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Message from the President

Barbara French-Lee, SDBC President

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I'm looking forward to an exciting year as we continue the great programs and educational classes we have had in the past. We have five new and three returning Board members this year and they all have their ideas to continue and add to the vision of the Club. Our Club members have always been willing to help carry on the tradition of providing outstanding services to the members and the community and that will continue this year. Every single member is needed to keep our organization dynamic. If you have an idea for the Club or a way you would like to participate please let someone on the Board know.

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Next Meeting: 1/14 Repotting

Darryl Elmer, SDBC 1st VP

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 on a regular basis are relatively easy to repot since they have a healthy root system and the root ball is relatively easy to work. However, problems arise when trees are very root bound, roots are in poor condition, the tree is not healthy or the tree needs to go into a significantly smaller pot. Questions arise like: If a root ball is very hard, brick hard as it were, is it ok to "re-do" the root ball in two sessions...one session now and another re-pot in a year or two? 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? If the some of the original nursery or native soil is still stuck inside of the root ball, does it have to be removed? The tree needs a smaller pot, how small can I go? What is the proper pot shape? 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

SDBC Website Highlights:

Eric Jacobson, Webmaster

Don't forget that you can go to the SDBC website to take care of business!

- Renew your membership
- Sign up for the Winter Sillouettes Trip
- Sign up for the Bonsai-A-Thon Trip

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We are looking forward to the completion of the work at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, which has kept the bonsai exhibit closed for several months this past year. And if the plan to have a restaurant nearby is true the bonsai exhibit will be on a busy path. All the better for people to visit. Hope you can come by and see the handicap accessible paths that have been created in the Pavilion and the revitalization of plantings, waterfall, pool and benches by the SDBC volunteers during the closure. We look forward to the opening this Spring

Another major project that has been a wish for the San Diego Bonsai Club at the Japanese Friendship Garden has been a secure nursery area to keep donated plants until they are ready to be on exhibit. This will also be a place to keep trees that need to be off exhibit that are already in the collection. We have money to start the project but will be doing fundraisers throughout the year to fully fund this project. Also we will need man and woman power to do some of the work for its completion. Hope you can join us in making this dream a reality. We will keep the membership updated as our plan is developed.

There are more ideas to come but I will save that for next month.

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December Program in Review

Darryl Elmer, SDBC 1st VP

Last month we held the annual styling competition. Three teams consisting of one experienced member and one or more less experienced members competed

in styling Japanese garden junipers. This was a great opportunity for less experienced members to work with one of our experienced members in a fun, no



stress atmosphere. All three trees were very well done making it difficult for the members to choose the winner. This year's winning team was *Niel Auwater* and *Ayse Colak* with second place going to the team of *Abe Far* and *Jack Graham* and third place to the team of *Gary Jones* and *Melissa* and *Chris Strows*. Congratulations to all of the participants. The trees will be auctioned off in the spring of 2018.In December we also held our Bonsai Tree decorating contest. Four members of our club decorated their trees and put them on display during our meeting. All of the trees were very beautifully decorated in Holiday style. One tree was chosen by the members as the winner. This year's winner was *Darryl Elmer*.

Upcoming Trip: Winter Silhouettes Bonsai Show & Nursery Trip

January 13, 2018 Abe Far, VP Special Projects

Last chance to sign up for this exiting trip. Call *Abe Far* at 619-384-0004... or you can sign up on our website, sandiegobonsaiclub.com.

The bus leaves Balboa Park at 11:00 AM sharp and Carlsbad at 11:30 AM. We will be back at 10:30 PM to Carlsbad and 11:00 PM on Balboa Park.

The cost for the trip is \$40.

Goodbye and Thank You, Michael Sykes Barbara French-Lee, SDBC President



We will miss one of the great teachers, bonsai master and friend as *he* and *Nora* leave San Diego to move back east to be closer to family. *Michael* has always been available to give classes and workshops for our Club as well as throughout California at workshops and conferences. One of his specialities are foemina junipers and he creates the most amazing bonsai with them. We wish *Michael* all the best. He will be a great teacher, bonsai master and friend wherever he goes but we will miss him and he will leave an empty spot in our Club. Please let *Michael* know what he has meant to you when you see him at the January meeting as it will be his last meeting before his move.

Other Bonsai Activities

- January 27th 28th <u>Bay Island Annual Bonsai</u> <u>Exhibit</u>. Oakland CA.
- February 2nd 4th 16th Biennial California Shohin Seminar by the <u>California Shohin Society</u>, Santa Nella CA.
- February 17th 18th <u>GSBF Bonsai Garden at</u> <u>Lake Merritt</u> Annual Mammoth Auction and Sale Fundraiser, Oakland CA.
- March 24th 25th Bay Area Bonsai Associates 37th Annual Exhibition. Oakland CA.
- March 24th 25th Tucson Bonsai Society 46th Annual Exhibition. Tucson AZ.

SDBC Education: Bill Graham, SDBC VP of Education

Welcome to 2018! We have another great year in the making and I look forward to spending it with you! I have Beginners Classes, Intermediate and Advanced Workshops in the pipeline. I think you will be pleased and excited when you see what is planned. I know I am!

Beginning Classes:





Our first quarter Beginning Classes for the year has COMPLETELY SOLD OUT and has a waiting list. We will be working on Chinese Elms (Ulmus parvifolia) with *Abe Farr* as lead instructor. If you have signed

up please be on time or a few minutes early. The class starts at 8:30 am in Room 104. At 8:45 am if you have not arrived we will refer to the Stand-By List and fill in by order of sign up. Observers are always welcome. Even if you do not get in to the class, you can still observe and learn.

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.



The beginner juniper class wrapped up in December with re-potting.

Intermediate Skills Workshops

January - Foemina Juniper Follow Up

Calling all Foemina Workshop attendees! This was originally scheduled for April, but *Michael Sykes* will be relocating to Georgia by the end of January and would like one last chance to review your progress before he goes. If you have attended any of his workshops, please bring your tree to the JANUARY meeting morning workshop at 9:00 am for follow up.

January - Club Repotting

As part of the January Meeting, the Club will be hosting its annual repot day. We will be doing this both before and after the business meeting. Bring a tree that needs to be repotted. The Club will provide soil and help as needed.

February - Grafting

Our own grafting Master, *Fred Miyahara*, will be hosting a grafting workshop at the February Meeting.

Understock, scions, tape and bags will be provided. You will need to bring a grafting knife. We will be grafting shimpaku on to nanas. The class is limited to 10 people total. The sign-up sheet has started and will be at the December Meeting.



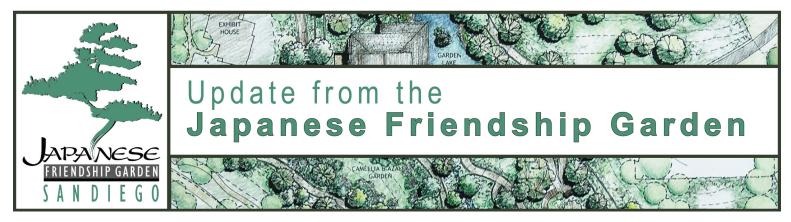
March - JBP

We will again have our own Master of the Japanese Black Pine, *Fred Miyahara*, presenting a workshop. This class is limited to 10 people. *Fred* will provide an excellent Black Pine to work on and will bring his many years of experience and training to help guide you to your own future masterpiece. The cost is \$115. Sign-up sheets will be at the January meeting.

Reminder

A reminder that all beginning classes, workshops and skills classes are taught from 8:30 am to 10:15 am (unless a time change is specified) 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



Glenn Jensen, JFG Bonsai Curator

The year wrapped up very nicely for the collection; the health and look of the trees is much improved and several beautiful trees were donated to the Garden. The highlights of the donations were the Foemina forest, for which a display table was made and donated by **Bob**

Hale, the rugged Trident Maple donated by John Jackson and the beautiful Olive donated by Dave Woodall. There are more trees waiting in the wings to be donated.



On December 27, volunteers did a repot and re-positioning of a Shimpaku. This image shows them firming the soil around the root ball.

The JFG

team is now working on plans for a much needed work and growing area. This will allow us to rotate trees for



Posing with the transplanted Shimpaku are Glenn, Harland Price and visiting former club member and generous volunteer to the JFG collection and the club, Trisha Bonapace. Trisha is now a member of the Bonsai Society of Portland, Oregon, aka, BSOP. It was good to see her at the Garden.

major work or seasonal display, as well as a recovery area for unhealthy trees. Every collection has this as a part of their operation; it makes managing the collection so much more efficient and effective.

We have learned much about growing bonsai at the garden and are very optimistic about what we can accomplish next year. This has all been made possible with a committed group of volunteers and other members, like *Fred Miyahara*, who come to the Garden to assist us on special needs. To all of you, thank you so much.

The support by the club was evident by the terrific attendance at the May meeting this year. The number of members who



A Hackberry at The Garden in December.

came and enjoyed the Japanese Friendship Garden was very much appreciated by the Garden as we appreciate the support we receive from them. We hope to have another meeting at the Japanese Friendship Garden



A Texas Cedar Elm at The Garden in December.

this year.... an excellent venue for us all.

I want to wish all of you a happy, prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Keep Planning Your Trees for the Spring Show!

Katie Borton, TBW Editor

The Spring Show will be around the corner on April 28 and 29. Be sure it doesn't sneak up on you! If you need a push in the right direction as you are preparing your trees to show, the senior Club members are more than happy to offer guidance.

Greetings from

Virginia Dave Barker, The Previous Bonsai Wire Editor

We are fully moved into our house here in Richmond and I finally had time to turn to bonsai. I wanted to thank the Club for the \$100 gift certificate at Stone Lantern, which I recently spent to stock up on wire of all sizes and a nice pair of scissors. I've started to acquire pre-bonsai to work on including a number of azaleas, trident maples, and dwarf crepe myrtles (inspired by *Ted Manson*'s talk last year). I took a trip up to Lynchburg and visited with *Julian Adams*, a bonsai expert, and bought a few of his azaleas, while at the same time taking in the Fall colors. I'm planning a trip to Florida in January to acquire some of my favorite ficus.

I've joined the Richmond Bonsai Society and helped out with their Fall Show in setup and security. I met a man at the show who specifically came because he had seen the San Diego Spring show and was so inspired, he wanted to check this show out and learn more about bonsai.

I've realized that the SDBC really had a ton of opportunities for education compared to here in Virginia. The number of experts in the club and the study groups provided so much knowledge to me. I hope the new members realize that the SDBC is unique in that way and take advantage of those opportunities.

Happy Holidays. I will let you know in the Spring if I've figured out how to keep my bonsai alive in the cold. (It gets down to the teens here in December through February.)

Upcoming Trip: Bonsai-A-Thon at The Huntington February 24, 2018 Abe Far, VP Special Projects

The GSBF collections are a great place for bonsai education. The beauty of living in California, especially southern California, is that you are in close proximity to the beaches, mountains and lots of beautiful gardens. A one-of-a-kind venue in our great area is the Huntington Garden and Museum, which houses the GSBF Southern California Bonsai Collection. Bonsai-A-Thon, this year, is on February 24th and 25th. In addition to the wonderful bonsai exhibit, there will be demonstrations, workshops and a vendor area. At the end of each day, an auction and raffle well be held. Breakfast from 7:00 to 9:00 am and lunch from 12:00 to 1:30 pm will be open for those who wish to partake. Garden tours are scheduled for 10:00 am on both days. San Diego Bonsai Club arranged a Bus Trip on Saturday February 24th. The cost for this trip is \$40.

We will depart from Balboa Park at 7:00 am and the Carlsbad at 7:30 am.

We will return to Carlsbad by 6:30 pm and Balboa Park by 7:00 pm if traffic goes well.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Club meeting, or you can sign up via our website, sandiegobonsaiclub. com.

Special thanks to Janice Hale for arranging this trip.

See you all at Bonsai-A-Thon!



All the refreshments that were brought to the meeting in December were enjoyed by all!

A special thanks to all the raffle doners as well!

Library Update Sonya Holmquist, SDBC Librarian

It's a new year – why not start at the beginning and check out the DVD "Bonsai 101: An Introduction to Bonsai." Join **Boon Manakitivipart**, as he guides you though the information you need to maintain a healthy bonsai tree. This 99-minute video is filled with tips and techniques to help you improve your bonsai skills.



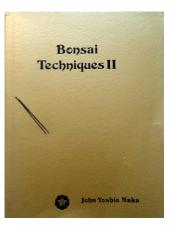
Created specifically for beginners, "Bonsai 101" presents a comprehensive guide for the basic care of bonsai trees. Even if you have never owned or cared for a bonsai before, this detailed program will provide you with the information you need to get started and maintain a healthy, beautiful bonsai. <u>Watch a sample on Boon's</u> <u>website here</u>. Or, go bold, and try something new.

The literati, or bunjin, style of bonsai is often admired, but

less frequently attempted. It breaks many of the rules governing bonsai styling – and who doesn't like to break the rules – but achieving the graceful, sinuous line of the long, thin truck, is far from easy. Without rules to follow, copying examples is a good way to go.

Several library references can help. *John Naka*'s Bonsai Techniques I contains a marvelous description of bunjin:

"The 'BUNJIN' style of bonsai is so free that it seems to violate all the principles of bonsai form. The indefinite style has no specific form and is difficult to describe, however, its confirmation is simple, yet very expressive. No doubt its most obvious characteristics are those shapes formed by old age and extreme weather conditions."



See pages 247-253 for more information and examples. His Bonsai Techniques II also contains many fine examples. Also, see Literati Style Bonsai, Zhao Quinquan. Bonsai Today, Issue 25, includes a history of bunjin, along with several examples

February Program Darry Elmer, SDBC 1st VP

February will be about deciduous trees and getting them ready for the rapid growth ahead. *Glenn Jensen* and *John Jackson* lead a clinic in the morning from 8:30 to 10:15 for 6 lucky people, 3 with the *Glenn* and 3 with *John*. Following our club business at 10:30, *John* and *Glenn* will give a presentation on the same subject. When the trees are bare, it is an excellent time to take a close look at the trees, do some significant trimming, pruning and planning. Once spring arrives, deciduous trees can and usually do grow very fast and back bud, sometimes profusely, leading to an overly bushy tree. So knowing what to look for is very helpful, as is how to properly control the tree.

Most of our trees are in the training stages. Sometimes we let branches grow unchecked to increase their diameter and sometimes we let the entire tree grow, to a point, if it need more trunk size or is sickly and needs to regenerate its root system and vigor. One does not work too much, sometimes not at all, on weak trees.

Deciduous trees are generally re-potted in the early spring just as their buds begin to swell and even show a bit of color. Working with our experienced members will let you know when to re-pot and what to expect how the tree will grow. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the room on the sign up table during our January meeting.

Membership Update Keith Carter, SDBC VP of Membership

New members

Please welcome new member Jenni Bushong.

Membership renewal time

It's time to re-up your memberships for 2018. Keep your membership current by going to the <u>membership page of the website</u> to renew or by paying in person at the January meeting.

Seeking new member mentors

If you're interested in helping new members learn the art of bonsai and to better understand all the advantages of SDBC membership, please contact VP of Membership *Keith Carter* at the January meeting.



Congratulations and thanks to SDBC and particularly to the Pavilion Volunteers for another memorable year at the Safari Park-SDBC Bonsai Pavilion! A special grant from the San Diego County of \$20,000 helped us to install a new walkway throughout the Pavilion and enhanced the work area for the many behind the scenes

activities especially repotting, major pruning, soil mixing, etc. Other financial assistance came from the SDBC, sales at the annual May Picnic/ Auction, and other private donations. Much of the volunteer



Sally Prestele and Julia Chow deep in concentration defoliating the maple. Can you spell tedious?

the Park (Zoo) and the SDBC was renewed in 2017 which solidifies our working relationship even more.

December was a celebration time for the volunteers... Thanks to *Jaya* for organizing a luncheon pot luck party! *Janice* provided guitar accompaniment for our signing of carols and this year *Jaya* also wrote some



JohnJackson working hard on the grouting in place of the river rocks. The rocks will never move again. The Edgar's have also been doing much of the work on this.

labor from our volunteers kept the total cost of these enhancements to a minimum. The ongoing renovation of the front pond and entrance is being implemented by the Safari Horticulture Staff. Of course, all this work was/is being done while we are doing the usual bonsai care, garden, and pool maintenance. In 2017, the Safari Park Horticulture Department announced two new personnel: Horticulture Curator John Horne and Horticulture Supervisor Assistant James. We have an excellent relationship with both of them and the entire department. A new updated contract between



Mori Suemori and Dennis Wagner completeing the fall work on one of the Japanese Black Pines, and doing a bit of philosophizing.

special bonsai parodies: "You Four Bonsai Masters" and "OH Bonsai Tree" which we all sang more than

once! We are often experiencing and discovering so much talent within our bonsai community beyond bonsai that is often donated whenever a need arises whether it's culinary, engineering, irrigation, construction, architecture, or horticulture. GIANT THANKS!

December volunteers included: Neil Auwarter, Susan Baker, Alan Burrows, Donna Carter, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Barbara French-Lee, Bob & Janice Hale, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kalberer, Jim & Susan Kirchmer, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Janet & Ron Palmer, Sally Prestele, Clare & *Ron Roberts, Yoichiro Suemori, 'lyn Stevenson, Dennis Wagner, Mark Walters, and Dave Woodall.* HAPPY BONSAI CREATIONS in 2018... Come and join the Pavilion Volunteers this year too!



A Foemina Juniper from a round nursery growing container to a bonsai pot; Jim, Sonya, Sylvia are supervised by Mark and 'lyn.

Wish List

The Pavilion has an inventory of bonsai pots but not always

Final touches to prepping the root ball by Jim Kirchmer with Sonya and Sylvia observing after they finished trimming the roots.

The final filling of air pockets and firming of the soil are done by Dave Woodall, Sonya Holmquist, and Sylvia Mosse.

the particular one we need... Donations are always welcome... Also, some important bonsai tools that are lacking in our inventory include:

large root cutters, wire pliers (blunt ends), utility type wire brushes (small bristle and larger) for scrubbing pots, larger angle/branch cutters (11" and 12"), soil surface brushes, surgical gloves (Costco brand is good), and 5 gallon buckets. If SDBC friends have any of these items that they would donate, the volunteers would truly appreciate these gifts in 2018. When we have several volunteers working on our scheduled sessions, it would be easier if more tools would be available... Volunteers bring their own tools but do not have the needed inventory that our extensive collection demands... Please let Curator *John* or Assistant *Dennis* or *'lyn* or any of the mentioned volunteers know if you can help.

⁽lyn Stevenson, Liaison for SDBC Bonsai Pavilion and Safari Park

Upcoming Programs

Darryl Elmer, SDBC 1st VP

March

At this year's convention wiring was described as top priority skill to learn so that trees can be properly styled, particularly without damaging the tree. We have arranged for *David Nguy* to do a presentation on wiring techniques and to have morning and afternoon hands on clinics on wiring. *David* and *June* will assist you with hands on instruction, guiding you through the process.

Good wiring technique is paramount to branches staying where you guide them, preventing injury to the plant and applying the wire so it does look presentable. Look for the sign-up sheet for the wiring clinics in the back of the room during our February meeting.

April

In April we will have *Tak Shimazu* here for a presentation and possible afternoon work shop. More details to come.

SDBC Mtg, Minutes Nancy Wilson-Ramón for Sylvia Mosse, SDBC Secretary

December Meeting

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the membership of the San Diego Bonsai Club was called to order at 10:30 in Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park by President, Bob Hale. It was confirmed that we have a quorum present. All board members and volunteers were acknowledged.
- 2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the November 12, 2017 meeting were corrected as follows: the elected Vice President for Membership is Keith Carter.
- 3. **President's remarks:** We are missing Charlie and Sylvia Mosse today. Nancy Wilson-Ramón will be recording the minutes of today's meeting.

4. Board Member Reports:

- Nazim Colak, VP for membership, reported: No new members this month. Dues for 2018 are now due.
- Bill Graham, VP for Education, reported: January: First beginners class of 2018 is Chinese Elm, Abe will be teaching. There will be no workshop this month. Additionally, it will be the final foemina followup with Michael Sykes. He is moving to Georgia and January will be the final opportunity to meet with him. February: Grafting of Shimpaku on Prostrata will be taught by Fred Miyahara. You must bring your own knife. Only 4 slots remain. March: Black Pines with Fred Miyahara. Sign up starts in January.
- Janice Hale for Charlie Mosse, 1st Vice President, reported: January is re-potting in the morning as well as during the program portion of the meeting. February will focus on deciduous trees: Getting them ready for spring growth. Topics: How to create good ramification, when and how to heal cuts, wiring, fertilizing, etc. Ted Matson has been invited. March will cover wiring. This subject has been stressed as one of the most important things to know after good re-potting techniques. David Nguy has been asked to present.
- Janice Hale, VP Special Projects, reported:

Winter Silhouettes Bus Trip – Saturday January 13th :We will visit David & June Nguy's nursery and the San Gabriel Nursery on our way to the Los Angeles Arboretum for the Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai's Winter Silhouettes show. Cost for the Trip is \$40. We will depart the Balboa Park bus staging area at 11:00am, and the Carlsbad staging area at 11:30, returning home around 11:00pm. Bonsai-A-Thon – Saturday February 24th: The Bonsai-A-Thon is the annual fund raising event for the Golden State Bonsai Federation Collection at the Huntington. Cost for the Trip is \$40. We will depart the Balboa Park bus staging area at 7:00am, and the Carlsbad staging area at 7:30, returning home around 7:00pm. Please bring items to donate to the raffle table. California Shohin Society Seminar February 2nd, 3rd & 4th: Santa Nella, Hotel Mission de Oro: Registration is \$125 per person and includes access to Lectures, demos, Saturday buffet lunch, Saturday buffet dinner, Sunday/ buffet breakfast, two coffee breaks, hospitality suite and of course there will be a shohin exhibit, vendor area and raffles. Santa Nella is about a 6-hour drive from San Diego.

 Janice Hale, Treasurer, reported: Club checking account: \$39,420.47 of which \$316.72 is available for the Japanese Friendship Garden. Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion checking: \$13,018.44. Total Funds: \$52,438.91. Year-to-Date Net Loss <5,205.35>.

5. Appointed Position Reports:

- John Jackson, SDBC Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Curator, reported: The exhibit is still closed for the park reconstruction and they are on schedule for a May opening though delays are possible.
- Glenn Jensen, JFG Curator, reported: Recognized John Jackson's donation to JFG. Work is done on Wednesday mornings if anyone would like to stop by.
- 2018 Officers sworn in by Dan Sola: President: Barbara French-Lee, 1st Vice President: Darryl Elmer, VP Education: Bill Graham, VP Membership: Keith Carter, VP Special Projects: Abe Far, Secretary: Nancy Wilson-Ramón, Treasurer: Janice Hale
- 7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.



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sick root system?

These are some of the basic questions. This is a great time to get those questions answered or get some help with a difficult tree. As benign and mundane as re-potting appears to be, it is the most important procedure in assuring a strong root system, and therefore a healthy tree. Every root system is unique. You never know what you are going to see until the tree is removed from the pot. A healthy tree can be safely pruned and wired, and recover quickly from being worked. It is also the best time to reposition your tree, via rotating or tilting, to better show the tree.

Members are invited to bring in a tree in the morning for re-potting help....first come first served starting at 8:30. Soil, pot screen and tie-down wire will be provided by the club. This is a really good time to get dirty and learn some of the important techniques and nuances of re-potting; also a great time to observe. The morning session will end at about 10:15 to get ready for the meeting. There will be time after the meeting starting about 11:30 pm to complete repotting started in the morning or to start re-potting. Help will be on hand to assist with the repotting and pot selection.

San Diego Bonsai Club Treasurer's Report 1/1/17 - 12/23/17

Janice Hale, Treasurer

The following is a condensed income statement showing our 2017 revenue and expenses. A detailed version will be available at the next meeting.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE

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12,990.46
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Next Mtg. Agenda:

January 14

8:30 - 10:25 am		
Elms Beginner Class 1	Prado 104	
9:00 - 10:25 am	P1800-104	
Library Open		
9:00 - 10:20 am		
Bonsai Assistance: John Voss		
9:00 - 10:00 am		
Repotting - Part I		
10:00 - 10:30 am	Prado 101	
Business Meeting		
10:30 - 11:00 am		
Auction of Styling Competition Junipers		
11:000 am - 12:00 pm		
Repotting - Part II		
12:00 pm		
Raffle & Refreshment		

SDBC Upcoming Events:

Jan 13th (Sat)	Winter Silhouettes trip
Jan 14th (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Repotting!
Jan 20th (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day
Feb 3rd (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day
Feb 11th (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Deciduous Trees
Feb 17th (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day
Feb 24th-25th (Sat-Sun)	Bonsai-A-Thon
Mar 3rd (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day
Mar 11th (Sun)	Regular Meeting - TBD
Mar 17th (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day
Apr 7th (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day
Apr 15th (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Taz Shimazu
Apr 21 (Sat)	Safari Park Work Day