



## President's Message:

**Sue Carter, President and CEO**

**Hello Club Members and Bonsai Enthusiasts,** We have some exciting news! All indications are that the San Diego Bonsai Club finally will be able to hold its first club meeting of 2021 on July 18. To that end, the SDBC Board of Directors met on May 4 to begin the planning for "back to normal" club activities.

**Some History:** On April 29, I participated in a Zoom call organized by Tom Derr, liaison between City of San Diego and the San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation (SDBGF). San Diego Bonsai Club is one of 34 different member societies of SDBGF and who extensively use Casa del Prado for their meetings, gatherings, shows and sales. Tom is a very busy man keeping track of the SDBGF calendar. Nothing is scheduled on the SDBGF calendar without a permit from City of San Diego. That's where Marie Wiggins comes in. Marie is a Center Director for City of San Diego and the person who authorizes the use permits for Balboa Park.

On the call Marie announced that Gov Newsom has declared that California's color-tier system will be lifted on June 15. That would allow Balboa Park to reopen for normal activities after that date. There were approximately 17 representatives from various societies who had questions for Marie during the Zoom meeting. Marie spent time going over the current limitations for use of facilities, which are numerous.

Marie's recommendation was for clubs to hold off planning for holding meetings in the Casa del Prado rooms and patio space until after June 15 to see what requirements might be still in place after that date.

"Every indication is that things will be back to normal as of June 15," she told the attendees. Although "back to normal" may still include some differences in how our meetings are conducted compared to the past, we expect no meeting size limitations, no social distancing, no temperature taking, no sanitizing and no vaccination requirements.

Needless to say, there are lots of things to do to get ready for the first meeting on July 18. Board members are also starting to plan for the Nisei Week Japanese Festival bus trip, our Fall Sale/Show in September, our Lake Poway Auction and Picnic in October and, of course, presentations, classes, and workshops during the last half of the year.

So keep your fingers crossed and that July 18 date open. We hope to have more information available in the June newsletter.



**May 8, 2021** See our web site for information and activities

**Feature Article:** "Insecticidal Soap" By Charlie Mosse see page 7

**Not to Be:** Memorial weekend Spring show. See Special Projects, page 3



**Hold July 18, 2021  
for TBD return to  
club meetings**

See Presidents letter



## Education: Bill Graham, VP Education

**Welcome to May!** I hope you are enjoying the weather and watching your trees. Your trees should be pushing growth like crazy right now! Watch what you need to trim to help maintain shape, decide what you want to let run as a sacrifice branch and just enjoy the beauty of growth! Keep an eye on your trees, as we move forward and it starts to get warmer, your watering needs will increase.

Meeting in person is still not allowed but the state has started to ease some restrictions. With this, hopefully in the foreseeable future we can actually meet together again! I look forward to seeing all of you and starting the classes back up! In anticipation of this, I am starting to put together workshops and making preparations for at least one Beginners' Class. I have a couple of good ones lining up and I think you will enjoy them! As I know more, I will pass on the information to you.

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.

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- 'lyn Stevenson, Poway- [inthegrove@cox.net](mailto:inthegrove@cox.net)
- Glenn Jensen, Encinitas - [glenn@bajaphotographer.com](http://glenn@bajaphotographer.com))
- John Voss, Vista, 442-224-4423



## Special Projects: Markel Farley, VP

**Spring Show:** Due to current restrictions, the Spring show will not be held this year. However, we are excited for San Diego beginning to reopen and will have various special events and projects in the near future.

Get ready for future communication regarding the Fall Show. If you contacted me regarding the Spring show, I will keep your information documented and contact you regarding the Fall show to reconfirm. Keep your trees ready to present. I am looking forward to seeing the great work that has been completed over this time we spent with our trees at home.

**Nisei Week Japanese Festival:** The festival was started in 1934 during the depression by second-generation Japanese Americans who wanted to help attract more business to the Little Tokyo area.

If the festival is held this year (August 14-22), would you be interested in participating? The club would travel via bus to the festival in Little Tokyo in Los Angeles. The bus will take us to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center to enjoy Japanese cultural arts. We will also visit shops around the area for dining and shopping.

Members, friends, and family are welcome. Please contact me if you would be interested in the trip. I am keeping track of potential interest to determine if the trip is possible. If enough interest is confirmed, sign up sheets will be made available. There will be a small fee per person

### **MASTERCLASS with John Jackson**

The Club Masterclass with instructor John Jackson is starting up again with in person instruction. The purpose of the class is to help Club members take their bonsai to a higher level with the goal of participating in the semiannual Club shows.

The Masterclass meets on Saturday morning at 8:30am at John Jackson's home. The next meeting will be May 15, 2021. If interested in working on some trees to bring to show quality please contact John at 1-619-559-1700 or [bonsaijohn@cox.net](mailto:bonsaijohn@cox.net).

## Membership; By Udaykant Pandey, VP Membership

**I would like to welcome** following members who have joined the club since March 2021. With these additions and renewals, club currently has 339 active members.

*A Castronovo, Raymond Lorea, Josh Frampton, Jenn Gerlitz, Catalina Golitz, Joe Towles, Irene Yutadco, Joanie Hartman, David Ingamells, Patricia Staley, Gracie Delgado Perez, David Liebowitz, Nathan Scheffler*

I would like to thank members who have renewed their membership *Amy and Charlie Ogle, John and Maggie Holloway, Michael Shelly,*

To help keep the club financially strong, the club will continue to accept payment from those who would like to voluntarily submit their annual dues or make donations as a way of supporting the club through the pandemic. Please consider these options if you are able. **You can make payments through the club's website or by sending a check to the club at P.O. Box 86037, San Diego, CA 92138.**



**Library:** Sonya Holmquist, Librarian

**A bonanza of new bonsai magazines** has arrived: three issues of *Bonsai Focus*, two issues of *Bonsai: Journal of the American Bonsai Society*, and two issues of *BCI: Bonsai & Stone Appreciation*. Highlights (in the humble opinion of your librarian) include:

*Bonsai Focus* Nov/Dec 2020: Styling and caring of jade tree bonsais, developing short needles on black pines, highlights of Gafu-ten shohin exhibit, developing *Melaleuca* as bonsai

*Bonsai Focus* Jan/Feb 2021: Small leaf maples, more highlights of the Gafu-ten exhibit, group plantings, transformation Harry Hirao's California Juniper at the Pacific Bonsai Museum

*Bonsai Focus* Mar/Apl 2021: creating a rock landscape, the beauty of Kusumono, developing cotoneaster as bonsai

*Bonsai/The Journal of the American Bonsai Society*, Qtr 4, 2020: Japanese maple work in fall and winter, grafting Japanese black pines, World War Bonsai: Remembrance & Resilience, an exhibit at the Pacific Bonsai Museum, recounts the struggles Japanese - American bonsai masters faced, especially during World War II and the role of American GI's in bringing bonsai appreciation to the US after the war

*Bonsai/The Journal of the American Bonsai Society*, Qtr 1, 2021: adjusting the pH of water, advantage of using Aves Brand Apoxie-Sculpt, *Prunus mume* propagation by hardwood cuttings

*BCI: Bonsai & Stone Appreciation*, Qtr 4 2020: Appreciating Traditional Chinese Gardens and the Tiger Hill Penjing Arden in Suzhou, how to build a magnetic shohin display board

*BCI: Bonsai & Stone Appreciation*, Qtr 1 2021: winning bonsai from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Taiwan Bonsai Creators Exhibition (because of very low rates of Covid-19 infection, this was an indoor exhibit), compared to the virtual bonsai show of the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society

Of course, there is so much more, and you can peruse them at your leisure. Just contact me at [sonyaanneh@gmail.com](mailto:sonyaanneh@gmail.com) to arrange a pickup or drop off time.



**THOUGHT: THE REAL PROGRESS OF YOUR BONSAI AND YOURSELF, IS  
DETERMINED MOST BY PRUNING**

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## Japanese Friendship Garden: by Neil Auwarter, Curator

Greetings from the Japanese Friendship Garden, where the spent cherry blossoms waft in the wind. Thanks to the April volunteers Barbara French-Lee, Aaron Mathenkari, and Charlie & Sylvia Mosse.

With improving COVID-19 numbers, spring break and the Cherry Blossom season, recent attendance at the JFG roared back. Judging from the number of visitors asking how they can learn bonsai or acquire trees, there is serious pent-up demand. We continue to advise visitors to monitor the SDBC website for the hoped-for announcement that meetings, classes, and shows are resuming. Let's hope we can safely do all that before too long.

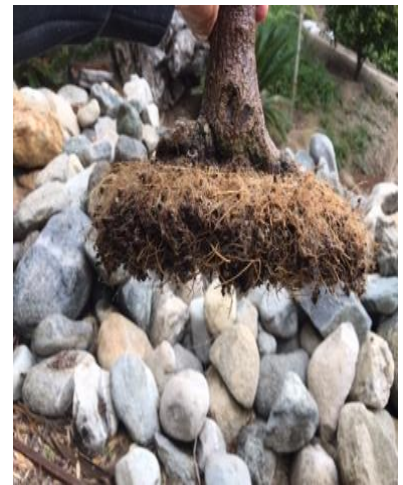
The accompanying photographs are from our final spring repot, in late March, of a hackberry (*Celtis occidentales*) donated by Margaret and Nathan Carl. This native North American hackberry seems to have craggier bark than its eastern cousin, *Celtis chinensis*. The final photo shows the tree fully leafed-out only three weeks later!



Hackberry in old pot, buds swelling



Unpotted



Roots reduced



Aeration layer in new pot



Repot complete



Leafed out & on display 3 weeks later

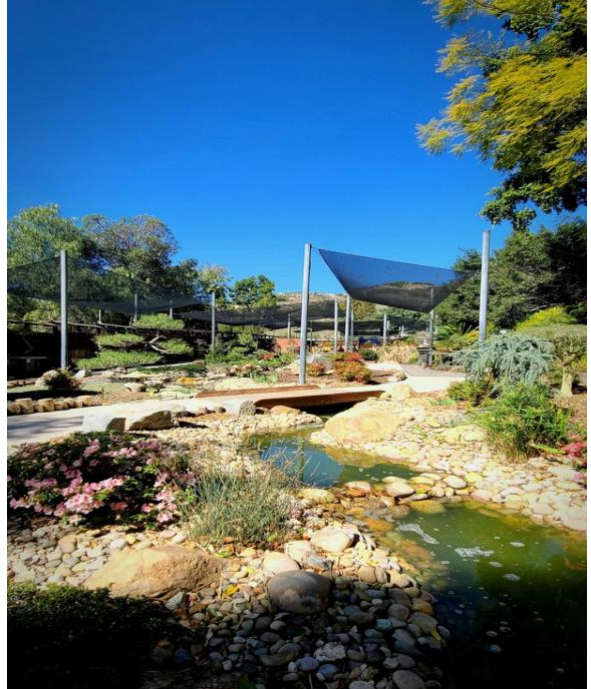


## Bonsai Pavilion at Safari Park: 'Lyn Stevenson, Liaison

### Happy May Bonsai Days to everyone!

This year is the 10th Anniversary of the (new) Pavilion at Safari Park. . . "new" even though it is now ten years old but the "old" and former Bonsai Pavilion dates to the time when the Wild Animal Park first opened. Those treasured bonsai were moved to this larger area after many discussions and an invitation from the Park...SDBC volunteers most willingly incorporated the existing waterfall and ponds into the Project. It was a huge and expensive undertaking but our SDBC members, other California Bonsai clubs, friends, Horticulture Staff, and several companies provided the finances, materials and/or equipment throughout the project. Together it was made possible and spectacular!

We have continued to have support from SDBC and a most congenial relationship with the Safari Horticulture group. Staff positions have changed in the Zoo-Park Administration as well as in our SDBC, but the changes have all been most positive! We only regret right now that we cannot have a big on-site Anniversary Party due to the Coronavirus restrictions.



View of the Bonsai Pavilion stream. Photo taken by Carla Marasco



John Jackson by the new bench at SDBC

Applause and many thanks to the April volunteers who have done major spring clean-ups, transplants, wirings, trimmings, etc. Thanks especially to these leading stars: 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. Special thanks also to Curator John for installing another bench for visitor viewing in front of the sakei exhibit.

The spring growth in the Pavilion certainly demands more weeding and trimming of bonsai and in ground plantings. Volunteers for all the days of the week would be helpful as Volunteers are still limited to 6 at any one time during Covid restrictions. Hopefully, everyone has gotten their vaccines and feel that they can return comfortably to these outdoor activities.

On May 15th, Saturday, Dennis, our premier pine volunteer advisor, and teacher, is planning to do pine candle cutting on the Pavilion in-ground pines. Pine care is a great learning experience for bonsaiists and always a fun project in which volunteers like to participate.

**Welcome always** . . .the Pavilion is always open when the Safari Park is open. . .our visiting hours are the same!



Insecticidal Soap Does Work When...



Insect season started over a month ago or so. Scale, and mites are the most problematic, while aphids mealybugs, leaf miners and white flies get a mention for some plant varieties. Juniper scale is becoming more of an issue these days. They can be easily missed at initial infestation, rapidly spread and then difficult to control. The applies to mites.

So, what can used? As regulations advance, our choices have greatly diminished. There are no silver bullets that will eradicate juniper scale or mites that have minimal toxicity and/or do not persist on the plant or in the soil. However, there is one insecticide that is all-purpose and safe to use for scale and other common insects we see on most bonsai species: Insecticidal soap. When soaps are properly applied, they can be highly effective. Soaps get negative reviews at times which is usually due to improper application, improper timing or too high an expectation for an insecticide that does not have a residual effect, that is, they are not persistent on the plant.

Insecticidal soaps are very safe for us to handle. Ingredients: potassium salts of fatty acids --- soap. True soaps have minimal negative effects on plant tissues whereas detergents are much stronger and have other chemicals in them that make them more effective for heavier cleaning jobs making detergents more phytotoxic to plants. Detergents can and do cause foliar burns and also burn non-hardened soft twigs. When a chemical or solution of chemicals cause harm to plants, they are said to be **phytotoxic**. This term is used commonly, and it is good to be aware of it. Commercially available insecticidal soaps contain no detergents or other chemicals that are harmful to plants and when properly applied will rarely cause phytotoxic symptoms.

Caution: Many people like to make their own solutions. When we make our own mixtures, be careful to read the label to assure you are buying soap and that you test your home remedy before spraying on many plants. Some recipes include adding horticultural oil for helping to spread the solution better and to aid in suffocation of the target insect. Vinegar is added to adjust the pH down since most insecticidal soaps are basic. There are recipes out there but be sure to test the solution before generally applying. Buyer beware.

The cautions for insecticidal soaps are similar to other insecticides, but there is more latitude with the soaps:

- Spray at a time when the drying of the foliage will be slow. The longer the solution can stay wet on the insect and the leaf, the better the effect.
- Avoid hot days to avoid phytotoxic effects on the plant, but one can spray on warmer days than with petroleum-based insecticides. 90 degrees is the max temp for most soaps. Read the label.
- Avoid dry days (Santa Ana type humidity levels). Increased risk of burning and solution dries too fast for maximum effect.
- Water plants the day before to assure good hydration.



- Avoid very soft/young foliage when possible. Sometimes this is not possible, so it is suggested to move the plant to the shade for the day if the leaves are very soft or there are other concerns.
- Hosing off the foliage the morning before application to remove some of the bugs, eggs, spores etc., is a good practice.
- Insecticidal soaps can kill beneficial insects but generally much less so than more toxic and persistent chemical insecticides.
- Soaps are best applied with tank sprayers or handheld pressure sprayers. Trigger sprayers are OK for small applications. Hose end sprayers are OK but are not as accurate for controlling the concentration.

Scale insects spread by what are called scale crawlers. Eggs hatch inside of the scale. Eventually many very tiny crawlers emerge and start moving around in search of a new spot to set down. The crawlers are soft bodied and very susceptible to control at this time. If you want a challenge, use a magnifier and starting in about mid-March, check your foliage daily for tiny, mobile crawlers. Crawler emergence timing is changing due to more mild temps so expect them earlier, approximately March/April through May in cool years, and June in colder areas. But that can change with the weather that year. So, if you can see the scales on the foliage from the previous year, then crawlers will be emerging the current spring. Once the scale produces its “house”, control becomes difficult. This is when one may have to switch to systemics. The soaps can be applied in the spring to control the crawlers but must be applied several times, always per label instructions.

After discussing insecticidal soaps with some bonsai members, I searched for a good reference article on insecticidal soaps. I did find many articles, but the article link listed below was found to be fairly comprehensive and easy to read. Definitely worth the read.

<https://laidbackgardener.blog/2017/01/22/so-what-is-insecticidal-soap-exactly/>

The most important information in the article is quoted as follows:

*“Insecticidal soap acts by contact. It is effective only when it is wet and has no residual effect. In other words, it loses all utility once it dries out. Therefore, you can’t use it to prevent insects and mites, it must touch and coat living pests to be effective.”*

Soap kills insects in several ways:



- *It penetrates the arthropod’s cuticle then damages cell membranes, causing the contents of the cell to leak out, leading to dehydration.*
- *It melts the protective wax that covers certain insects (mealybugs, scale insects, certain aphids, etc.) and this leads to dehydration from evaporation.*
- *It blocks the pores through which insects breathe, leading to asphyxiation.*

*The pest treated usually dies very rapidly, within minutes of treatment.”*



Insecticidal soap is strictly a contact insecticide. So complete coverage of the leaves, stems.... all of the nooks and crannies of a plant.... must be wetted so that the insect body gets effectively wetted. You will find this particularly important when treating the tiny juniper scale hidden down inside the overlapping juvenile/needle leaves of a juniper. This is true of all contact insecticides that have little or no residual effect on the target insects. Applying the solution with enough pressure and volume is especially important to ensure effective control.

Insecticidal soaps are like any other pesticide. One must read the label before buying to be sure the target insect will be controlled and then of course for proper application instructions before applying.

If soaps do not control the scale or other target insects, then other insecticides may be needed such as a systemic. Horticultural oils can be used but not during warm weather or when foliage is still, maturing, not hardened off. Ask around, particularly our club instructors, to find out how they and others control this scale or other insects. There are other options.

Images of Juniper scale. I copied these photos so that those unfamiliar with this insect can keep an eye out for it. It starts out very sneaky and is not always readily visible. When it does become readily visible then one may have a significant infestation.

The left photo shows a very light infestation on scale foliage. Easy to see but can be overlooked if the scale is on the underside of the foliage. The right photo readily shows an infestation that is spreading fast at this point. The infestation would be easily seen from a distance.



The next two photos show needle foliage and scale foliage side by side and then just needle foliage. The scale can hide much deeper down inside the leaf axils (point of attachment of the leaf to the stem) of the needle type foliage than on the scale type foliage where they are seen more readily on the surface of the leaves, as in the photo above. If the infestation is moderate or worse as in the first photo, the scale is readily seen. A light infestation is not readily eye-catching even on scale leaves and almost not detectable on needle foliage unless one takes a close look. Keep a keen eye out for it as the scale can multiply very quickly and catch one off guard.



In the left photo the infestation is barely detectable. A magnifier will be helpful to spot this in the early stages. A magnifier is a good tool to have in your bag for juniper scale and for spider mites. Spider mites can be detected by knocking them from the plant onto a light-colored surface, preferably a sheet of white notebook paper. But with a magnifier one can better get a feel for the degree of infestation. In the right photo, the scale infestation is starting to spread rapidly. Many small scales are easily seen. The infestation does not look too bad from here as yet, but upon peering into the tiny recesses of the leaf axils, one would see hundreds more. So, this infestation is actually moderate and spreading rapidly.

So, as the climate gets milder our bug seasons are starting sooner and lasting longer. A dormant spray will help with overwintering insects, but if that is not done, then keeping an eye out earlier in the spring, even late winter, is necessary. When one does find an infestation, then the key is applying the insecticidal soap with excellent coverage so there is a better chance of the insects being covered with the soap. The insecticidal soaps are a good control for the scale (crawlers) and for spider mites. Re-application will be necessary since soaps are contact only insecticides.

Another change in our weather that we see more frequently is the recurring offshore winds/air circulation, aka Santa Ana's in the winter and spring. This brings in warm, dry air to the delight of spider mites. Santa Ana type events usually occur in late summer and fall and are more problematic at those times. When we get these events that last more than a few days, then a "mite explosion" could likely occur. It does not take that many mites to create a big problem and initially they are hard to see, and the damage is minimal. Before foliar yellowing or death occurs, the foliage will remain green but become very dull looking. There are no good images of this "dulling" online. Ask around for help or pose the question with photos on the SDBC Facebook site if you think you have a problem. Many forums also discuss mites at length.

Proactive measures can be and should be taken before unseasonal warm periods, during extended warm periods like summer, and full-blown Santa Ana events. Some common proactive measures are:

- Check for mites using the light-colored paper test. Hold under the branches, shake the branch a bit and see what falls onto the paper. If the spots move and/or leave a streak when squished.... most likely mites are present.

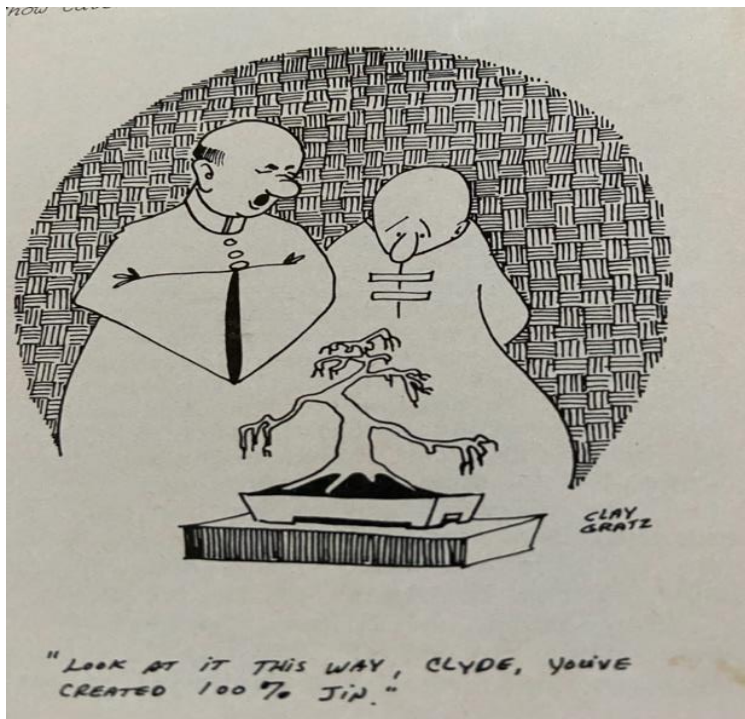
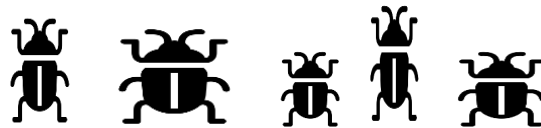
- Spraying with soaps a couple of days before these warm dry events.
- Wash off their plants with a strong spray before, during and after these events.
- Wait and see what develops and spray insecticide or water as needed.
- Spray after the heat subsides in anticipation of a mite outbreak. Mite outbreaks are common after heat events.

Regardless, if an outbreak occurs, then repeated sprayings will be needed to control the mites. A continuous hatching occurs because all the eggs do not hatch at the same time. This applies to scale and most insect infestations.

Good, short article on Juniper scale: <https://entomology.ca.uky.edu/ef429>

Excellent write up by Brent Walston of Evergreen Gardenworks, a bonsai and pre-bonsai grower in California: <https://www.evergreengardenworks.com/mites.htm>

Good article on spider mites: <https://www.planetnatural.com/pest-problem-solver/houseplant-pests/spider-mite-control/>



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## Board Minutes: by Carla Marasco, Secretary

**May 5, 2021 SDBC Board Meeting Minutes** President Sue Carter called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:33pm

**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

#### **President's Items** (Sue Carter)

- Met with the Balboa Park coordinator for the City of San Diego to discuss the following reopening items
  - Gov. Newsome has declared that CA color-tier system will be lifted on June 15
  - Until then we are under the current Orange tier and must adhere to those guidelines, which include limited capacity for gatherings.
    - Social/informal gatherings with no guest list can have only 3 households indoors.
    - Current restrictions are 25% of room capacity or max 25 people. (Rm. 101 = 25 people/Rm. 104 = 15 people)
    - Patio use permits are required for outdoor events and must include safe open plan.
    - County requires detailed safe opening plan if club wants to hold gatherings before June 15. Which would entail submitting a detailed plan describing how we would implement the protocols required to be reviewed by Marie Wiggins (Balboa Park coordinator). She would then forward to her managers at the city for review and they would then submit to country for approval.
    - Limited outdoors activities are permitted if a group has patio use permits (which SDBC does), however, groups still must go through the process of submitting a detailed plan to Marie and the city and getting approval from the county.
  - Marie's recommendation: Hold out any planning for Casa del Prado rooms and patio space until after June 15 to see what requirements might be still in place after that date. "Every indication is that things will be back to normal as of June 15." – Marie Wiggins quote.
  - Things should be back to normal with no meeting size limitations, no social distancing, no temperature taking, no sanitizing.

#### Other Items discussed/Proposed Schedule of Events

- Board Meetings will return to meeting every month via Zoom so that the Board members can prepare for re-opening. (next mtg June 8<sup>th</sup>)
- June 17 - SDBGF Zoom meeting scheduled with Marie Wiggins for an update on city opening status
- June? - Tent Facetime live video to go over things to do with Bonsai during summer months as well as a garden tour with John Jackson
- July 6 - Zoom Board meeting
- July 18 – Tent. Club meeting at Casa del Prado (pending re-opening)
  - Presentation (internal member for first meeting)
  - Raffle table & sales table to be planed as normal
  - Food/drink to be pre-packaged or bring your own until further direction
  - Sign-up sheets for trip/show/classes to be available as normal
- August 8 - Club meeting at Casa del Prado
- August 10 - Zoom Board meeting
- August 14 – 22 - Nisei Week Japanese Festival, Bus trip (tent.)
- Sept 7 - Zoom Board meeting
- Sept 19 - Club meeting at Casa del Prado (close to show date/may change)
- Sept 23 – 26 - Fall Show and Sale



- Oct 10 - Picnic and auction at Poway Lake ('lyn schedule, Ignacio coordinate)
- Nov 14 - Club meeting at Casa del Prado
- Dec 12 - Club meeting at Casa del Prado
- Programs (Ignacio De La Torre)
  - Working with John Jackson to put on s Facetime Live session in June or July
  - Poway Lake Picnic & Auction to be coordinated with 'lyn (Parking passes/food & drink options/Board Nominating Committee/etc.)
- Education (Bill Graham)
  - Sign-ups for beginner classes will be set for the July club meeting (pending re-opening)/Classes to be held Aug/Sep/Nov
  - Advanced Workshops will be scheduled once re-opening status is known. Classes are limited in size, so ability to hold these is greater, but no classes will be scheduled until we can meet in person (Shimpaku/Black Pines/Itoigawa/Olive are on the list of upcoming workshops)
- Special Projects (Markel Farley)
  - Spring show cancelled/delayed due to city closure status



Liquid Amber at entrance to Safari park Bonsai Pavilion.

Photo by Carla Marasco

## Treasurers Report: by Jaya Kaelberer, Treasurer

**We continue to receive donations and dues from our loyal members –  
heartfelt thanks for helping out.**

<b>SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB - TREASURER'S REPORT</b>			
Jaya Kaelberer as of 31 March, 2021			
Accounts have been reconciled with Union Bank statements			
<b>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES (QuickBooks)</b>			
SDBC Checking	\$41,211		
Japanese Friendship Garden	\$2,343		
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$11,967		
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$55,521</b>		
<b>SDBC Income</b>	<b>Actuals</b>		<b>budget</b>
Total Donation Income	\$1,030	member donations	\$ 2,800
Total Grant Qualcomm	\$500		
Total Education Income			\$ 5,400
Total Membership Income	\$992		\$ 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	\$351	sale of club pot, club tree	<b>\$ 3,400</b>
<b>Total SDBC Income</b>	<b>\$2,873</b>		<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	\$45	ABS subscription	\$ 225
Total Mas Takanashi Grant			\$ 800
Total Membership			\$ 900
Total Monthly Program	\$70	Tree Competition prizes	\$ 3,300
Total Newsletter	\$174	Mailchimp, printing	\$ 970
Total SDBC Club Expenses			
Total GSBF Liability Insurance	\$2,150	Gen, O&D, VIntrs, dues	\$ 2,200
Other	\$94	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
<b>Total SDBC Expense</b>	<b>\$2,894</b>		<b>\$23,400</b>
<b>Net SDBC Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$21)</b>		<b>\$0</b>

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