



## President's Message:

**Sue Carter**, President and CEO

Hello Fellow Club Members,

We are heading into the time of rebirth and new growth, and our trees are telling us all about it. The gradually budding and timid opening of leaves are the best reminders that we are moving toward spring with all the new design opportunities it offers.

I wish I could tell you that we have good news about getting back into Balboa Park for meetings and shows, but we just don't know when that will happen. I discussed the situation with Tom Derr, our park liaison with the City of San Diego, to see if he had insider information about park openings. He did not. He assured me that as soon as he gets information and opening guidelines, he will put out the word to all the clubs affiliated with the San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation. Currently we are on the calendar for our regular meetings and in the queue for our requested May show and sale. Stay tuned.

### **What tree would you grab?**

Last month I talked about hearing from club members about the tree they would grab if they had to leave in a hurry. What particular tree in your collection is your favorite? There's still time to send a picture of your tree with a short write up about it. It may not be the grandest or most beautiful tree in your collection or the most valuable, but it's the one you love the best. (If you absolutely can't choose a best, pick one and tell us why you love it.) It doesn't have to be a tree. Do you have a pot that means more than anything to you? Or a particular bonsai memory? Tell us about it. Send your pic and story to Ron Kaelberer, [rkaelberer@cox.net](mailto:rkaelberer@cox.net) and Ron will post them on our website. I'm looking forward to your beautiful love story.

### **Urban dig of mature pomegranates**

I have a friend who wants to get rid of about a dozen, very mature pomegranates in her backyard. I told her there may be people in the Bonsai Club who would like to get these trees to turn them into bonsai. The terrain is steep, and the trees are deeply rooted. If there is enough interest in participating, I will organize a dig. Please contact me if you want more information <mailto:susangcarter2004@gmail.com> (see pictures on page 6)



Most important! Enjoy your Bonsai, Their flowers, new growth, the colors of the new leaves. There's nothing quite like the vigor of spring and the glory of it. Love every minute of it.

Toshio Saburomaru

### **To Be or Not to Be?**

Memorial weekend Spring show. See Special Projects, page 3

Have a very good month and stay safe



## Education: Bill Graham, VP Education

**Welcome to April** and we are now officially into Spring! Up here in Ramona I am still having pretty cool nights, down in to the 30's! This is playing a little havoc on my deciduous trees that are leafing out. Hopefully they will all be OK and continue to come out of dormancy. Even though it is getting late, repotting continues at my house. Keep an eye on your trees, as we move forward and it starts to get warmer, your watering needs will increase.

Classes are still cancelled until further notice. Until then, there is great information to be found on the web at sites like

- Jonas Dupuich's website and blog - <https://bonsaitonight.com>
- Ryan Neil's website- <https://www.bonsaimirai.com>
- Bjorn Bjorholm's website - <https://bjornbjorholm.com>
- Bonsai Nut website- <https://www.bonsainut.com>
- Bonsai4Me website- <http://bonsai4me.com/index.html>
- Bonsai Empire website - <https://www.bonsaiempire.com> Information, tools and other bonsai related material
- Eastern Leaf website - <https://www.easternleaf.com> by San Diego Bonsai Club member, Jason Chan.
- Walter Pall website- <http://walter-pall-bonsai.blogspot.com>
- BonsaiHunk website- [http://www.bonsaihunk.us/public\\_html/](http://www.bonsaihunk.us/public_html/)

I look forward to when we can meet again and resume our classes! If you have any ideas that can improve our programs or have skills that you would like to share, please contact me at [wfgraham3rd@gmail.com](mailto:wfgraham3rd@gmail.com)

**Teachers:** Several San Diego Bonsai Club members have offered to teach bonsai. This service is independent of the Bonsai Club. Detailed background information for each teacher can be found on the club website under Education>Private Lessons. Contact the teacher for further details.

- Ken Bross, -Oceanside- [anotherelf@cox.net](mailto:anotherelf@cox.net)
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- John Voss, Vista, 442-224-4423



**Special Projects:** Markel Farley, VP

**We are currently awaiting approval** for the **Spring show** over **Memorial Weekend**, to be held at Balboa park. Please contact me if you are interested in showing a tree. Please inform of how many trees you would like to show. I am excited about the responses I have received, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone's hard work on display. **An email will be sent if and when we get confirmation with more details and volunteer signup.**



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**Library:** Sonya Holmquist, Librarian

**A new book is** on its way to the Library: "Growing Pines for Bonsai", written and published by Julian Adams of Adams Bonsai in Virginia. Information on pines is the most requested item sought after by our members, so be sure to get your name on the list to check it out. Email your request for this or any other material from our library to [sonyaanneh@gmail.com](mailto:sonyaanneh@gmail.com) and I'll contact you about availability and delivery.



## Japanese Friendship Garden: Barbara French Lee, Liaison

The outside area of the Japanese Friendship Garden continues to be open and the beautiful cherry blossoms are continuing to draw many visitors. This month the **free day will be April 20th**, always the third Tuesday of each month. Hope you will have an opportunity to visit the Garden and to see the San Diego Bonsai collection.



A tree donated by Jim Barrett, that was damaged, and the pot broken by vandals before the new security area was built, has now been redesigned with a new pot by our devoted Curator, Neil Auwarter. See the pictures from Neil. The new security area is beautiful and creating a secure area for our Bonsai trees.



Barrett elm before vandalism



Barrett elm after redesign

Neil continues to come to the collection at the JFG every Wednesday and Saturday morning. Many thanks to Neil, Charlie Mosse and Aaron Mathenkari for volunteering this month to help with the Bonsai collection.

The JFG will have their Camp for students this summer and the SDBC provides classes and materials for a Bonsai class three weeks in July. SDBC is reimbursed for material expenses. Although we have enough material this year for the class it would be wonderful if some members would volunteer to help teach a class. The classes are on Wednesday morning the first three weeks in July and are for one hour. The time is short for a class and the students do best with a lot of help so at least two teachers per session would be ideal for the students. Please let me know if you would be available to teach or help.



## Bonsai Pavilion at Safari Park: 'Lyn Stevenson, Liaison

**The Safari Park** has had to make several changes for volunteers during the last many months, but we are finally looking at some clearer plans in the near future. The Zoo also has a new title: The San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance. This name change designated that all of the volunteer's trade in their former logo red shirts and badges and receive new red shirts and badges along with the 2021 stickers on their ID cards. The renewals for volunteers have also included training sessions on harassment, radio, Coronavirus information, etc. Much of this has been accomplished via e-mails and the internet. Several of these training sessions have been mandated by the State of California and/or San Diego County.

The Bonsai Pavilion has continued to share its beauty and serene ambience with many visitors even though our volunteer numbers were limited to six at any one time. Thanks especially to the members who have helped with the many repotting projects, weeding of the bonsai and the garden area, pond cleaning, trimming, wiring and rewiring, along with a careful watch on the water emitters, and possible unfavorable insects. The special bonsaiists for the past month included: Julia Chow, Sally & Steve Dischinger, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim Kirchmer, Carla Marasco, Clare & Ron Roberts, 'lyn Stevenson, and Dennis Wagner.



John Jackson and Dennis Wagner cleaning the upper pond



Mark Edgar cleaning lower pond drainage trap

San Diego Bonsai Club members are always welcome to join this special group of Bonsai Pavilion volunteers. Once again, anyone interested in helping, learning, and enjoying the time working and studying on this incredible living treasure of outstanding, aged bonsai are invited to sign-up. Curator John, Assistant Dennis, and Liaison 'lyn will assist in your orientation as will Cathy and Mark whenever you are ready to join the fun! Call or e-mail 'lyn to start your process of registering and receiving your credentials from the Safari Park.

We have had to put the annual SDBC meeting, picnic, and auction on a hold status. The Park has assured that they will let us know when they too have a go-ahead plan.

This May is the 10th Anniversary of this Bonsai Pavilion but the SDBC has had a bonsai display area at Safari Park ever since the Park opened over thirty years ago. This is a tribute to SDBC! The collection is grander and better than ever! Thank you and congratulations to everyone!



Pomegranates for Urban Dig. See Presidents Message on page 1.



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## Board Minutes: by Carla Marasco, Secretary

**March 9, 2021 SDBC Board Meeting Minutes** President Sue Carter called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:36pm

**In attendance:** Sue Carter (President), Ignacio De La Torre (First VP), Bill Graham (VP for Education), Markel Farley (VP for Special Projects), Jaya Kaelberer (Treasurer), Uday Pandey (Membership), Carla Marasco (Secretary), Barbara French-Lee (Past President)

### OFFICER REPORTS

- **Programs** (Ignacio De La Torre)
  - › Barbara and Ignacio discussed the By-laws and will be sending out a working document for the board to review and then later to be presented at a club meeting. The By-law document mainly only needs to be cleaned up and have the new Zoom board meeting option added.
  - › Currently looking for someone to host the next presentation for the club
- **Education** (Bill Graham)
  - › All classes are still on hold until things open back up
- **Special Projects** (Markel Farley)
  - › Reservations have been made to tentatively hold the Spring Show on Memorial Day weekend. Show will be dependent on COVID-19 restrictions and the issuance of city and park to permit gathering. Will need to consider guest limitations and possible use of multiple rooms as well as outdoor areas to adhere to local restrictions
  - › Items listed will be completed for show preparation
    - -Notices will be sent to prior vendors that may be interested in bringing items for the sale
    - -General notice to be sent to club members
    - -Sign-ups to be gathered for Tree to show
    - -Volunteers needed for working show
    - -Specific time slots to be scheduled and maintained for volunteers so that limitations for # of people at show follows suggested COVID-19 guidelines
    - The possibility to add club soil/tools/etc. for sale during the Spring show was discussed and will be considered as a possibility to be decided on
- **Membership** (Uday Pandey)
  - › Memberships continue to come in (17 new memberships/renewals came in since December/315 current members)
- **Treasurer** (Jaya Kaelberer)
  - › A large \$2,500 payment for the club insurance went out in February
- **Secretary** (Carla Marasco)
  - › Board was all in favor of creating a new Google Docs storage drive to store important documents for the club.
  - › Storage cost is free up to 15GB then \$20 annually for each additional 100GB if needed
  - › Each board member will begin to gather items pertaining to their role to be added to drive
  - › Items stored on drive will be available upon request by all club members (with personal information removed)
  - › Further development of document storage procedures to be developed and led by Carla (next steps/action items to be worked through over next couple of weeks and sent to board for discussion)
- **Other Items** (Barbara French-Lee)
  - › None
- **Other Items** (Sue Carter)
  - › None
  - ›

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.



## Treasurers Report: by Jaya Kaelberer, Treasurer

<b>SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB - TREASURER'S REPORT</b>			
Jaya Kaelberer as of February 28, 2021			
Accounts have been reconciled with Union Bank statements			
<b>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES (QuickBooks)</b>			
SDBC Checking	\$39,481		
Japanese Friendship Garden	\$2,343		
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$12,013		
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$53,837</b>		
<b>SDBC Income</b>	<b>Actuals</b>		<b>budget</b>
Total Donation Income	\$788	member donations	\$ 2,800
Total Education Income			\$ 5,400
Total Membership Income	\$250		\$ 1,800
Guest Artist Workshops			\$ 800
Total Raffle & Auction			\$ 5,200
Spring and fall show income			\$ 3,000
Total Special Projects Income			\$ 1,000
Total Tool Sales			\$ 3,400
Total SDBC Income	\$1,038		<b>\$23,400</b>
<b>SDBC Expenses</b>			<b>budget</b>
Total Bonsai Pavilion			\$ 2,500
Donations and contributions			\$ -
Total Education	\$330	Cost of water O,N,D 2020	\$ 5,220
Total Japanese Friendship Garden			\$ 500
Total Library			\$ 225
Total Mas Takanashi Grant			\$ 800
Total Membership			\$ 900
Total Monthly Program	\$70	Tree Competition prizes	\$ 3,300
Total Newsletter	\$113	Mailchimp, printing	\$ 970
Total SDBC Club Expenses			
Total GSBF Liability Insurance	\$2,150	Gen, O&D, Vlntrs, dues	\$ 2,200
Other	\$48	BCI subscription	\$ 2,050
San Diego Fair			\$ 65
Power of one scholarship			\$ 150
Total SDBC Spring Show			\$ -
Total Fall show			\$ 900
Total Special Projects			\$ 500
Total Taxes	\$31	4Q 2020 Sales tax	\$ 2,120
Total Tool Table Expenses			\$1,000
Total SDBC Expense	\$2,742		<b>\$23,400</b>
<b>Net SDBC Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$1,704)</b>		<b>\$0</b>



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