# The Bonsai Wire

### President's Message Sue Carter, President and CEO



#### Hello Fellow Club Members.

I know this pandemic and the trials and tribulations associated with it are wearing us all down. Please do whatever you can to brighten someone's day during this difficult time. Sharing a smile is hard with a mask on, but just a friendly nod of the head can be a nice acknowledgement that we're all in this together.

The SDBC Board met last month in a Zoom meeting and worked through club business in an effort to continue our traditions and responsibilities as best we can. We made some important decisions on how to handle nominating and electing officers for 2021 as well as voted to donate to Telperion Farms who tragically lost everything in the recent fires. Details of our Board meeting can be found in the minutes. Be sure to read about the gift of free entry into the gardens that the Japanese Friendship Garden is extending to our members next month. I hope you will be able to take advantage of this generous offer.

**Some wonderful news!** San Diego Bonsai Club once again has received an honor for publishing an award-winning newsletter. *The Bonsai Wire*, won second place in the Golden State Bonsai Federation 2020 GSBF Newsletter Competition. In the email announcement from Mario Rendina, President, Golden State Bonsai Federation, he wrote, "There were 12 entries in the 2020 competition. All of the entries were outstanding publications of high quality. Every contestant should be proud of the well-crafted newsletters created by their organizations. The judges were very impressed with all of the entries and the final decisions were not easy to make." **Congratulations to all our** *Wire* **contributors.** I received the prize pot in the mail, safe and sound, and will hold it for the next time the club can have an auction. You can see the award letter and a picture of the pot on our web site.

## Education Bill Graham, VP

**October is here** and hopefully we can get some relief from the heat! It has been a very hot couple of months. I hope you took care of your watering and watched your

trees closely. As we move in to the fall be aware of the winds. Even if the temperature is not that high, heavy wind can pull the moisture from your trees. Pay attention and water accordingly!

I would like to thank John Jackson, Charlie and Sylvia Mosse, Bob Hale, Gary Jones and Carla Marasco for a great day of helping to maintain the education trees. We spent the day pruning and weeding. We made it through approximately 200 trees. I would not be able to maintain all of the club trees and have them ready for classes without the help of volunteers like this!

Classes are cancelled until further notice, meanwhile, there is great information to be found on the web at sites like Jonas Dupuich's website and blog <a href="https://bonsaitonight.com/">https://bonsaitonight.com/</a>, Ryan Neal's website <a href="https://bonsaimirai.com/">https://bonsaimirai.com/</a> or Bjorn Bjorholm's website <a href="https://bjornbjorholm.com/">https://bjornbjorholm.com/</a>. Bonsai Nut is a really good set of boards with lots of information with some very knowledgeable members. <a href="https://www.bonsainut.com/">https://www.bonsainut.com/</a> Bonsai 4Me is another page I have looked at with good information. <a href="https://bonsai4me.com/index.html">http://bonsai4me.com/index.html</a> All of these and many others are a wealth of information. 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 <a href="mailto:wfgraham3rd@gmail.com">wfgraham3rd@gmail.com</a>

## Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion 'Lyn Stevenson, Liason Mark Edgar, Construction

**The Safari Park** has changed some of the guidelines for visitors and volunteers but we are still guided by Coronavirus restrictions. Everyone is being very careful and following the guidelines; face

masks, physical distances, checking in at the gate with ID cards and temperature checks, etc.

It is truly awesome to see the many visitors that are coming to the Pavilion, enjoying its beauty and sereneness. They are always very complimentary and tell us they plan to visit again. It's a joy to visit with them and answer their questions — especially from the children.

Even with the very warm days volunteers continued with several maintenance activities and putting finishing touches on the new pedestals. All the pedestals have beautiful bonsai displayed now including a couple of gorgeous suiseki. All the bonsai have name plates denoting the donors and tree descriptions. Visitors really appreciate the information. Thanks always to the past month's volunteers: Julia Chow, Sally & Steve Dischinger, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim Kirchmer, Carla Marasco, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, 'lyn Stevenson, Dennis Wagner, and Ken Zito.

SDBC membership is certainly aware of the undertaking of this new Pavilion which opened nine years ago. Many of the improvements and additions were in the plans but time, talent, energy, and finances kept everything in perspective — the results continue to be very worth everyone's efforts. The Donor Honor Board at the entrance to the Pavilion was/is a tribute to the original benefactors to that Opening. We are now proceeding to finance the upgrades. The Pedestal Project's estimated cost is \$25,000+ and we are close to that expenditure now. A couple of small grants have been received thus far but donations are definitely in order. Thanks to our earlier fundraising sales and donations we have been operating in the green but we are ready and eager to receive donations from SDBC members and friends as we cannot have our annual fundraising anniversary picnic at the Pavilion this year. **Donations can be made to San Diego** 

# Bonsai Club, marked for the Pavilion project, and mailed to the club address at P.O. Box 86037 San Diego CA 92138 Attention: Treasurer.

Recent donations in addition to a SDBC Board grant have been received from Cathy & Mark Edgar, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya & Ron Kaelberer, Carla Marasco, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Harlan and Maryann Price, and Dennis & Kathy Wagner. **THANK YOU!** 



Picture shows the newly completed pedestals on the hillside

Construction of the bonsai display pedestals at the Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion is fully complete. Overall, the construction team poured more than 33,000 pounds of cement, dug out 160 cubic feet of dirt for the foundations, and moved 17,000 pounds of pedestal tops. We began construction on April 18 and finished on September 22, spending 731 person hours on the project and working 23 consecutive Tuesdays (and many Fridays). In total 51 display pedestals were built

plus the three existing stone pedestals gives a total display area of 54 pedestals and about 15-18 display shelves for shohin and kusamono. Many thanks to John, Dennis, Jim, Ken and Cathy for the many hours.

COVID-19 restrictions limited the number of hours SDBC members had to maintain our large collection of bonsai, still volunteers found time to carry out refinement of several trees. The whole collection is looking great.



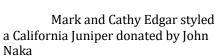
Jaya Kaelberer and Julia Chow worked as a team to significantly reduce the overgrown ficus forest donated by Marty Mann.



Carla Marasco fully wired and styled theMonterey Cypress donated by Lyn Stevenson. This work was done as part of Carla's training for the Mas Takanashi grant



Sonya Holmquist cleaned and pruned a California Juniper donated by Mas Takanashi.





Plan to visit during these beautiful fall days and see the Bonsai Pavilion located next to the Australia Outback exhibit.

### Japanese Friendship Garden Barbara French-Lee, Liason Neil Auwarter, Curator

**Greetings from the Japanese Friendship Garden!** As you probably know, the JFG is now open to visitors 7 days a week, 10:00 am-6:00 pm. Visitors must wear a mask, and some paths have been

designated one-way to facilitate social distancing. Attendance is limited to 200 visitors at a time to avoid crowding, but there is almost never a wait to get in. Come visit us, and consider becoming a member of the JFG!

#### SPECIAL EVENT: THE JFG IS FREE TO SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB MEMBERS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15!!!

The JFG'S new bonsai enclosure now provides security for the collection. It also provides a beautiful showcase for the trees, with wood-framed bamboo panels consistent with the JFG's existing structures. Thanks again to the SDBC for contributing the last \$1300 to finance this project. The new enclosure and tree display has been getting many "oohs" and "ahhs" from visitors, which is very gratifying. Attendance numbers at the JFG have been climbing since re-opening. Labor Day weekend saw over 1000 visitors per day.

Thanks to volunteers Charlie and Sylvia Mosse and Barbara French-Lee, who have been busy with fall maintenance on the collection. Also, Fred Miyahara has agreed to visit this fall to advise on our Japanese Black Pines (we now have three). I have learned so much about these trees from Fred and Charlie, and from online study during the pandemic. It's now two years since the board entrusted me with the curatorship of the JFG collection. Thank you SDBC for this gift; I'm working hard not to let you down.

Have a safe and wonderful Halloween, and I hope to see you all soon.



Bruce Dixion Japanese Black Pine



Neil Auwarter and friend working at home on the Sherwin Amimoto California Juniper during the JFG covid-19 closure this spring

# Fertilize or Not Charlie Mosse

**Fall is here**....sort of. So here are some random musings about things that affect what we do growing bonsai and container plants in general.

Typical fall in SoCal is warm to hot and dry weather. We went through a hot Santa Ana and, based on history, we can expect more of the same. With La Nina at the door, the chances of a later and shorter rainy season is also a good possibility. We have experienced spring and even summer weather in our "winter" doing significant to major work on trees a bit chancy. So this is a year to keep you eyes on the forecasts and hope they are close, forecasting being a very complicated science, pretty much like gambling. The weather uncertainties makes plant care a bit challenging at times. You give it your best shot.

This is the time of year that fertilizing is reduced but not necessarily stopped. Trees like pines, junipers and evergreens are still growing so light fertilizing <u>may</u> be a good idea. Deciduous trees may still be growing a little, have begun to stop or have stopped. Sometimes you will see a single branch go dormant before the rest of the tree. Odd, but it happens. Deciduous trees, still in leaf, but not actively growing, is still storing food for spring growth, even leaves with fall color are contributing to the food storage.

If your deciduous trees do not completely defoliate by about January, you may want to manually defoliate the tree to make it go into dormancy. Elms can hold on to their leaves tenaciously going partially dormant or not at all. Elms are classified as a semi-deciduous/semi-evergreen tree so going completely dormant is not needed nor is it required for the long term health of the tree, unlike trees that require many hours of chill, aka chill hours. If manual defoliation is needed for a deciduous tree, the tree will not stay dormant for a normal amount of time unless it gets cold and stays cold. But, at least it gets a bit of a rest.

Full defoliation allows a clear look at the branches which is a must for proper trimming and guidance of the spring growth. See the photos from the Winter Silhouettes show we visit each year in LA. See this link and click through the photos: <a href="https://www.baikoenbonsai.com/copy-of-show-gallery-3">https://www.baikoenbonsai.com/copy-of-show-gallery-3</a>. Deciduous trees are at their best in the winter. Soil organisms start to slow down in the fall which in San Diego is more towards mid-November. Their slow-down in creating nutrients and other beneficial things corresponds nicely to the slower growth of plants. But if the weather in SD stays mild, we need to water more and we may find the need to fertilize in the fall to keep existing growth healthy. Whereas, people in areas that do freeze, like mountain areas in our county and in central and northern California, will not have the need to fertilize or do so only minimally on some of their trees.

As the soil cools and the organisms slow down, sometimes chemical fertilizers are used to provide nutrients to the plants. Some of them contain forms of nutrients that are more readily available to the plant. Nitrogen being the most used and most flushed out of the soil by watering, needs to be added regularly. If you read a label and it states Nitrate type nitrogen, nitrates are readily taken up by the root hairs. Ammonia based is readily convertible and then available to the plant. Slow release types like urea and organics are much slower to be available to the roots since they require more steps for the nitrogen to become available. So, if you need to fertilize in the cool months, chemicals are useful. I have used them lightly in the cool months and have seen good results with overall health and also in the first growth pushed by the warmer weather in the spring. As the weather gets warmer more consistently in the spring, the soil warms also. Then the organic fertilizers are more consistent since the soil organisms are now more active.

To fertilize or not to fertilize in the fall is a question I have asked many very experienced bonsaists. The answer is always the same. It depends on your soil mix, condition of your soil, what you are trying to accomplish, the health of the tree, the type of tree and the area in which it is growing. Experience will tell you over time. Fertilizing is like watering in that there are general principles that apply to all plants but how they are applied depends on your trees and how you grow them.

In the wilds and in the landscape, plants go dormant or at least slow down due to the cooler temperatures and shorter days. The cool weather triggers changes in the tree and cools the soil triggering changes in the soil micro-organisms. Nutrients.....nitrogen, phosporous etc....are still in the soil. They do not disappear in the winter. So, it is not the absence or lack of nutrient that cause plants to slow down and/or go dormant. It is simply getting colder so the plants and soil "preparing" for winter. However, in a container, nutrients can dwindle in the fall and winter primarily due to leaching out of the soil. If done to excess, the lack of nutrient will cause plants to slow down or even trigger them to go dormant prematurely.

In some cases this can cause the plant to weaken. So, one may need to fertilize in the fall but sparingly to keep the trees health and on a normal cycle. In the Fall regular fertilizing of normal doses is a waste since the plant is not actively growing and taking up nutrients or is only slightly active and using very small quantities of nutrient. Much of the soluble nutrients like nitrogen will simply be washed away.

Reading, listening to podcasts and learning from experienced bonsai and plant practitioners, it seems many people do not fertilize deciduous trees in the fall since deciduous trees store so much energy in the fall. This is usually enough energy for spring growth for trees in refinement. Trees in development or that are in recovery will need the fall fertilizing and then maybe also in the spring. I do not fertilize my elms or maples in the spring. That way there is a lot less trimming needed, the leaves are smaller and the internodes are closer together. This is paramount when trees are in refinement. The same applies to pomegranates, gingkos, bald cypress and other elm types like zelkova.

Junipers are different. For the last 5 years or so the junipers in my yard kept growing all year, albeit much more slowly in the winter. To keep them strong I do a light fertilizing so that there is some nutrient availability and help to dry the foliage after rain or dewey nights to prevent blights to the tree in the winter. But, once again, it depends on what one is trying to accomplish. Heavy fertilizing of junipers will cause juvenile growth which is not desirable for most juniper bonsai, except nanas, unless the juniper is in recovery from a root problem. So many have found that if they are fertilized in the fall this should be done lightly. Keeping them in full sun in the fall and winter helps to warm the soil during the day and helps with nutrient availability. In the heat waves I put the junipers in some shade if the max temperature is not over 90 or so. Our fall can bring temps into the 100's, so pay attention to the forecast. More consistent soil temperature is better for the plant.

Evergreens like brush cherry, privet, ivy, evergreen type silver berry and evergreen type oaks can be kept growing if desired. Depending on your area, these plants can grow all year but giving them a break in the winter is good. They will require minimal fertilizing in the fall and winter to keep them strong.

Pines are a bonsai staple, primarily the Japanese Black Pine in SoCal. They are shoot selected in the fall usually to two shoots per branch tip. Fall fertilizing depends on what you are trying to accomplish. Light doses in the fall are good for the health of the pine and if you do not want long needles and big candles in the spring. If you are pushing growth like a sacrifice branch, then a full fertilizing is OK.

## Membership Udaykant Pandey, VP

#### Hello.

Eight new members joined the club since last report. Please welcome Sarah Himes, Michael Brown, Joseph Sczempka Jr,

Sophia Hardisty, and Tim Garcia. With these additions we now have 298 current members.

I would like to thank all the members who have joined or renewed recently. During this period of social distancing, sources of Club income have dried up. However, the fixed expenses remain and need to be met irrespective. Support from membership through membership dues has helped provide some of these expenses. The Board has decided to carry memberships over through next year however, I encourage members to renew and help the club through these trying times.

# Treasurer's Report - the Fine Print Jaya Kaelberer

	SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB - TREASURER'S REPORT	г			
Account	Jaya Kaelberer as of August 31, 2020 s are reconciled with Union Bank statements				
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BANKA	CCOUNT BALANCES		Change from m/e July		
	BC Checking	\$41,616	Was \$42,223		
	anese Friendship Garden	\$2,343			
	nsai Pavilion Checking	\$12,903	Was \$13,633		
TOTALE		\$56,862	Was \$58,199		
The follo	owing income statements have been split between SDBC a	nd Pavilion.			
	hlights the \$14k moved from SDBC to Pavilion - an expense		d an income in the Pavilion account		
SDBCIn	come	Actuals	Change from m/e July		budget
Total	al Donation Income	\$116	\$45 fromAmazon smile	Ś	2,775
Total	al Education Income	\$1,999		\$	8,250
	al Membership Income	\$3,844	\$252 from membership dues	Ś	6,500
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	al Raffle & Auction	\$728		Ś	8,400
	ing and Fall Show Income	ŚO		s	8,500
	al Special Projects Income	\$1,461		s	5,600
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100			\$668 beginners class refund	\$	7,850
	al Japanese Friendship Garden	\$1,957		\$	3,000
	al Library	\$122		\$	250
	al Mas Takanashi Grant	\$110		\$	1,800
	al Membership	\$401		\$	900
	al Monthly Program	\$1,122	\$43 Microphone	\$	5,900
	al Newsletter	\$334	\$78 Stamps and newsletter copies	\$	700
Tot	al SDBC Club Expenses				
	Total GSBF Liability Insurance	\$1,760		\$	1,600
	Other	\$830	\$90.85 Domain registration - 5 years	\$	3,300
	San Diego Fair	\$0		\$	200
	Power of one scholarship	\$0		\$	150
Total	al SDBC Spring Show	\$154		\$	1,825
Tota	al fall show	\$0		\$	550
Total	al Special Projects	\$1,560		\$	4,500
* Total	al Taxes	\$525	\$25 Charitable trust registration	\$	3,700
Total	al Tool Table Expenses	\$225		\$	2,200
Total SD	BC Expense	\$27,265		Ś	38,575
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	rilion Capital Improvements	\$0 \$0		\$	3,500
	oplies		Anne e a casa de la ca	\$	500
	al Pavilion Pedestal Project	\$19,937	\$585 Pedestal tops, signs, PVC pipe, etc	\$	20,500
Total pa	vilion expense	\$20,370	Was \$19,640		\$25,000
Net Pav	ilion Income (Loss)	-\$120	Was \$609.56		
Net SDB	C and Pavilion Income (loss)	(\$18,324)	Was (\$16,987)		
Net SDB	C Income (loss) w/o Pedestal project	(\$4,204)	Was (\$3,596)		
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### SDBC Board Meeting Jack Graham

#### September 15 SDBC Board Meeting Minutes

A Zoom meeting was called to order by President Sue Carter at 6:40 p.m. Board members present were Sue Carter, Ignacio De La

Torre, Jaya Kaelberer, Bill Graham, Uday Pandey, Barbara French-Lee. Absent were Jack Graham and Abe Far.

#### **Nominating Committee / Election of Officers**

Sue asked members present if they were willing to continue another year in their current roles and stand for election in 2021. All present agreed to do so. The Board discussed the nominating process for elected officials during the COVID 19 era and decided to follow existing SDBC by-laws as much as possible. A nominating committee would be formed, Sue agreed to do this, and nominations would be solicited from general membership as well as the committee reaching out to individuals. The slate of officers will be published in the Oct newsletter and membership voting will take place in November using SurveyMonkey. Installation of officers in December could take place using Zoom. This may require an upgrade to Zoom for a larger audience. Sue will investigate the upgrade to Zoom.

#### **Membership renewals**

The Board discussed how to handle membership renewals for 2021 since members have been unable to use their club memberships for club activities during the pandemic. The Board decided to carry over all memberships to the end of 2021. Uday will write a notification about carrying over membership renewals for the November newsletter to inform the club about this change. The Board also decided that an appeal should go out to members asking for a donation to the club in place of a renewal fee. The club has had no income for most of the year and may not for months into the next year. But the club still has fixed costs that must be paid, so any donations would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Bonsai Wire hand-off**

The Board discussed the process for handing off the Bonsai Wire editor duties to Stephen and Sally Dischinger. Jaya will work with them to help with the transition. Uday has agreed to help with getting them up to speed using Mail Chimp for newsletter distribution.

#### Update on Balboa Park calendar

Sue reported to the Board that she met with Tom Derr of the San Diego Botanical Garden to confirm our room reservations on the Balboa Park events calendar for the years 2021 and 2022. Tom is the liaison between the special interest clubs who use the Del Prado facilities and the City of San Diego. In this position he maintains the Del Prado room calendar of events. Tom indicated that the Del Prado rooms would not be available at least through the first quarter of 2021.

#### **Program activities / suggestions**

Barbara will reach out to the Japanese Friendship Garden to coordinate a day in November where SDBC club members will be given free admission to the JFG. This is a gift from JFG to show their appreciation for our ongoing collaboration with them. Barbara will write up the details for the October newsletter.

Ignacio asked the Board for suggestions to continue the Facebook live sessions. He shared that both Fred's and Neil's presentation were enthusiastically received and would like to do more of these. Board members offered several ideas, including a live session at the Safari Park Pavilion, presentations by various club members, and videoing an Education Day Work Party at Bill Graham's when volunteers work on club trees. Ignacio will look into these suggestions.

#### **Other business**

Susan Ronan posted on the club Facebook page. "This is Telperion Farms, growers of extraordinary pines, satsuma and other plant material for bonsai. Such a tragic loss of home and business. They escaped with the clothes on their backs and their two dogs. Help if you can."

Bill asked if the club would donate to Telperion Farms since they have been active in the bonsai community and have been completely wiped out by the recent fires. The Board voted to donate \$200 to their GoFundMe account.

### Nominating committee report By Gary Jones, Chair, and Keith Carter

**Now it's time** to look forward to 2021 and to elect the individuals who will lead the club in the coming year. It's a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wishes to contribute their time and energy to the club in helping fulfill its core mission of teaching members and the public about the wonderful art of bonsai. The club depends on volunteers who are dedicated to that mission. We are always looking to encourage individual members to bring new ideas and energy to the board.

While the Nominating Committee is accepting new submissions for every board position, six current members have indicated their willingness to remain in their current roles. Of the two open seats, Markel Farley has volunteered to serve as the VP Special Projects position and Carla Marasco has agreed to a nomination for the open Secretary position.

#### The current 2021 board nominees are:

President: Sue Carter

First VP: Ignacio De La Torre VP for Education: Bill Graham

VP for Special Projects: Markel Farley VP for Membership: Uday Pandey

Treasurer: Jaya Kaelberer Secretary: Carla Marasco

Past President: Barbara French-Lee

Under our bylaws, nominations for all of these positions can still be made. Any club member in good standing is eligible to run for the board. You can submit your own name for consideration or nominate someone else, with their permission. Please be aware that because of limitations forced by the pandemic, many of the duties of these positions will be minimal, at least for the foreseeable future. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Nominating Committee members Gary Jones at <a href="twoopenhands@yahoo.com">twoopenhands@yahoo.com</a> or Keith Carter at <a href="twoopenhands@yahoo.com">twoopenhands@yahoo.com</a> or Keith Club members receiving a ballot.

#### Here are the statements of the candidates for the two open positions:

#### **Markel Farley**

I was born and raised in San Diego. I graduated from San Diego State University and entered "the Industry." While navigating the challenges of developing molecular assays, I found peace in plants during my free time. Often I could be sighted visiting plant nurseries and watching YouTube videos about plants.

My passion for bonsai began with a small juniper and a dwarf

Meyer lemon tree bonsai class. After my first bonsai, I was addicted. I purchased and acquired dozens of plants while learning the techniques of bonsai. I love to learn and I felt drawn to bonsai. Therefore, after becoming a member of San Diego Bonsai Club (SDBC), I immediately began volunteering at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. The lessons and techniques learned from volunteering have been amazing and informative. Bonsai plays an important role in life and wellness/health. The art of bonsai gives me an opportunity to connect with the world/nature.

I would enjoy the responsibility of VP of Special Projects because I agree and connect with the value of the role in

coordinating and ensuring that SDBC hosts and participates in interactive events and projects that allow our members and the public to engage in bonsai culture is fundamental to our future. These events reach out and touch those who may not know about bonsai. The events also further educate our members. Since joining, I have continuously volunteered at the bonsai shows and have observed the impact we have on the community. I am currently enrolled in a project management course and the skills I am developing will assist greatly in the VP of Special Projects role

#### Carla Marasco

I started my journey in bonsai about five years ago when I wandered through the Bonsai Pavilion at the San Diego Safari Park. Of course I was in awe of the tree collection, as many visitors are, and I instantly had a desire to learn more.

I immediately found & joined the SDBC where I have been lucky enough to learn through classes, presentations, volunteering at the Park and participating in the Mas Takanashi Grant program.

Being on the board as Secretary would be another great way for me to get involved and to give back to this amazing club. I thank you for your consideration.

### Club Events Ignacio De La Torre

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<u>Several San Diego Bonsai Club members have offered to teach bonsai</u>. This service is independent of the Bonsai Club. Detailed background information for each teacher can be found on the club website under RESOURCES. Contact the teacher for further details.

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# Japanese Friendship Garden

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