



The Bonsai Wine

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Message from the President

Barbara French-Lee, SDBC President

I'm continually reminded of how dynamic the San Diego Bonsai Club is. In April, we had a great Bonsai Club show and sale. The trees on exhibit were amazing as was the kusomono or accent plants grown and shown by **Kathy Edgar**. So much work goes into having a tree show ready and thanks to everyone who brought a tree for the show. Thanks to **Phuc von Moch** for the Ikebana arrangement she created for the entrance table to welcome the season and express peace. And we also had demonstrations on developing and working on a bonsai trees, both inside and outside the exhibit area. Saturday evening, we had a delicious dinner on a beautiful evening out on the patio with guests from the LA area. Then came another fun part, a raffle of items in support of the SDBC. A special thanks to **Abe Far** who organized the show, sale and dinner and to all the helpers on the four days of set up, show and sale and take down. It takes many people to create this show and sale so if you didn't have a chance to help this time we would love your help at our October show. Sunday, June 20th, the SDBC had their first ever fund raiser at the JFG to build

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Next Meeting: 6/10

Nico Goossens

Darryl Elmer, SDBC 1st VP

Nico Goossens is co-owner of Lico Orchids and Flowers in Encinitas, CA. He grows a variety of orchid genera, especially species and is very interested in conservation of Southern California orchids. In his research on quality care for orchids he has become expert at enhancing water quality for plants. He will speak with us about the chemical makeup of Southern California water and how that affects plant growth. He will present solutions about how we can improve the quality of our water in growing bonsai through various techniques and devices we can use to enhance the quality of water coming into our homes.

a growing area for the off-exhibit trees that are part of the club's exhibit at The Garden. It was a beautiful day in The Garden with a wonderful tour by JFG's **Frederick Hewett**. People seemed to enjoy themselves and the morning seemed like a wonderful garden party. Thanks to everyone who helped, donated items for the auctions and bought trees and bonsai items. Everything was purchased and **Janice** will give the income amounts in her report. I want to give a big thank you to **Bob Hale** and **Dennis Wagner** for all the time and work they have put into creating a much needed growing area for our off-exhibit trees. I appreciate so much that **Glenn Jensen** agreed to be the curator after **Dave Rochester** passed away as he has continued to create an exhibit with beautiful and healthy trees. He took over at a difficult time and made the bonsai exhibit one the club and the Japanese Friendship Garden are very proud to show. At the same time, the volunteers at the SDBC Pavilion at the Safari Park have been working very hard to renew some of the infrastructure in the Pavilion as well as the plantings as they look forward to their formal opening in the near future. **Lyn Stevenson** and curator **John Jackson** will have more details about the volunteers and the opening. We thank the volunteers for all their many hours to create a world-class bonsai exhibit. And another big project for the club is our booth at the San Diego County Fair which opens Friday, June 1st. Thanks to **Bob** and **Janice Hale** and **Jaya** and **Ron Kaelberer** for setting up the booth and arranging for the trees and waterers at the Fair. I hope you will be able to go to the Fair, especially on our bonsai presentation day, Wednesday, June 13, noon to 4pm. We also need help in our information booth that day as well as June 7th. There are many ways to volunteer and become a part of the bonsai community. If you would like more experience working on trees please consider volunteering at the Safari Park or the JFG. It is a wonderful way to gain bonsai experience and confidence. If you have an area of interest and you would like to share it with the club please let a Board member know. To continue and expand our outreach we greatly need your participation.

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April Program in Review

Darryl Elmer, SDBC 1st VP

At our April meeting we had a great demonstration by **Tak Shimazu**. Tak is known for his work with pines and junipers as well as his ability to take a less than perfect tree and make it into a beautiful bonsai. During his demonstration **Tak** showed us the techniques involved in styling a bonsai from start to finish. **Tak** brought a beautiful bonsai that he donated to the Japanese Friendship Garden. After his demonstration **Tak** held a workshop for a few of our club members.

Mr. Shimazu shared examples of trees at different stages of maturity and referred back to them throughout his presentation.



Mr. Woodall cutting his cake.



A well deserved break.



SDBC Education:

Bill Graham, SDBC VP of Education

June is here and so is summer!! Welcome to warm day and warm nights. Now is the time to start working on your tropicals. Ficus here we come!

Beginning Classes:



April
15

June
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July
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The second beginners class is moving right along and you will be working on wiring and styling this month. Your olives should be in good health and growing well. As the heat comes up, the trees are going to need more water and you should be paying close attention to the condition of your soil. **Dan** and his helpers are looking forward to seeing how your trees have been doing for the last two months.



August
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September
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December
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The third beginners class of the year will start in August and take us through the end of the year. Please note the scheduling of this class. We have some very nice *Procumbens nanas*. This is very nice material that will make some great bonsai. The instructors will be **Mark** and **Cathy Edgar**. The sign-up sheet will be at the June meeting. The cost is \$50.00.

Intermediate Skills Workshops



Jaya Kaelberer, Dave English, Brenda Crann, Tak Shimzu, Janice Hale, Nancy Wilson-Ramon after Tak's workshop.

The **Tak Shimazu** Workshop was fantastic. All of the trees were transformed into very nice Shohin. **Tak** was very instructive and his students created beautiful bonsai!

June Workshop *Procumbens nana*:

John Voss will be leading a workshop on some nice *Procumbens nana*. **John** has been working these trees for some time and they are very good material, ready to be styled. The sign-up sheet was put out at the April meeting.

SOLD OUT

July Workshop: *Chaenomeles japonica*

Glenn Jensen will be leading a workshop with flowering Japanese Quince. These trees make for interesting clump styles with beautiful flowers. They can flower multiple times during the year and make elegant bonsai. **Glenn** has experience with these and this should be an excellent class!

SOLD OUT

August Workshop: Hon Non Bo (Vietnamese Tray Landscaping)

We have an exciting program scheduled. Our own Queen of Shohin, **Shirley Kavanaugh**, will be teaching how to create a miniature tray landscape, using a marble tray, small olive trees, rocks, water and a few other items. If you have ever seen **Shirley** work, you know how cool and exciting this will be! The sign-up sheet will be at the June meeting. The cost will be \$125.00 and limited to seven (7) attendees. There has been a lot of interest in this class and it will sell out fast!

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.

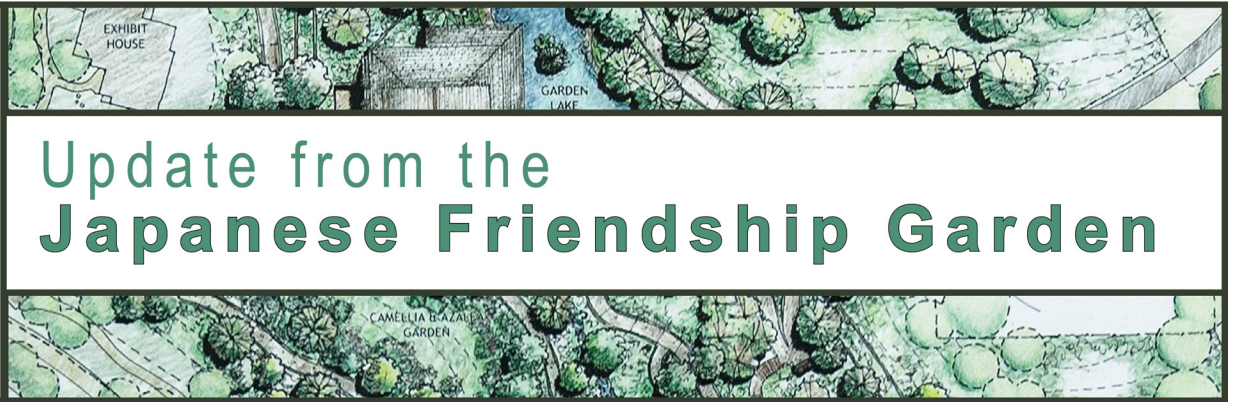
If you have any ideas that can improve our programs or have skills that you would like to share please contact **me** at the monthly meeting or at wfgraham3rd@gmail.com.

THANK YOU



Thank You!

We appreciate the refreshments that were donated for the April and May meetings. Many thanks to those who donated items for the April and May meetings.



Update from the Japanese Friendship Garden

Glenn Jensen, JFG Bonsai Curator

San Diego Bonsai Club's May 20 meeting at the Japanese Friendship Garden was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who participated in making it such a successful event.



Frederic Hewitt, program director of the Japanese Garden did his usual great job of leading tours of the Garden and explaining the esthetics of Japanese culture. The Japanese Friendship Garden is a peaceful, relaxing place to enjoy.

Japanese Friendship Garden

bonsai volunteers had the bonsai in great shape as usual! Thank you **Mori Sue-Mori**, **Barbara French-Lee**, **Charlie Mosse**, **Harlan** and **Mayranne Price**, **Nancy Wilson Ramon**, and **Paul** and **Javier** of the Garden. Special thanks to



Bob Hale and **Dennis Wagner** for getting the new growing grounds up and running. We now have a place for extra trees and storage of materials. **Bob** has been a great organizer.

Gary Jones was excellent as the live auctioneer and many, many people contributed

to the success of the silent auction. A significant amount was raised to support your bonsai collection. Thank you, equally, to the many donors and to the purchasers of bonsai materials.

San Diego Bonsai Club can be very proud of its contributions to the art of bonsai.



Library Update

Sonya Holmquist, SDBC Librarian

A Bonsai Magazine Bonanza

Recent issues of the following bonsai magazines are now in the library. A few highlights are given for each issue:

- Bonsai Focus - March/April and May/June 2018. Previews (in both issues, covering different topics) of **Andrea Meriggioli's** upcoming book, *Bonsai Maples* – everything you need to know about growing and nursing *Acer palmatum* and *Acer buergerianum*. Other highlights include a repotting guide for 20 deciduous species; creating a rocklike landscape planning using found wood; techniques for rock plantings; and how to create a finished gardenia bonsai starting from scratch. All in addition to many photos of award winning bonsai and techniques of the masters.
- Golden Statements - Spring 2018. Beautifully photographed trees from the Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyuka 54th annual Winter Silhouettes show and the Bay Area Bonsai Associates 37th annual bonsai exhibition. Also check out the restyling of a legacy sierra juniper (approximately 400 years old) by **Mike Pistello** and **Daisaku Namato**.
- BCI Bonsai & Stone Appreciation - Jan/Feb/March 2018. Photos from **Stephen Voss's** wonderful and evocative book, *In Training*, featuring bonsai from the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum in Washington, D.C. Also, step by step instructions for creating a root wood stand. Preview of the 2018 BCI International Convention in Mulhouse, France, and the seven-day post-convention tour of the Alsace region of France.

New books in the library:

- Miniature Living Bonsai Landscapes: the Art of Saikei, **Herb L. Gustafson**, 1994. The book covers the concept of depth and the five elements of landscape: harmony, consistency, balance, scale and interest. Hundreds of photos guide you through the creative process of saikei development.
- Pop Bonsai: Fun with Arranging Small Trees and Plants, **Lisa Tajima**, 2004. Be prepared to have your concept of bonsai "popped." **Lisa's** freestyle version, in fun containers – many handmade by her – brings whimsy and joy to the viewer.

Upcoming Programs

Darryl Elmer, SDBC 1st VP

July - In July, we will have **Ted Matson** give a presentation on warm weather varieties like Crape Myrtle, Bougies, Olives and Ficus. **Ted Matson** is the curator of the Bonsai collection at the Huntington and is well known in the Bonsai community. We are very lucky to have him come to our club.

August - In August, **Jonas Dupuich** will be returning to continue his presentation on what makes a quality tree. He will help us learn how to select better nursery stock, pre-bonsai and bonsai. Selecting quality trees is not as easy as it appears but is very fundamental to getting off to a good start.

September - In September, **Peter Macasieb** will be our presenter. **Peter** is best known for his work with Shohin bonsai.

October - Poway picnic.

10:30 - 11:00 am	Business Meeting
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Mystery Guest
12:00 pm	Raffle & Refreshments

Membership Update

Keith Carter, SDBC VP of Membership

The club currently has 273 paid members for the year. That number includes each individual signed up under family memberships.

There is still a large backlog of lapsed members who did not renew for 2018. I am sending these folks personal emails encouraging them to come back to the club. If you know of some individuals who have stopped coming please let me know.

A total of 76 members attended the May meeting at the Japanese Friendship Garden. April meeting attendance was 83.

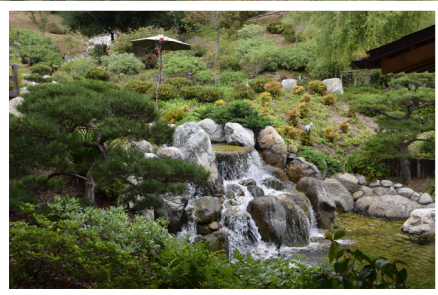
New members

Please welcome new members **Cristobal Garcia & Maria Arballo, Irene Tassie, Frank & Evelyn La Rosa, Gary Burrows, John McCartney, Ryan Anson, Sally Anson, Bob Anson, Martin D. Fine, Mary Yoder, Frank Guadiana, Frank Guadiana Jr., Sharen Vandenbroek, David Vandenbroek, Michael Vandenbroek, Shelley Mallouf, Jay Franklin, Gary Billburg, Maria Billburg, Vince Hernandez, Donna Hernandez, Sonya Wrisley, Teresa Valen, Ryan Ellerd, Barry Sandall, Bitu Cyrus, Alice Blake-Stalker and John Stalker.**

May Program in Review

Darryl Elmer, SDBC 1st VP

In May we held a fund raiser at the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park. Our event included demonstrations, auctions, a tour of the garden and a preview of the new bonsai grow area that is being developed. The items to be auctioned off at this event included the tree that was styled by **David Nguy** in our March club meeting and many other items that were donated by our club members and JFG. Many club members attended this event and helped us raise much needed money for the Japanese Friendship Garden.



Bill Murphy Award (Novice) Winner for 2018:

Dan Sola

Keith Carter is this year's Bill Murphy Award winner for his ficus multi-trunk. **Keith** is our Membership VP. Thanks to **Glenn Jensen** and **Abe Farr** for helping in the judging. The award presentation was on Wednesday, 30 May at 2:00 p.m.



SDBC Website Highlights:

Eric Jacobson, Webmaster

- For those unable to attend the May meeting at the Japanese Friendship Garden, we have a few photos online of the bonsai collection.
- Some initial photos of the San Diego County Fair exhibit are also up for viewing.

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Other Bonsai Activities

- June 16th - 17th - [Descanso Bonsai Society](#) 49th Annual Exhibition. 1418 Descanso Dr, La Canada CA.
- June 23rd - 24th - [Orange County Bonsai Society](#) Annual Show. 909 S. Dale Ave, Anaheim CA.
- September 14th - 16th - [Northwest Bonsai Rendezvous](#). 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie OR.
- October 24th - 28th - [GSBF Convention #41](#). McClellan Conference Center, Sacramento CA.

SAN DIEGO BONSAI PAVILION

SAFARI PARK



The San Diego Bonsai Club has received much support from the Pavilion volunteers during the months of Pavilion closure due to the Safari Park's construction of the new Australia Exhibit! It has been very, very busy and somewhat strenuous at times but the opening of the Australia exhibit on May 25th and the "soft opening" of the Bonsai Pavilion made it a glorious time for all! The Park has made incredible changes to the upper acres of the Park and the Pavilion has benefitted greatly too. Our thanks to the Horticulture Department Staff for their assistance with the front area of our Bonsai Pavilion. The Torii Gate has been replaced by a pair of new side entry fences and the entry pond has been rebuilt, and much auxiliary landscaping has been added to the front area. Our original monument stone plaque has been reinstalled at the entrance to the delight of our visitors too.

But major work was done by our Bonsai volunteers within the Pavilion. It is beautiful! Our walkways have been enhanced with rock edging to replace the bender boards. Peeler poles have been reset; water lines have been reworked; a new canopy over the entrance gate has been installed; much landscaping has been redone; ponds and the river stream have been power washed and permanently cemented with new rock edges; all the bonsai display tables have been power washed and

re-stained. Incredible work by many dedicated volunteers. Since the Pavilion has been closed to the public for these past months, many SDBC members and visitors have yet to see the new paved walkways that were done early



in the remodeling stages. Some comments that we are hearing now include: "Awesome", "The loveliest part of the Park", "So grateful that the Bonsai area is intact", etc., etc., etc.. As volunteers and bonsaiists, we are gratified by the compliments. The VIP Donor Pre-Openings on May 24th and 25th of the Australia Exhibit caused many to visit the Bonsai Pavilion for the first time

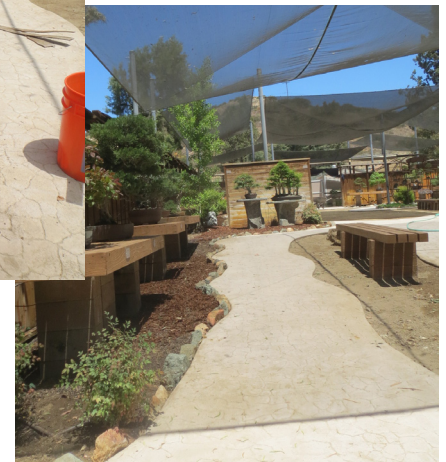
and they were ecstatic! This "soft" opening for the Pavilion was a great introduction to many!

We have a wonderful cadre of volunteers but through these last couple of weeks, there are several special people who have spent many extra hours on the off weekends and week days covering the continuing chores. Our special kudos to **Cathy & Mark Edgar, John Jackson, Jim & Susan Kirchmer, Charlie & Sylvia**

Mosse, and Dennis Wagner! Joining them also in April and May were: **Neil Auwarter, Ken Bros, Alan Burrows, Julia Chow, Newcomers Sally &**



Stephen Dischinger, Bob & Janice Hale, Sonya Holmquist, Jaya Kaelberer, Sally Prestele, Janet & Ron





*Palmer, Clare
& Ron Roberts,
'lyn Stevenson,
newcomer Ray
Stives, Yoichiro
Suemori, and
Dave Woodall.*

Many special
thanks to all!
We look forward
to more SDBC

members participating in this worthy bonsai SDBC responsibility and activity now that the Pavilion is once again open to visitors. Volunteers receive several "perks" from the Zoo/Park for their volunteer hours each year but the individual satisfaction and learning and camaraderie that the volunteers get from this avocation are impossible to ever repay.

Throughout all this construction, volunteers continued to keep our bonsai collection trimmed, repotted when needed, fertilized, and groomed for show. In fact, a couple of the bonsai are currently on exhibit at the San Diego Fair. Some bonsai have been moved from the training

area to the display areas of the Pavilion also while others were temporarily removed from exhibit for major ongoing work.

Fortunately we have our enlarged work area by our two storage sheds to securely house our bonsai. We were unable to have our usual anniversary auction picnic at the Pavilion this spring due to the closures but we are now looking to the near future for another opportunity to celebrate with a grand Bonsai Pavilion reopening celebration. We will announce those plans in the Bonsai Wire when they are scheduled.

Our volunteers are very much missing one of our active members currently. *Mark Walters* had a major medical set back with a leukemia diagnosis and has been hospitalized most of May. He is anxious to return home and see what his friends have been doing to his bonsai but he is most happy with their assistance at this time. We are praying for his quick return to good health!

Make sure a visit to the Bonsai Pavilion at Safari Park is at the top of your summer priority list! Even better, make a decision to join our volunteer efforts as a regular volunteer. . . We need much help always!

*'lyn Stevenson, SDBC Liaison to the
Safari Park Bonsai Pavillion*



San Diego Bonsai Club Treasurer's Report

1/1/18 - 5/26/18

Janice Hale, Treasurer

The following is a condensed income statement showing our year-to-date revenue and expenses. A detailed version will be available at the next meeting.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE

SDBC Checking	\$50,921.75
Japanese Friendship Garden	2,755.36
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	12,331.87

TOTAL FUNDS: \$66,008.98

REVENUE

Amazon Smile Donation	\$22.83
Donations	\$472.00
Education	3,993.03
Membership	3,423.69
Raffle & Auction	5,101.59
Bus Trips	6,573.42
Spring Show Sale	3,358.44
Tool Table	1,551.62

TOTAL REVENUE: \$24,496.62

EXPENSES

Bonsai Pavilion	\$400.55
Dues	\$140.00
Education	1,727.62
Japanese Friendship Garden	1,182.79
Library	216.21
Membership	364.26
Monthly Program	1,054.07
Newsletter	225.49
San Diego Fair	190.00
Insurance	1,210.00
SDBC Operating Expenses	529.09
Spring Show	922.15
Bus Trips	1,322.50
Sales Tax	587.00
Tool Table	1,211.07

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$11,282.80

NET INCOME (LOSS): \$13,213.82

SDBC Mtg. Minutes

April Meeting

Nancy Wilson-Ramón, SDBC Secretary

The April meeting minutes will be forthcoming.

May Meeting

Sylvia Mosse

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the membership of the San Diego Bonsai Club was called to order at 10:40 am at the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park, by Barbara French-Lee, President. It was confirmed that a quorum was present.

1. President's remarks: Thanks to all the SDBC members for coming to the JFG and for bringing donations for the JFG fundraiser. Thanks to the JFG for donating lots of pots and materials. Acknowledged Glenn Jensen for all his hard work and wonderful job of raising the quality of the Bonsai collection at the JFG. Barbara asked if any of the Board Members would like to report.

2. Board Member Reports:

- Keith Carter:
 - Spring Show membership: Two new members joined during the show. We also had 8 renewals, including some family renewals.
 - New members who have signed up since our last meeting: Irene Tassie, Frank & Evelyn La Rosa, Gary Burrows, Ryan, Sally & Bob Anson, Sharon, David & Michael Vandenbroek, Martin D. Fine, Mary Yoder,
 - Frank Guadiana & Frank Guadiana Jr.
 - April meeting results: 83 members attended the April meeting. One new family membership and seven renewals were recorded during the meeting
 - Membership update: As of May 20, we have 267 current paid members (including individuals in family memberships)
- Janice Hale, Treasurer, reported: 2018 Year-to-Date (05/20/18): Club checking account: \$47,532, of which \$297 is available for the Japanese Friendship Garden. Safari Park

Bonsai Pavilion checking: \$12,332. Total Funds: \$59,864. Spring Show recap: There were 2989 guests. Total income received: \$12,937. Expenses (which includes \$8,367 for sales checks to members): \$(10,379). Total profit \$2,557).

- Bill Graham, VP for Education, reported: June Workshop: John Voss junipers. July Workshop: Just opened: Quince workshop, six spots available; Glenn Jensen will be the instructor. Cost \$40. Bill can accept payments via credit card.
- Abe Far, VP Special Projects, reported: Acknowledged all SDBC members that helped during the Spring Show. Requested that more members sign up for the Fall Show in September. Sign-up sheets will be available at next month's meeting. Regarding the future trips scheduled this year, Abe requested that all those members who are signed up for trips please pay ASAP.
- 3. Unfinished Business: None.
- 4. New business: None.
- 5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

Upcoming Trips:

Ancient Bristlecone
Pine Forest Trip, July
14-15, 2018 / Nisei
Week in LA, August
18, 2018

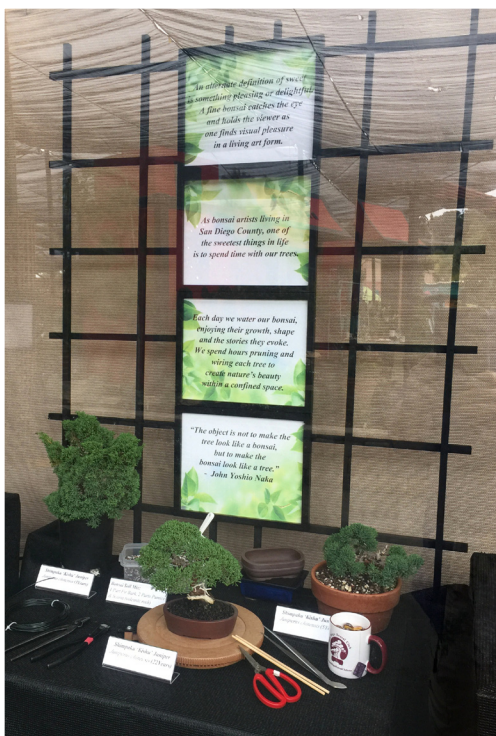
Abe Far, VP Special Projects

We are still accepting registrations for the two-day trip to the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest on July 14-15 and the one-day trip to Nisei week in Little Tokyo on August 18th. For further details, contact **Abe Farr** at abe_far@yahoo.com or go to the event webpages:

<https://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com/bristlecone-pine-forest-trip.html>

<https://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com/nisei-week-bus-trip.html>

The San Diego County Fair Exhibit



Exhibits and trees that obtained ribbons at the fair will be announced at the June meeting and in the July Bonsai Wire.



Abe Farr honored John Voss at the Spring show with a gift to thank him for his service to the GSBF.



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Next Mtg. Agenda:

June 10

8:30 - 10:25 am Olives Beginner Class 2	Prado 104
9:00 - 10:25 am Library Open	
9:00 - 10:20 am Bonsai Assistance: John Voss	Prado 101
10:30 - 11:00 am Business Meeting	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Demonstration by Nico Goossens	
12:00 pm Raffle & Refreshment	

SDBC Upcoming Events:

June 10 (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Nico Goossens
June 16 (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day
July 7 (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day
July 8 (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Ted Matson
July 14-15 (Sat-Sun)	Bristlecone Pine Forest Bus Trip
July 21 (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day
Aug 4 (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day
Aug 12 (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Jonas Dupuich
Aug 18 (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day
Aug 18 (Sat)	Nisei Week Bus Trip
Sep 1 (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day
Sep 9 (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Peter Macasieb
Sep 15 (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day