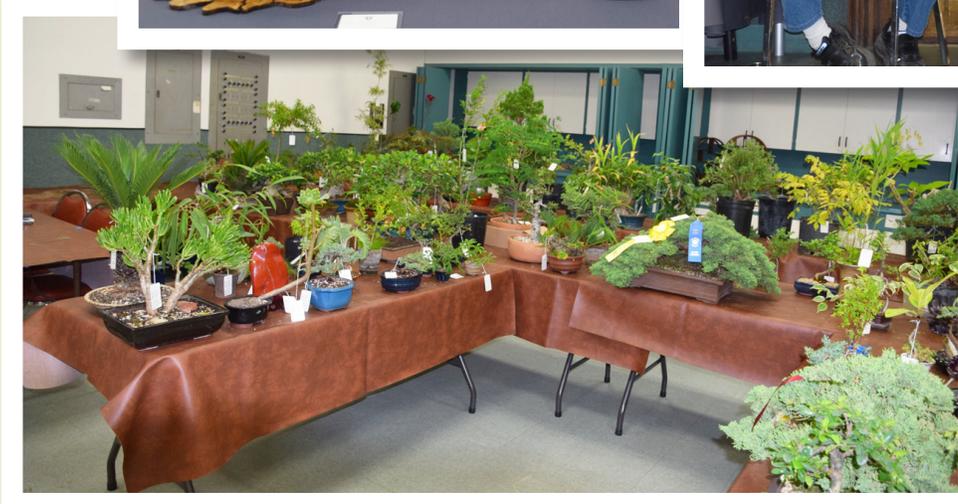
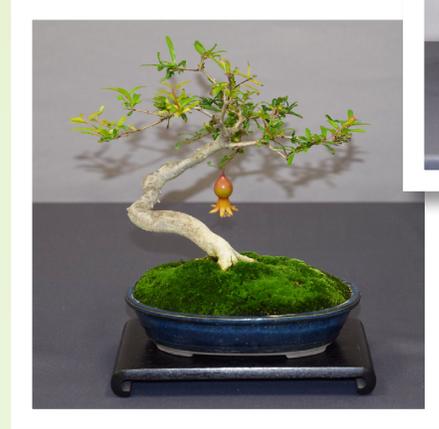
Docent Training Sessions: a Bonsai expert to teach an intensive 2 hour primer about bonsai on any one of the dates listed above.

Please contact *Mr. Frederick Hewitt* at [programs@niwa.org](mailto:programs@niwa.org) if you are interested.

# Fall Show Wrap Up

*Janice Hale, VP Special Projects*

Spectacular! Does that aptly describe our Fall Show? Stunning trees, beautiful accents and a fabulous viewing stone display were enjoyed by 3,678 visitors. Our club members make a great team, from set up to tear down. Everything you do makes a huge impact on the show, from security to sandwiches to sales table and everything in between. Each of you should be very proud of your contribution to it's success. Thank you to all of you who had items on the sales table. Your generous donations contributed \$2,041 to the Club and between you all, you made over \$7,400. Our visitors donated another \$445. We deserve to throw ourselves a party to celebrate. How about a picnic at Lake Poway on October 8th? Sound good? See you there! Special thanks to Peter Macasieb for his demo/workshop on Saturday, and to Jim Barrett for his demo with Gary Jones on Sunday.



# Upcoming Programs

*Charlie Mosse, SDBC 1st VP*

## December

December is the styling competition. We have four 'nanas', aka Dwarf Japanese Garden Juniper, for the teams. We bought these earlier this year, re-potted them and have let them grow. The trees have been trimmed by *Gary Jones* and his Friday Group: *Sonya Holmquist*, *Nancy Wilson-Ramon* and *Paul Lawrence*, and also a "guest" expert - *John Jackson*. Thanks for the help. These Junipers are easy to style, grow and have nice tight foliage and flexible branches for wiring, making them an ideal plant for bonsai. Last year we had an inexperienced member team up with an experienced member, both bonsai-ing their way to a styled tree. This worked so well that we are going to do it again. This a great opportunity for new members to work with one of our experienced members in a fun, no stress atmosphere.

## January

January is good time to focus on soils and repotting, November through March being the best time period for re-potting Pines, Junipers, deciduous trees and most evergreens. Trees that have been properly repotted regularly are relatively easy to repot. However, problems arise when trees are very root bound, roots are in poor condition, or the tree needs to go into a significantly smaller pot. Questions arise like: Should I use a different soil? If so, what should it be? Should the tree be anchored to the pot even if it is not a big tree? Are there different ways to properly anchor a tree? The tree needs a smaller pot, how small can I go? The roots are in poor condition, how much should I remove and what type of soil mix and container size should I use for repotting a sick root system? These are some of the basic questions. This is a great time to get those questions answered and get some help with a difficult tree. As benign as re-potting appears to be, it is one of the important steps in assuring a strong root system and healthy tree. Repotting time will be in the morning from 8:30 to 10:20 and again after the raffle should the need arise.

## New Members

*Nazim Colak, SDBC VP of Membership*

### Please welcome our new members:

*Nicholas Gomez, Patricia Gomez, Nayer Kerardian, Annette Mayfield, Brandon Merrick, Gary Nanson, Fran Selder, George Tubon.*



# SAN DIEGO BONSAI PAVILION

# SAFARI PARK



Earlier in September some of the volunteers bravely came to the Pavilion and worked through the 105+ temperatures to make sure all the bonsai and ground plantings were adequately groomed and watered. Then later in the month, we had a great turnout of volunteers to work in the beautiful pre-fall temperatures... The bonsai and the volunteers all seemed to adjust to our Southern California environment quite well!

For the first eight months of 2017, the active Pavilion volunteers have donated nearly 2,000 hours at Safari Park! Wonderful!!! We also have another dozen or so volunteers awaiting their Zoo/Park credentials to join our group. Even though the Pavilion is not open for public viewing at this point, there is still much to be done behind the scenes... Newcomer Connie can attest to that!



*Mori Suemori, Connie Kraus, Mark Edgar cementing the rocks in place. First the back breaking work of removing the rocks and muck, then the gunite swale is pressure cleaned, rocks are cleaned and then the back aching work of cementing the rocks into place. This process will save many hours of labor for years to come by cementing the rocks into place; they get moved around constantly by critters and kids.*

*Jackson, Jim Kirchmer, Connie Kraus, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Janet & Ron Palmer, Sally Prestele, Clare & Ron Roberts, 'lyn Stevenson, Yoichiro Suemori, John Voss, Dennis Wagner, Mark Walters, and Dave Woodall. Thanks to donors: Cathy, John, Janet, 'lyn, and the Mosses, for the refreshing treats this month also. A very special thank you to Harlan and Mary Ann Price for their added \$100 gift to the Pavilion in September.*



*John Jackson and Mark Edgar.*

Future planning for the Pavilion (and one of our very early priority list items) has been to repair and replace the “temporary” tables and pedestals with more permanent and aesthetically pleasing supports. To help finance this project, we are going to be holding benefit drawings (AKA raffles) so that everyone can participate. When SDBC members see an item that the Pavilion volunteers are donating, please support this project and be a part of this future improvement. The first item will be raffled at the October 8th picnic-meeting at the Lake Poway.

Thanks to the September volunteers: *Ken Bross, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Bob & Janice Hale, John*

*'lyn Stevenson,  
Liaison for SDBC Bonsai Pavilion and Safari Park*



**The area out front of the Pavilion gate that will be a new road. The lower pond will be demolished and rebuilt by the Safari Park closer to the gate.**



**Ken Bross and Sylvia Mosse trimming the Hisayasu twin trunk European Olive.**



**Janice Hale w/ John Jackson's donated Trident Maple.**

### **Bonsai Ideas, Continued from Page 3**

mixture will keep this under control. [Editor's Note: Best practices for pest control and availability of products may have changed since this article was originally published. Ask one of our experienced members for current suggestions.]

Now is the time to anticipate and enjoy better autumn color by reducing watering time as well. Once the leaves on trident maple, japanese maple, liquid amber, ginkgo, hornbeam and other colorful deciduous trees begin to loose their vigor and drop, it will be best to keep the bonsai areas and pot surfaces cleared of debris. Remove all trash promptly. Continue to spray benches with an all purpose insecticide and a final spray of fungicide. Pests seem to make a final effort to destroy and injure trees as they feed heavily prior to moving into the pupa stage.

Some repotting is permissible at this time of year, specifically bamboo, boxwood, conifers (pines), hornbeans, cottoneaster, podocarpus, privets, pyracantha, wisteria, willows and most varieties of deciduous trees. (Ref.: Bonsai Techniques #1 by John Naka). The key to safe repotting is to minimize any root disturbance and to exclude any severe pruning of any kind. Trees can be transferred into larger or different containers. If in doubt about the health or condition of a tree, wait until spring to repot.

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## Other Bonsai Activities

- October 7th - Midori Bonsai Club 56th Annual Bonsai Show, Cupertino CA.
- October 7th - 8th - Conejo Valley Bonsai Society 14th Annual Bonsai Exhibition, Thousand Oaks CA.
- October 14th - 15th - East Bay Bonsai Society 56th Annual Show, Oakland CA.
- October 25th - 30th - Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention #40, Riverside CA.
- February 2nd - 4th - 16th Biennial California Shohin Seminar by the California Shohin Society, Santa Nella CA.
- February 17th - 18th - GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Annual Mammoth Auction and Sale Fundraiser, Oakland CA.
- February 24th - 25th - Bonsai-A-Thon at The Huntington, San Marino CA.

# SDBC Meeting Minutes

*Sylvia Mosse, SDBC Secretary*

## September Meeting

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the membership of the San Diego Bonsai Club in Balboa Park was called to order at 10:30 by Bob Hale, President. It was confirmed that a quorum was present.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the August 13, 2017 meeting were approved as published.
3. President's remarks: Bob announced our Fall Show, September 23rd & 24th, which gives the San Diego Bonsai Club another chance to share our art with the community. We have a lot of newer members and Bob would like to invite all to become a part of the SDBC team and volunteer for a few hours during the four days it takes to put on this amazing event. Please sign up at the Special Projects section for more show information. Bob also announced that soon it will be time to install new officers for SDBC. If anyone is interested in any of the elected or appointed positions in the club, please let Bob or any of the other officers know. A nominating committee will soon be making choices for our upcoming election. Members need to sign up for our next Bonsai meeting, picnic and auction on October 8 at Lake Poway.
4. Board Member Reports:
  - Nazim Colak: VP for membership, reported: 8 new members were signed up last month.
  - Charlie Mosse, 1st Vice President, reported: October 8th meeting is the Lake Poway picnic. November 12 features Jonas Dupuich. Jonas was an apprentice in Japan for 5 years. Sign up for one of four 45-minute slots with Jonas; bring in your Black Pines, Junipers, Elms, etc. for \$25. Jonas will also have an all day workshop on Saturday Nov 11, hosted by Fred Miyahara. Cost will run between \$40-\$50 for 1 hour. The styling competition is set for Dec. 10th. There will be 3 to 4 Procumbens nana plants available. We're scheduled for tree repotting workshop in January. Bring in your trees that need repotting. Help and soil will be provided by the SDBC for this workshop.
  - Bill Graham, VP for Education, reported: Bill stated that the Kenji trees got a great start this morning. He thanked the instructors Michael Sykes, Glenn Jensen and Fred Miyahara. The second meeting of the beginners juniper class went well. He gave thanks to Mark and Cathy Edgar, and special guest John Jackson. There will be no beginning classes in October and November. November workshop to be held in Room 104 with Tecate Cypress trees donated by Gary Jones, who will also be teaching. Jonas will be in Room 101. There are 8 spots available. December styling competition. Black Pine follow-up for all who have taken a Fred Miyahara Black Pine workshop: bring your tree(s) to the December meeting at 8:30am. We'll have Elms grown by Eric for the Beginners class in January 2018. Michael Sykes has his Foemina follow-up scheduled for April 2018.
- Janice Hale, Treasurer, reported: Club checking account: \$36,632, of which \$216 is available for the Japanese Friendship Garden. Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion checking: \$11,848. Total Funds: \$48,480. Year-to-Date Net Loss <\$9,164>.
- Janice Hale, Special Projects, reported: The Fall Show is September 23rd and 24th with set up on Thursday the 21st and Friday 22nd. Show is September 23rd and 24th with set up on Thursday the 21st and Friday 22nd. For those of you who are displaying trees and are in need of an accent plant, Cathy Edgar has 8 accent plants that she will loan to members for the show. There are Show fliers in the back for you to take to your office or favorite coffee shop. There are consignment sheets and sale tags for club members who want to participate in the sale. A Minimum 20% donation to the Club is deducted from your sale amount. The club doesn't mind if you'd like to donate more. The club will then pay the sales tax from the amount deducted and the balance will be your donation to the club, which is tax deductible. There are many volunteer opportunities for members Thursday through Sunday. Please try to donate a few hours of your time. You don't have to have any prior experience with the show, we'll let you know what to do. GSBF Convention is October 25-29th Riverside Convention Center. The \$295 Full registration amount covers Thursday-Sunday and includes Friday dinner, Saturday buffet lunch, Saturday dinner and Sunday buffet lunch. You can also be a silent observer in any of the workshops. You can also register for just one or two days and pay for meals separately Thursday night of there will be a special Evening with the Headliners and buffet for \$70. Website: [gsbfconvention.org](http://gsbfconvention.org) to see a list workshops, seminars, critics, and excursions. Some of the workshops have sold out.
5. Appointed Position Reports:
  - John Jackson, SDBC Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Curator, reported: The Bonsai Pavilion is looking

good. We're working on cleaning out the streams and ponds. The Pavilion will be closed to the Public for approximately 6 months more.

- 'lyn Stevenson, SDBC Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Liaison, reported: Our construction of the new walkways and work areas is complete. Our tabletops are in need to be replaced, so we will need to fund-raise. In that light, 'lyn is donating a large Penjing that she has had for many years. She is selling raffle tickets, at \$5 each, starting today. She will show it at the Fall Bonsai show and sell tickets to members and the public. Members will also have a chance to buy tickets at the October meeting, which is the day it will be raffled off.
6. Bob announced Fred Miyahara's plant and pot sale next Sunday from 9-4. Flyers are in the back.
  7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Thank you!

**We appreciate the refreshments for the September meeting, which were provided by:**

*Susan Baker, Jenny Chin, Darryl & Christine Elmer, Abe & Cristina Far, Susan Hull, John and Margaret Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Janet Liggett, Kumiko Mori, Charlie Mosse, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, Dennis Wagner.*

**Many thanks to those who donated to the September raffle:**

*Abe & Cristina Far, Bob Hale, John and Margaret Jackson, Gary Jones, Charlie Mosse, Dan Sola, Charlie Tamm.*

## A Flurry of Preparation

The September meeting was an opportunity to get consultations and last-minute advise for the Fall Show.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Mtg. Agenda:  
*October 8 at Lake Poway*

**10:00 am**

Arrival/check-in

**10:30 - 11:00 am**

Business Meeting

**11:00 - 11:30 am**

Silent Auction

**11:30 am**

Lunch

**12:00 pm**

Live Auction

SDBC Upcoming Events:

<b>Oct 7th (Sat)</b>	Safari Park Work Day
<b>Oct 8th (Sun)</b>	Picnic at Lake Poway
<b>Oct 21st (Sat)</b>	Safari Park Work Day
<b>Nov 4th (Sat)</b>	Safari Park Work Day
<b>Nov 12th (Sun)</b>	Regular Meeting: Pines with Jonas Dupuich
<b>Nov 18th (Sat)</b>	Safari Park Work Day
<b>Dec 2nd (Sat)</b>	Safari Park Work Day
<b>Dec 10th (Sun)</b>	Regular Meeting: Styling Competition
<b>Dec 16th (Sat)</b>	Safari Park Work Day
<b>Jan 6th (Sat)</b>	Safari Park Work Day
<b>Jan 14th (Sun)</b>	Regular Meeting: Repotting!
<b>Jan 20th (Sat)</b>	Safari Park Work Day
<b>Feb 3rd (Sat)</b>	Safari Park Work Day