



The Bonsai Wire

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Message from the President

Barbara French-Lee, SDBC President

The Fall is a busy time for the club and the month of September has our regularly scheduled meeting as well as our Show and Sale. A big thank you to Mark Edgar for agreeing to be the show chair and Susan Hull for being the sale chair. I know that every member who can will help Mark and Susan any way they are able. Sign up sheets will be at the meeting. It is a busy weekend and help is needed from set-up on Thursday evening to tear down on Sunday evening. Members have first access to trees, pots and for sale items on Friday evening before it is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday.

Two weeks ago a group of club members went to Nisei Week, a tradition for the DBC

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Next Meeting: 9/8 Peter Macasieb

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Peter Macasieb was born in the Philippines and immigrated in USA in 1983. He began studying bonsai by reading John Naka's book and met Harry Hirao in 2004. Subsequently, he was invited to help Mr. Hirao with his bonsai demonstration. He has also studied with Tak Shimazu and Boon Manakitivipart and they introduced him to grafting and the art of Shohin Bonsai. His Shohin passion comes from his energy in bringing more of him into what he does best, having a good eye, dedication, hard work and always pushing the limits. He won "Best of Show" in Santa Anita and "The John Naka Award" with his Shohin Display at Descanso Bonsai Society. At this point of his bonsai career, he teaches,



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Bonsai Teachers List

Susan Ronan

The following is an expanded list of members who want to welcome you to their classes. Instruction may be in small groups or one-on-one according to your needs. Fee arrangements and location are to be made with the instructor. Contact each for further details.

- Glenn Jensen, Encinitas - glenn@bajaphotographer.com
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- Marilyn Stevenson, Poway - inthegrove@cox.com
- Nazim Colak, San Marcos - nazimcolak@yahoo.com
- John Voss, Vista, 442-224-4423

Any member wishing to add their name to this list are welcome to contact Susan Ronan at sronanstudio@gmail.com.

SDBC Website:

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Fall Show - Now September 26-29!

Barbara French-Lee, President

Please clear your calendars to attend the Fall Show and sign up to volunteer for the remaining positions at the September meeting!



Volunteers Needed!

Other Bonsai Activities

- September 21st - [Mother Lode Bonsai Club](#) 5th Annual Exhibition. Show hours are 10am to 4pm. Demonstrations at 11am and 1:30pm. with prize drawings immediately following. Vendor and member bonsai-related items will be available for sale. Open to the public with free admission and free parking. San Andreas Public Library, 1299 Gold Hunter Road, San Andreas.
- October 5th - 6th - [Conejo Valley Bonsai Society's](#) 16th Annual Bonsai Exhibition. Show hours are 9am - 4pm with demonstrations in the Bandstand at 1pm both days. Free Admission. No sales of bonsai related items. Resource Center at the Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd., Thousand Oaks.
- October 24th - 27th - [GSBF Convention 42](#), Riverside Convention Center, Riverside.
- January 31st - February 2nd, 2020 - [17th Annual California Shohin Seminar](#), Hotel Mission De Oro 13070 S. Highway 33, Santa Nella.

Membership Update

Keith Carter, SDBC VP of Membership

Welcome to our newest members: Adam Manley, Lynn Stephens-Zucchet, Todd Abshire, Maria Gray, Namir Damluji, Dawn Wells, Jamie Pham and Markel Farley.

With these additions, we now have 350 current members. We had our largest turnout of the year at the August meeting, with 80 members attending. Be sure to sign the attendance sheet at the door at each meeting so we can have an accurate count of member participation.

each Summer. The show, curated by Ted Matsen, was outstanding and several of our members to this by invitation only club, presented their trees. Congratulations to John Jackson, Lyn Stevenson, and Glenn Jensen for their outstanding trees. This Sunday we have a great presentation by Peter Macasieb, a regular presenter and supporter of our club. Peter will also be available for workshops before and after his presentation. We thank him for his continued involvement with our club. Don't forget we are in Room 104 only this Sunday.

I hope everyone in the club who wants classes, a teacher or help with their trees have found a resource. Our club has many bonsai masters and teachers who are available and willing to help so let a board member know if you would like a good resource. The club also owns and is responsible for two excellent collections at the Japanese Friendship Garden and Safari Park. Club volunteers take care of the trees in these collections and they are excellent sources of hands on experience for our members. If interested contact Neil Auwarter and Lyn Stevenson.



Tak Shimazu at the August meeting.

Thanks to everyone who makes the San Diego Bonsai Club a dynamic social and learning experience. It takes a village and we have a great group of caring, giving and excited to learn members who make this such an outstanding club.

Peter Macasieb, Continued from Page 1

does demos at various clubs, Shohin study groups, and convention workshops and continues to study more as he progresses. He is a member of the California Bonsai Society, Kofu Kai, Descanso Bonsai Society, Santa Anita and Orange Bonsai Society.

Peter is coming to our club on September 8. He is doing a morning workshop from 8:30 to 10:30 am and afternoon workshop from 1:30 to 3:30 pm both workshops are for four members. Bring your own trees. The cost of the workshop is \$30 for members.

SDBC Education:

Bill Graham, SDBC VP of Education

Summer continues to be warm! Watch your trees, do not let them burn or dry out!!

Beginning Classes:



This is the second session of the myrtle beginners class. This session will focus on finishing your styling and the proper way to wire 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.

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.

Intermediate Skills Workshops

TBD - Juniper

The July large juniper class is still in play and the reschedule date should be coming soon. Once I have a clean bill of health for the trees I will get the schedule put together and let you know. Once I have a clean bill of health for the trees I will get the schedule put together and let you know.

September & October - No Workshops

Due to only having Room 104 for the September Meeting and the limited space with the Beginners Class scheduled in Room 104, there will not be a workshop in September.

October we are meeting at Lake Poway for our Annual Lunch and raffle. There will be no workshop or Beginners class.

November - CHINESE ELM GROUP PLANTING

'lyn Stevenson will lead a workshop creating 3 tree group plantings. We will be using Chinese Elms. 'lyn has many years of experience with group plantings and will help you to create a small grove that will also be open for

expansion in the future. This will be a fun and exciting class!! The sign-up sheet will start at the **September Meeting** and the class is limited to 6 attendees. The cost is \$70.00.

November - SHOHIN ITOIGAWA JUNIPER

I have been speaking of a workshop with Tak Shimazu for a couple of months now. Finally, everything has come together and the workshop is a go! Tak will be leading a workshop with Shohin



Itoigawa Junipers. Tak has been working these trees and they are fantastic! Fred and I went to see them in person and we were both impressed. The class will be held on Saturday, November 2nd at Fred Miyahara's house. This workshop will run from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. The sign-up sheet will start at the September Meeting and the class is limited to 6 attendees. The cost is \$350.00.

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.

SIGN UP BY EMAIL FOR PETER MACASIEB WORKSHOP

Barbara French-Lee, President

To sign up for the September 8 Peter Macasieb (am or pm) workshop, please email Barbara French-Lee at barbflee@hotmail.com. Please specify morning or afternoon. There will also be sign up sheets at the meetings for the remainder of the

San Diego Bonsai Club Treasurer's Report

1/1/19 - 7/6/19 - CORRECTED

Jaya Kaelberer, 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	\$57,337.02
	Japanese Friendship Garden	\$2,491.60
	Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$12,498.31
TOTAL FUNDS:		\$72,825.96
REVENUE		
	Donations	\$1,217.94
	Education	\$3,909.01
	Membership	\$4,218.04
	Guest Artist workshops	\$923.17
	Raffle and Auction	\$4,601.33
	Spring Show Income	\$5,195.33
	Special Projects	\$1,523.32
	Tool Sales	\$1,919.63
TOTAL REVENUE:		\$23,507.77
EXPENSES		
	Bonsai Pavilion	\$3,769.45
	Education	\$4,205.31
	Japanese Friendship Garden	\$125.23
	Membership	\$459.05
	Monthly Program	\$1,970.77
	Newsletter	\$247.09
	SDBC Club Expenses	\$2,020.07
	SDBC Liability Insurance	\$1,466.00
	Spring show expenses	\$1,392.21
	Special Projects	\$438.02
	Sales Tax	\$1,886.00
	Tool Table	\$1,634.86
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$19,614.06
NET INCOME (LOSS):		<u>\$3,893.71</u>

San Diego Bonsai Club Treasurer's Report

1/1/19 - 7/31/19

Jaya Kaelberer, 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	\$55,655.51
	Japanese Friendship Garden	\$2,491.60
	Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$12,648.31
TOTAL FUNDS:		\$70,795.42
REVENUE		
	Donations	\$1,367.94
	Education	\$4,243.27
	Membership	\$4,393.98
	Guest Artist workshops	\$952.21
	Raffle and Auction	\$4,770.33
	Spring Show Income	\$5,195.33
	Special Projects	\$1,915.60
	Tool Sales	\$2,190.23
TOTAL REVENUE:		\$25,028.89
EXPENSES		
	Bonsai Pavilion	\$3,769.45
	Education	\$4,424.13
	Japanese Friendship Garden	\$250.46
	Membership	\$511.41
	Monthly Program	\$2,959.99
	Newsletter	\$247.09
	San Diego Fair	\$75.00
	SDBC Club Expenses	\$2,020.07
	SDBC Liability Insurance	\$1,466.00
	Spring show expenses	\$1,392.21
	Special Projects	\$2,030.02
	Sales Tax	\$1,886.00
	Tool Table	\$1,634.86
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$22,666.69
NET INCOME (LOSS):		<u>\$2,362.20</u>

SAN DIEGO BONSAI PAVILION

SAFARI PARK



Several of the Pavilion volunteers were also on the SDBC bus trip this past month, so we arranged to have three August workdays at the Pavilion since there were also five August Saturdays. Many thanks to: Jenny Chin, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim & Sue Kirchmer, Bob and Janet Liggett, Carla & Sandi Marasco, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Sally Prestele, Clare & Ron Roberts, Dan Sola, 'lyn Stevenson, Yoichiro Suemori, Dennis Wagner, Dave & Lysa Woodall, and Ken Zito. Chuck Fasilis and Cole Nicol joined us in August as new volunteers who recently received their San Diego Zoo-Safari Park credentials

so they could officially join us in our Pavilion activities. They both were introduced to our routine and to the volunteers who quickly involved



them in several work projects. Special ice cream treat and other delicious warm weather refreshments were provided by the Safari Park Volunteer Office as well as by John, Sandi, Julia, Janet, Cathy, and 'lyn and a couple of anonymous donors. Many thanks always for all for great and enthusiastic participation. The volunteers' diligent work at each and every session really shows. The visitors are always amazed and impressed and thankful too.

The last of our late transplanting was completed in August with the beautiful large ficus that was originally donated by Bruce Hisayasu. The experienced volunteers were also able to involve our newcomers with the process. The other ficus that was transplanted was from our Shohin exhibit... Both projects involved root pruning, scrubbing the same pots which were used again, and the addition of fresh new bonsai mix. A great educational lesson for all!

Upcoming Safari Park Volunteer Days:

- Sep 21
- Oct 5
- Oct 19
- Nov 2
- Nov 16
- Dec 7
- Dec 21



After a meeting that we recently held with Safari Park Horticulture, we proceeded with a grant application for a couple of permanent bonsai table/stands that may replace our temporary wooden stands... We look

forward to a positive response to this request so we can move forward with another one of our earlier Pavilion goals. Preparation of a grant involves cost estimates, measurements, project goals etc. The Pavilion has been successful with several past grant proposals and we are hopeful with this new one...

Of course, donations from members, friends, auctions, sales, etc. have also helped us along with financial assistance from the SDBC. Thank you to all.



*'lyn Stevenson,
Liaison to the Pavilion at Safari Park*

SDBC Mtg, Minutes

Jack Graham, SDBC Secretary

August Meeting

1. Call to Order/Determine Quorum:
 - Barbara French-Lee called the meeting to order at 10:31 am. A quorum was confirmed.
 2. Approval of June and July 2019 Minutes:
 - Minutes approved as printed in The Bonsai Wire.
 3. Presidents Remarks:
 - Thanks to Eric for his help over the past years to oversee the SDBC website. Also thanks to Ron Kaelbere for his offer to step in for oversee the website. We have the fall plant sale coming up in September. This year it will be on the old traditional date. Right now Kyle is looking for volunteers to help with the September plants sale. Thanks to Tak for his bonsai demonstration. Barbara also gave thanks to all of the SDBC members that work so hard which in turn makes this club so successful.
 4. Board Member Reports:
 - a. 1ST VP Program, Gary Jones – Tak will be doing a demonstration today. Peter Mascasieb in September and October will be at Lake Poway. Roy Nagatochi will be doing a bonsai demonstration in November.
 - b. VP Education, Bill Graham – Thanks to John Jackson for starting the myrtle class. The class will be held again in September and December. Lyn Stevenson will be doing a 3 tree Chinese elm class. Cost is \$60-\$70.00. The plan is that you can later add more trees to your grouping to make it into a full forest. Signups for this class will be in November club meeting. There will be a workshop with Tak at Fred's house on November 2nd. It will be for 6-7 hours at a cost of \$350.00 Glenn Jenson did a great job with the Japanese Quince class.
 - c. VP Membership – Keith Carter – Welcome 9 new members. Currently we have 346 club members.
 - d. Treasurer, Jaya Kaelberer — YTD the club is doing very well financially. Anyone interested to look over the financials should contact Jaya directly.
 - e. VP Special Events, Kyle Icke – Saturday is our road trip to visit 3 bonsai nurseries and “Little Tokyo” in LA. Busses leave Saturday from Balboa Park at 8:00 am and from Carlsbad at 8:30 am. You can still signup today cost is \$40.00. Getting ready for the September plant sale (show) and Kyle is looking for volunteers.
6. Committee Reports:
 - There were none.
 7. Reports from Appointed Positions:
 - John Jackson met last Saturday with the new horticultural director for the Safari park to discuss a few things that need to be done at the bonsai exhibit. FYI per John Ron Palmer is not feeling well. Anyone who wants to help at the exhibit please contact Lyn Stevenson. Next week they will meet on both August 17th and 24th.
 - Neil reported that at the JFG they received a nice tree from Tak. Information about that can be seen on the bonsai wire.
 7. Unfinished Business
 - There was none.
 8. New Business
 - Wayne Lord did the food today and also helped setting up the communications equipment.
 - Susan Ronan put together a list of people who teach bonsai. That information is in the last bonsai wire.
 - Barbara and Gary will be setting up a nominating committee for positions that will be opening up in 2020. See Gary Jones if you are interested in filling one of these positions.
 9. Announcements:
 - There were none.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Upcoming Programs

Gary Jones, SDBC 1st VP

- **September 8:** Peter Mascasieb
- **October 13:** Lake Poway
- **November 10:** Roy Nagatoshi
- **December 15:** Styling Competition

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Mtg. Agenda: *September 8*

8:30 - 10:15 am Beginner Class: Common Myrtyl #2	Prado TBD
9:00 - 10:25 am Library Open	Prado 104
8:30 - 10:20 am Peter Macasieb BYOT AM Workshop	Prado TBD
9:00 - 10:20 am Bonsai Assistance: John Voss	
10:30 - 11:00 am Business Meeting	Prado 104
11:00 am - 12:45 pm Peter Macasieb Presentation	
12:45 - 1:30 pm Raffle & Refreshment	
1:30 - 3:30 pm Peter Macasieb BYOT PM Workshop	Prado TBD

SDBC Upcoming Events:

Sep 8 (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Peter Macasieb
Sep 26-27 (Thu-Fri)	Fall Show Set-Up
Sep 28-29 (Sat-Sun)	54th Annual Fall Show
Oct 13 (Sun)	Picnic Meeting at Lake Poway
Nov 10 (Sun)	Regular Meeting: Roy Nagatoshi
Dec 15 (Sun)	Styling Competition Meeting