



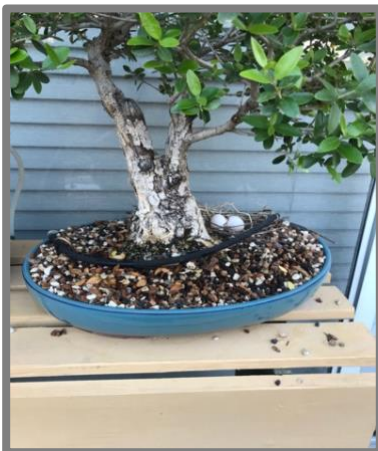
## President's Message:

**Sue Carter, President and CEO**

Hello Bonsai Enthusiasts: I'm very excited to tell you it looks like "all systems go" for our first general meeting since the lockdown. July 18 should be a wonderful meeting where we'll get to see each other in person and get caught up on each other's lives and bonsai stories. Many of us are anticipating this return to normal so we can share our love of bonsai with each other and continue to grow our knowledge, skills, and techniques for this enjoyable hobby. And who doesn't love the raffle table!

Be sure to read the articles in this month's Bonsai Wire for details about upcoming classes and events. The officers on the Board of Directors are working hard to get everything planned for our future club activities. Because, we still have catching up to do, you'll see some TBDs on the calendar. We will keep everyone posted as the details become known.

Call for Refreshment Coordinators: We still have one Appointed Position open for the club. With the prospect of getting back to normal meetings, we can all look forward to the lovely treats and snacks and meals that generous club members supply for meetings (following health guidelines, of course). Right now, we need one or more volunteers to take on the role of coordinating the refreshments for meetings. This assignment can be shared so that one person handles opening (tablecloths, coffee, etc.) and another, takes on closing after the meeting or even taking alternating months. If you've thought about getting involved in club activities but, aren't sure where to start, this is a great opportunity to be of service to the club. The hard truth is, if we don't get volunteers, we'll be forced to limit what we can provide for refreshments. **So please volunteer!**



Signs of Spring: Keith and I took a short vacation last week and came home to a lovely surprise. A pair of mourning doves set up housekeeping on one of our bonsais. The bonsai with the nest is right outside our kitchen window, so we can see the birds every day as they dutifully sit on two eggs. The nest looks like this might be the effort of a first-time couple – pretty meager. They did move the drip sprinkler off to the side but tolerate us adding water by hand. We don't know how long this wonder of nature will last, but what a special sign of hope and new beginnings.

*The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit -Nelson Henderson*



**July 18, 2021: In person** meeting at Balboa Park

**Classes:** see page 2

**Upcoming events:** see page 7

**Fall show:** at Balboa Park September 24 and 25

**Resources:** visit our website for information on private instructors and other resources to advance your bonsai skills

[www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com](http://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com)



**Welcome to June!** The weather continues to warm up, and the trees are continuing to grow. Watering needs will be picking up as the heat goes up and the humidity goes down. Keep an eye on your trees do not let them dry out.

I have some hopefully exciting news! It appears as if we will be back to meeting in person in July! In anticipation of this happening, I am scheduling our first workshop for August and our first Beginner's Class! A reminder that all beginning classes, workshops and skills classes are taught from 8:30 am to 10:15 am 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 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](mailto:wfgraham3rd@gmail.com).

I am still putting together Intermediate Workshop's for the rest of the year. Once I have the solidified the list, I will announce what we have upcoming. However, I do have a VERY exciting workshop coming in November. Tak Shimazu will again be hosting a 6-hour Itoigawa Shinpaku Shohin workshop. Tak has been working these trees and they are fantastic! These trees were originally put aside for me for November of 2020. They have an extra year of growth and work on them. Fred Miyahara and I went to see them in person, and we were both impressed. The class will be held on Saturday, November 6th at Fred Miyahara's house. This workshop will run from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. The class is limited to 6 attendees. The cost is \$450.00. Lunch will be provided. This class will go on sale at the September meeting.

**Beginning Class: Dates: August 8, September 12, November 14.** Our Beginner's Class for 2021 will start in August and take us through the end of the year. Please note the scheduling of this class. We have some nice Procumbens nanas. These trees were bought for last years' class, so they have an extra year of growth on them. This is very nice material that will make some great bonsai. The instructors will be Bob Hale with an assist by Mark Edgar and the usual gang of helpers. The class starts at 8:30 am in Room 104. Please be on time or a few minutes early to help get the room set up for the class. Observers are always welcome. Even if you do not get in the class, you can still observe and learn.

Due to the long time between classes, here is a quick rundown of what you will get when you take a Beginner's Class, all for \$50.00! So, with no further ado, get ready to sign up.

- A tree
- A training pot
- A pair of scissors
- A book (The Little Book of Bonsai by Jonas Dupuich)
- 3 (2) hour training sessions.

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 Workshop: August 8 - Olea europaea (Olive).** Our first workshop for the year will be some nice, large olives. These trees are in 5-gallon cans and are much larger than most anything you will find for sale. John Jackson will lead the class. There are only 5 spots available for this class. Sign-ups will be at the July meeting the cost will be \$125.00.

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).

## Membership: by Udaykant Pandey, VP

I would like to welcome following members who have joined the club since May 2021: *Marco Ferrer-Ruiz, Michael Growth, Iris Strom, Mark Shane, Greg Simone, Elaine Kenniston, Dale Sommerfeld, Dru Gladney*

I would like to thank members who have renewed their membership since May 2021: *Eric Jacobson*

With these additions and renewals, club currently has 354 active members.

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.**

## Special Projects: by Markel Farley, VP

**Summer bus trip:** See page 7 for information regarding a bus trip this summer.

**The FALL show** is currently being planned for September 25-26 (Set up on September 23-24). I will reconfirm with those who expressed interest in showing trees. There will also be various volunteer roles. Be on the lookout for volunteer sign-up sheets at the July meeting. **Volunteer Positions:** Tear Down, Set Up, Roaming Security, Sales Table Cashier, Sales Table Check In/Out, Food for Volunteers, Front Door Info, Demonstrations, Membership Info, Kitchen Clean Up, Put Up/Take Down Flags, and Assist Brining in Trees (Sale and Show).

**Merchandise and Swag (Sneak Peak):** I am extremely excited to announce that the club is currently working on creating San Diego Bonsai Club merchandise/swag. We are hoping to have the various options available at the July meeting. Please come and learn how we are spreading awareness of the club.



## Japanese Friendship Garden: by Barbara French-Lee, Liaison

The bonsai collection at the Japanese Friendship Garden continues to grow and excel under the talented guidance of Curator Neil Auwarter. Throughout the pandemic Neil has continued to develop the collection twice a week every week. Thanks to him and the volunteers for May; Aaron Mathenkari, Charlie Mosse, and Mori Suemori for their help this month. In June we will welcome the expertise of Fred Miyahara for our pines.

On Wednesdays, June 23, 30 and July 7 the San Diego Bonsai Club teaches bonsai classes for the JFG summer camp. The students are in grade 1 and into high school. I'm still looking for Club Members who would be available to teach one of the classes. The classes are for one hour at 9am and I have all the supplies needed.

The free day for the Japanese Friendship Garden in June is Tuesday, June 15th. Hope you will check out the Garden and the Bonsai Exhibit.





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

The Zoo-Safari Park is still holding back on any new arrangement. Limits remain to the volunteer numbers at the Pavilion, but we continue to keep the bonsai and the Pavilion in pristine condition with volunteers coming in on different days of the week. With some other recent personnel positions at the park, we are pleased to have Horticulture Manager once again, Linda Post, as our main Safari Park contact person. She has been with the park for many years in various positions.



*Dave Woodall visits the Pavilion*

Our recent volunteers have 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. It was great to see volunteers, Dave Woodall and Lysa & Mark Woodall visiting and for Dave to see his donated bonsai thriving so well. Other SDBC members have been visiting at various times also and the current volunteers are thrilled to visit with them and all the other Park guests.

SDBC has reprinted the green brochures, "Introducing... THE San Diego BONSAI CLUB" and there is now a good supply in our Pavilion kiosk case and visitors really appreciate them. . . There is often a question as to when the SDBC will be meeting again and when there will be a show, sale, and/or lessons. Obviously, there is an enthusiastic number of visitors wanting to participate. We hope that will be soon!

Jim Kirchmer is once again working on applications for County grant financial assistance for some needed future projects at the Pavilion. . . The County has helped us at several different times in the past when we applied for help with handicapped and children facilities and safety projects.

We have a confirmed date for the annual SDBC May 2022 function at Safari Park. . . pencil it on your calendars. It will be our traditional third Sunday in May. We look forward to the meeting, auction, picnic, and much friendly visiting with all our members. It will be a delayed 10th Anniversary function for our SDBC Pavilion.

The Pavilion trees are aging beautifully! Come and see and photograph your favorites!



*Trimming the Pines*

# Treasurers Report: by Jaya Kaelberer, Treasurer

<b>SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB - TREASURER'S REPORT</b>			
Jaya Kaelberer as of 30 April, 2021			
Accounts have been reconciled with Union Bank statements			
<b>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES (QuickBooks)</b>			
SDBC Checking	\$40,851		
Japanese Friendship Garden	\$2,343		
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$11,967		
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$55,161</b>		
<b>SDBC Income</b>	<b>Actuals</b>		<b>budget</b>
Total Donation Income	\$1,030	No change from m/e March	\$ 2,800
Total Grant Qualcomm	\$500	No change from m/e March	
Total Education Income			\$ 5,400
Total Membership Income	\$1,313	\$321 dues received in April	\$ 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	No change from m/e March	\$ 3,400
<b>Total SDBC Income</b>	<b>\$3,194</b>		<b>\$23,400</b>
<b>SDBC Expenses</b>			<b>budget</b>
Total Bonsai Pavilion			\$ 2,500
Donations and contributions			\$ -
Total Education	\$930	\$600 : 6 shohins, 1Q water	\$ 5,220
Total Japanese Friendship Garden			\$ 500
Total Library	\$45	No change from m/e March	\$ 225
Total Mas Takanashi Grant			\$ 800
Total Membership			\$ 900
Total Monthly Program	\$70	No change from m/e March	\$ 3,300
Total Newsletter	\$226	\$52: Mailchimp, newsletter copy	\$ 970
Total SDBC Club Expenses			
Total GSBF Liability Insurance	\$2,150	No change from m/e March	\$ 2,200
Other	\$94	No change from m/e March	\$ 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	\$59	\$28: 1Q 2021 Sales tax	\$ 2,120
Total Tool Table Expenses			\$1,000
<b>Total SDBC Expense</b>	<b>\$3,575</b>		<b>\$23,400</b>
<b>Net SDBC Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$380)</b>		<b>\$0</b>



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## Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion

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## SDBC Upcoming Events:

<b>July 18</b> 9:00 am – 1:30 pm	Regular meeting: Room 101 John Voss presenting
<b>Aug 8</b> 9:00 am – 1:30 pm	Regular meeting: Room 101 Presenter TBD
<b>Aug 8</b> 8:30 am – 10:15 am	Beginner Class: Room 104 Procumbens nana #1
<b>Aug 8</b> 8:30 am -10:15 am	Intermediate Workshop: Room 101 Olea europaea – Olive
<b>Aug 14 or 21</b>	Possible bus shopping excursion with demo – TBD <i>See more info below</i>
<b>Sept 19</b> 9:00 am – 1:30 pm	Regular meeting: Presenter TBD
<b>Sept 19</b> 8:30 am -10:15 am	Beginner Class: Room 104 Procumbens nana #2
<b>Sept 19</b> 8:30 am -10:15 am	Intermediate Workshop: Room 101 Material TBD
<b>Sept 24 – Sept 25</b> (Sat -Sun)	Fall Show and Sale: Room 101 Casa del Prado
<b>Oct 10</b>	Lake Poway Annual Picnic and Auction

<b>May 21, 2022</b>	Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Picnic and Auction
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**Summer Bus Trip:** As many of you know, the club annually sponsored a bus trip to downtown Los Angeles for the Nisei Week festivities that included the Naka Memorial Bonsai Exhibit, sponsored by the Japanese American Community Cultural Center (JACCC). That event, of course, was canceled in 2020 by the pandemic, with the exhibit held virtually. Recently we received word from Ted Matson that the JACCC does not anticipate presenting a live bonsai exhibit as part of the 2021 festival. He expects it to be a virtual show once again.

Despite the cancellation, SDBC would still like to organize a bus trip that will make stops at several nurseries and bonsai growers so members can view and purchase new material, pots and other bonsai accessories. At this time, details of this fun shopping road trip are up in the air, but we're looking at a possible late August or early September date. Past bus trips have made stops at bonsai vendors such as Green Products and David & June Nguy's bonsai garden and nursery.

If you are interested in taking part, please email me at Mr.Farley.M@gmail.com. I'll also have a signup sheet at the July 18 meeting. We will need to have enough people signed up to cover the cost of the bus rental.





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