



The Bonsai Wine

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Message from the President

Barbara French-Lee, SDBC President

The San Diego Bonsai Club has been having a very active year with our informative monthly meetings, Spring Show and Sale, classes, workshops, community outreach activities and the San Diego County Fair. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this Club so dynamic with your participation. We still have many more events to come: Bristlecone Pine trip, Nisei Week trip, youth class at the Japanese Friendship Garden, Fall Show and Sale, nursery trip, and the Bonsai Convention in Sacramento. Our members and board are very active in making these events happen so successfully but we still need much help from our other members. Please consider helping in areas

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Next Meeting: 7/8

Ted Matson

Darryl Elmer, SDBC 1st VP

At our July meeting, **Ted Matson** will be here to give a presentation on some unique warm weather varieties like Mexican guava, the Burt Davy, and a couple of other odd things that he will show and discuss. **Ted** has been studying Bonsai since the late 70s. He began his training in San Francisco, where he learned the basics under **John Boyce**. In 1980 he moved to Los Angeles and became involved in many southern California clubs. **Ted** began a serious pursuit of the art, taking



Mr. Matson at a recent workshop.

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of interest to you. It always makes it more fun and informative for the volunteer when we can participate.

I've been on a great vacation with my grandchildren to Quebec and Montreal. Montreal reportedly has the third largest botanical garden in the world, including a Japanese and Chinese Garden, so of course I wanted to check out the bonsai. I've enclosed a few pictures. I continue to appreciate the trees in the club's collections.



A silverberry tree with the leaves catching the light and a trident maple botanical garden in Montreal.



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classes from leading masters in Southern California, including **Ben Suzuki**, **Shig** and **Roy Nagatoshi**, **Melba Tucker**, **Warren Hill** and **John Naka**. **Mr. Matson** maintains a busy teaching schedule, traveling throughout the country sharing his vast knowledge of Bonsai. He is currently the curator of the Bonsai collection at the Huntington and is very well known in the bonsai community.

Upcoming Programs

Darryl Elmer, SDBC 1st VP

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. He will also be available to hold some workshops while he is here. Details will be announced at our next meeting.



Mr. Dupuich in his element presenting at our November 2017 meeting.

September - In September, **Peter Macasieb** will be our presenter. **Mr. Macasieb** is well known for his work with Shohin bonsai. He is very passionate about bonsai and maintains over 150 beautiful trees at his home.

October - Poway picnic - In October, our meeting will be at the newly renovated Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion. We hold our meeting on that day along with a very special tribute to deceased Pavilion volunteers: **Marty** and **Ruth Mann** and **Charlie Tamm**.

Upcoming Trip:

Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest July 14-15, 2018

Abe Far, VP Special Projects

We have a planned two-day bus trip to the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest in the White Mountains in Bishop, California. We will leave San Diego at 8:00 am Saturday, July 14 and return on Sunday July 15 at 8:00 pm.

The cost for this trip is \$238 per person for a double occupancy room, and \$320 per person for a single occupancy room. This rate includes the bus fare, hotel, Saturday night dinner, and U.S. Forest Service admission fee.

On Saturday we have a stop at a restaurant, and another stop at the Manzanar National Historic Site, which was one of the ten Japanese internment camps during WW2.

Participants must fill out the form for their choice of meal for Saturday night and an emergency contact. Up to now, twenty-seven members signed up and paid. Thanks to San Diego Bonsai Club Board we are going! We have a 47 passengers bus. That means we have plenty room for you to sign up. There will be no cancellations at this point or refunds.

You may pay **Abe Far** at the club meeting or sign up on the club website: www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com.

Don't miss this opportunity!

SDBC Website Highlights:

Eric Jacobson, Webmaster

- Stop by the website to see photos of the San Diego County Fair exhibit and access a video showcasing the judging process.



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SDBC Education:

Bill Graham, SDBC VP of Education

Welcome to July! The year is half over. The heat continues to come up! Watch your watering, make sure that your trees do not dry out.

Beginning Classes:



April
15

June
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July
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The second beginners class of 2018 is progressing well and this is the third and final session on your olives. You will be finishing any wiring and trimming and will be transplanting your trees in to bonsai training pots. This class will show you how to wire your tree into a pot and the techniques used to ensure your tree is placed correctly in your pot. This will be an exciting class and you will get to see your tree start looking like a bonsai!



August
12

September
9

December
2

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 nana*s. This is very nice material that will make some great bonsai. The instructors will be **Mark** and **Cathy Edgar**. As of this writing, there are 2 slots left. The sign-up sheet will be at the July meeting. The cost is \$50.00.

Intermediate Skills Workshops

June Workshop *Procumbens nana*:



A happy group with their trees at the conclusion of Mr. Voss's workshop.

John Voss led a very good workshop on some really nice *Procumbens nana*'s. The trees had already had some pre-styling work done to them by **John** and the participants really advanced the trees on their way to becoming future show trees.

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!



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! As of this writing there are 2 slots left. The sign-up sheet will be at the July meeting. The cost is \$125.00 and limited to seven (7) attendees.

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.



Update from the Japanese Friendship Garden

Glenn Jensen, JFG Bonsai Curator

The summer doldrums are upon us at the Japanese Friendship Garden, but there seems to always be something that needs attention. **Charlie Mosse** replaced the top layer of soil on several trees, which will improve their health and appearance.

The growing grounds area that **Bob Hale** and **Dennis Wagner** provided for SDBC has been a great help.

As always, thank you to the loyal volunteers who keep the bonsai collection in such great shape, **Mori, Nancy, Charlie, Harlan** and **Maryann**, and our SDBC president **Barbara**. It is amazing how many tourists and visitors from all over the world appreciate bonsai.

The Japanese Friendship Garden will have Summer Camp for children and we will provide more information soon.

Enjoy your trees!



Update on the Growing Area

Charlie Mosse

#1: The JFG has heavily mulched the work area. Looks great!



#2: The drip irrigation that **Dennis Wagner** and **Bob Hale** installed is working perfectly. The timing has been adjusted for the season; the plants are thriving. The newly donated scruffy Scrub Oak is loving it and is just beginning to pop many buds. Can't wait to see it in a month or two.

Library Update

Sonya Holmquist, SDBC Librarian

We have received the new Journal of the American Bonsai Society that includes a couple of articles on "American Bonsai" and innovative containers.

Fred Miyahara and *Eric Jacobson* have volunteered to staff the Library this month, so drop by and take advantage of their expertise.

The Fall Show is Approaching!

Dan Sola



The success of any event will depend on the contribution of the organization's members. San Diego Bonsai Club members have been generous in giving time and other resources to our various events every year, especially to our spring and fall shows.

As a reminder, our fall show is scheduled on the last weekend of September this year: Thursday 27, we will set-up everything we need for the show; Friday 28, we will receive the sales and display items; Saturday 29 and Sunday 30, we will be opened to the public from 10:00 am through 5:00 pm; and Sunday, after we closed at 5:00 pm, we will tear-down the show items and store them.

As in the past, we will need numerous help from set-up to tear-down. No experience is needed. Please check out the sign-up sheets and sign-up for open slots. Sign-up sheets will be available during our monthly meetings in room 101.

We are also encouraging our new members to display their bonsai collections, and of course, our experienced members. Bonsai is an art, and your bonsai is your creation and contribution to a part of our club's mission.

Specific needed assistance includes security, sales table, kitchen food, and membership table, to name a few. Members in good standing may sell pre-bonsai, bonsai, and bonsai-related items (pots, tools, and others). Members may also buy items Friday afternoon when sales items are brought in.

San Diego Bonsai Club Treasurer's Report

1/1/18 - 6/23/18

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	\$48,131.54
Japanese Friendship Garden	2,740.50
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	12,431.87
TOTAL FUNDS:	\$63,303.91

REVENUE

Amazon Smile Donation	\$22.83
Donations	\$684.00
Fair Awards	\$100.00
Education	4,138.03
Membership	3,523.69
Raffle & Auction	5,354.59
Bus Trips	7,047.42
Spring Show Sale	3,358.44
Tool Table	1,683.12
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$25,912.12

EXPENSES

Bonsai Pavilion	\$400.55
Dues	\$140.00
Education	1,727.62
Japanese Friendship Garden	1,339.13
Library	216.21
Membership	438.72
Monthly Program	1,204.07
Newsletter	274.52
San Diego Fair	607.31
Insurance	1,210.00
SDBC Operating Expenses	754.68
Spring Show	922.15
Bus Trips	4,370.34
Sales Tax	587.00
Tool Table	1,211.07
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$15,403.37
NET INCOME (LOSS):	\$10,508.75

Upcoming Trip:

Nisei Week in LA, August 18, 2018

Abe Far, VP Special Projects

The San Diego Bonsai Club is having a bus trip to the 78th Annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival in the Little Tokyo neighborhood of Los Angeles on Saturday, August 18th 2018.

We will also visit Green Products in City of Industry in the morning, and a bonsai nursery in the afternoon.

The bus leaves San Diego 8:00 am and Carlsbad 8:30 AM, and will be coming back to San Diego 8:00 pm, maybe sooner.

The cost of the trip is \$40 Per person

There is still room in the bus. Please join us for this fun day!

You may pay **Abe Far** at the club meeting or sign up on the club website: www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com.

Other Bonsai Activities

- July 7th - 8th - The [Vietnamese Bonsai Society](#) presents their [20th Annual Bonsai & Nonbo Exhibition](#). 12292 Magnolia St, Garden Grove.
- August 25th - 26th - [Redwood Empire Bonsai Society \(REBS\) 2018 Annual Show](#). 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa.
- September 6 - 9th - [Kofu Bonsai Kai Bonsai Fest](#) at the Bowers Museum. 2002 N. Main St, Santa Anna.
- September 14th - 16th - [Northwest Bonsai Rendezvous](#). 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie, OR.
- September 22nd - [Mother Lode Bonsai Club](#) 4th Annual Bonsai Exhibition. 1299 Gold Hunter Road, San Andreas.
- October 6th - 7th - [Conejo Valley Bonsai Society](#): 15th Annual Bonsai Exhibition. 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd, Thousand Oaks.
- October 24th - 28th - [GSBF Convention #41](#). McClellan Conference Center, Sacramento CA.

Membership Update

Keith Carter, SDBC VP of Membership

Please welcome new members: **Yomara & Charlie Santiago, Mayra Christiansen, Frances Suen, Nicole Lenhart and Laurie Sheahan.**

The club currently has 291 paid members.

A total of 66 members attended the June meeting, compared to 76 at the May meeting. Be sure to sign in on the attendance sheet at each meeting so we can have an accurate count of attendance.

The 2018 Golden State Bonsai Federation

Janice Hale, SDBC Treasurer



Registration has opened for the [Golden State Bonsai Federation 2018 Convention](#), Creativity Taking Flight. This year's convention will be held October 24-28, 2018 at the McClellan Conference Center in Sacramento.

Thank You!

We appreciate the refreshments that were donated for the June meeting. Many thanks to those who donated items for the June meeting.



SAN DIEGO BONSAI PAVILION

SAFARI PARK



It's a great joy to have the volunteers enthusiastically greeting the hundreds of Pavilion visitors who are now able to enter the Pavilion again after months of closure. Many guests are seeing the bonsai for the first time since they were unaware of the collection and others are delighted with the new access and the improvements we have made. This "soft opening" is also giving us the opportunity to consider some options for the open ground spaces within the Pavilion.

Many thanks to all the June volunteers, and a special welcome to our newest cadre of helpers: **TOBIN BARROZO, JENNY CHEN, SALLY & STEVE DISCHINGER, BOB & JANET LIGGETT, PARIS HABER, DAVID MEYER, and RAY STIVES**, who have joined our more experienced volunteers this past month including: **Neil Auwarter, Ken Bross, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Bob & Janet Hale, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kalberer, Jim & Susan Kirchmer, Janet & Ron Palmer, Shawn & Yvette Palmer, Sally Prestele, Clare & Ron Roberts, 'Iyn Stevenson, Yochiro Suemori, Dennis Wagner, Mark Walters, and Dave Woodall**. Thanks too for the delicious refreshments from the Safari Volunteer Office, **Tobin, the Roberts, Jaya, Curator John, 'Iyn, Shawn, Yvette, and Cathy**.

We are considering being on site every weekend and some weekdays throughout the summer since many visitors are eager to talk with us, and ask questions about the bonsai, the volunteers, and about the San Diego Bonsai Club and San Pu Kai. A part of our time at the Pavilion is visiting with the myriad of visitors. They are interested in talking with us when we are wiring, pruning, potting, and weeding. The volunteer red shirts and name tags are an invitation for conversation. We all enjoy that time too! We continue to invite SDBC members to become Bonsai Pavilion volunteers which will make it more convenient to share extra volunteer shifts besides our regular twice a month times.

The SDBC Board suggested that we have our postponed spring anniversary picnic meeting and silent auction

in October this year since we were closed in May. This calendar change means that there will not be a picnic meeting at Lake Poway this October. The Safari Park Staff and the Pavilion volunteers all agreed that Sunday, October 14, 2018 would be the Formal Opening Celebration of the Pavilion. We will have the usual Club meeting that day at the Pavilion along with a tribute to deceased Pavilion volunteers: **Marty and Ruth Mann and Charlie Tamm**. It will be a great celebration! Sign-ups for Safari Park entrance passes will be made available at the August and September SDBC meetings. Please be sure to mark your calendars for this venue change and the opportunity to see the Pavilion improvements since our last club anniversary in May of 2017.

There are a couple of bonsai from the Pavilion currently on loan to the SDBC for the exhibit at the San Diego Fair. Thanks to the efforts and coordination of Mark Edgar and Bob Hale. The trees will be returned to the Pavilion after the Fair closes July 5th.

Please contact Curator **John Jackson** or Assistant **Dennis Wagner** or Liaison **'Iyn Stevenson** if you have concerns or questions about the Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion and the volunteer program.

'Iyn Stevenson, SDBC Liaison to the Safari Park Bonsai Pavillion



First Volunteer Day After the Soft Opening

Jim Kirchmer & Charlie Mosse

The **Mosses**, **Kirchmers**, **Tobin Barrozo** and **Dave Woodall** worked at the Pavilion. We filled the pond and started the pump. There wasn't much to clean up before the park opened. The volunteer office gave **Susan** a "clicker" and we counted 340 visitors between 9:00 am and around 12:15 pm. **Susan** is planning to get some more data points on visitors.

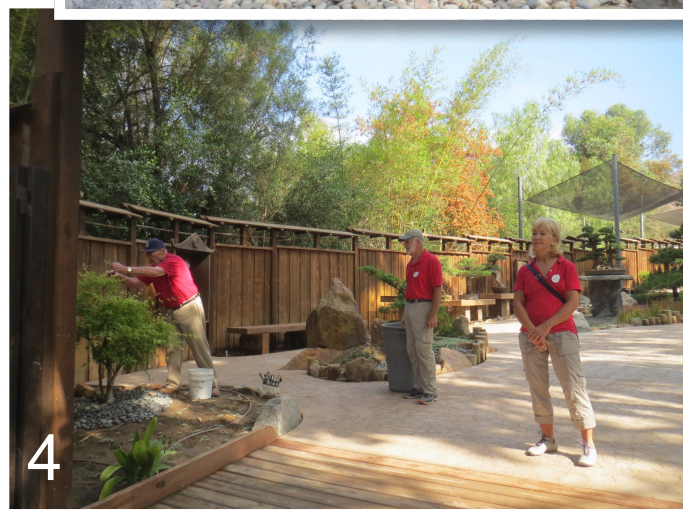
#1: Just inside the entrance, no visitors just yet. The new concrete walkways look great and accommodate guests much better than the DG; Done on time and under budget!

#2: Now there are lots of visitors. From 9:30 to 10:30, 125 guests passed through the Pavilion.

#3: **Tobin Barrozo** at the gated entrance cleaning the Juniper after it suffered damage due to irrigation problems at the Park during the construction.

#4: **Dave Woodall** trimming the Japanese Maple inside the gated entrance, **Jim Kirchmer** as supervisor and **Susan Kirchmer** greeting and counting guests for the record.

#5: Water fall is flowing again.



SDBC Mtg. Minutes

June Meeting

Nancy Wilson-Ramón, SDBC Secretary

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the membership of the San Diego Bonsai Club was called to order at 10:28 in Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park by President, Barbara French-Lee. Quorum was confirmed.
 2. Approval of Minutes: April 2018 Minutes will be available for approval at July meeting. May 2018 Minutes were approved as published.
 3. Presidents Remarks: Darryl and Christine Elmer lost their daughter-in-law a week ago and they are in Arizona to help the family. There is a card in back to sign. Bob and Janice, with Jaya's help, did a nice job setting up the Fair Booth. Our booth won second place. Cindy wanted us to know that she wanted to award two first places.
 4. Board Member Reports:
 - a. Keith Carter, VP Membership, reported 8 new members in May and 4 new members in June so far. There were 7 on-line new members. We currently have 289 active members. In May 74 members attended the meeting. In April 83 members attended the meeting.
 - b. Janice Hale, Treasurer, reported:
 - o 2018 Year-to-Date: Checking account: \$50,349 of which \$2,641 is available for the Japanese Friendship Garden Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion checking: \$12,332
 - o Total Funds: \$65,322
 - o Income: \$24,497
 - o Expenses: \$11,970
 - o Year-to-Date Net: \$12,526
 - o The JFG auction raised \$3,441. The Japanese Friendship Garden raised an additional \$930.
 - o Statements, revenue, expense reports are available for review.
 - c. Barb French-Lee reported for Darryl Elmer, 1st VP of Programs: Today Nikko Goossens is here for a presentation on water. July is Ted Matson. August is Jonas Dupuich. September is Peter Macasieb. October will be a picnic at the SPARC. November is Gary Nanson. December is the styling competition.
 - Additionally, in 2019, The California Bonsai Society is bringing in world-class bonsai artists and wants to share them with local clubs in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov., and will give priority to clubs willing to host them for all four months. The cost to the local clubs will be between \$300 and \$350. Darryl has informed CBS that we are willing to commit.
 - d. Bill Graham, VP of Education, reported on the schedule for the rest of 2018: Today was the second beginners class and a workshop on junipers with John Voss. July is flowering quince with Glenn Jensen. August is Hon Non Bo with Shirley Kavenaugh plus the first of the beginners nana class with Kathy and Mark Edgar which will meet August, September and December. November is carving with Gary Nanson. Additionally, Bill requested people to work at Charlie & Sylvia Mosse's this Friday to work on trees for future classes and workshops. Please see Bill or Charlie.
 - e. Abe Far, VP for Special Events, reported: Abe ask the membership to identify bonsai artists for future club shows (they can decline). The trip to Bristlecone National Forest: trip has 27 people going. The club will subsidize the three additional people to get to 30 people for the bus. There is an email coming with details which will be sent to all who signed up. Overnight parking is at the Mira Mesa Park and Ride which has security. The bus will leave Saturday morning and return on Sunday night. The annual Nisei trip to Los Angeles is August 18. There will be visits to Green Products in the morning and a bonsai nursery and visit to Little Tokyo in the afternoon. Fall Show signups are in the back. We need people to to set up and run the show so please sign up. Dan is the show chair and he shared information along with several of his famous jokes. No experience is needed to help at the show so please sign up. Beginners please sign up, there are jobs you can do.
6. Appointed Positions:
 - a. Sonja Holmquist, Librarian, reported: The Bristle Cone book is checked out to Ray. Sonja will be taking the class next month though the library will be open but you will need to fill out a card if you check something out. She will be there at 11:30, if you have questions.
 - b. Barb thanked Katie for a beautiful newsletter.
 - c. John Jackson, SDBC Safari Park Pavilion

Ted Matson's Workshop

Curator, reported: The Pavilion had 25 people on the most recent work day. With the opening of the Australian exhibit, we have a lot more visitors and can always use more people. This year the October picnic will be at the Safari Park.

- d. John Polo, Raffle Table, reported: John thanked everyone for helping and donating over the 4 years he has been running the raffle table. Paul will be taking over as John has other obligations.
5. Uninished business announcements - none.
6. New business:
 - a. We are excited about having the October meeting at Safari Park. 'lyn will have more information in the next few months.
 - b. Bonsai Day at the Fair is June 13. Gary Jones will be the presenter. Two people are needed for the information booth on that day. Noon-4pm.
 - c. The last week of July, we do a workshop for children at the JFG. We need volunteers to help with that class.
 - d. Abe Far talked about all the work John Voss has done for the club including class, coaching, providing and caring for trees, working at shows, making presentations and many other things for the club. Abe presented John Voss with a lifetime membership to the club in appreciation for all his work for the club. John joined in 1978 and he shared some stories with us including of his early days as Secretary and Newsletter Editor. He also mentioned he served as show co-chair and chair and has helped with the GSBF Convention many times. He enjoys small group teaching and likes helping people before the meeting as he does most meetings in the front corner. Barb shared that John was the last minute teacher and material finder for a year when we promised new members would get in the beginner class and we had too many people and needed to have an additional class.
 - e. Reimbursement for badges from the fair: people who paid for their badges at the Fair, please see Janice for reimbursement for their costs.
6. Program: Nico Goossens on improving water quality for bonsai.
7. Business meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Mtg. Agenda:

July 8

8:30 - 10:25 am Olives Beginner Class 3	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 - 12:30 pm	
Demonstration by Ted Matson	
12:30 pm Raffle & Refreshment	

SDBC Upcoming Events:

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
Oct 6 (Sun)	Safari Park Work Day
Oct 14 (Sun)	Meeting at Safari Park: Jonas Dupuich
Oct 20 (Sun)	Safari Park Work Day
Oct 24-28 (Wed-Sun)	2018 Golden State Bonsai Federation