



Ignacio De La Torre, President

Dear members:

We made it through our first meeting of the year, and we are off to a great start. I was overwhelmed to see such a strong response from our Beginner Class students. I hope this is the start of a life-long fascination with bonsai. I extend a special thanks to Gary Jones and the numerous volunteers who helped with the class. We also saw an exciting demo from our own Louie Montecillo who worked on a rough and tall juniper that he transformed into a great bonsai. His work was so good that I noticed another member who waited for Louie to complete the work on the project tree and then asked him for help with a juniper. Louie didn't hesitate to help. It is what our members do. You will begin to see a theme play out — one that focuses on helping one another. We have immense talent in our ranks which is eclipsed only by the generosity members share with one another.

One of the ways that members express generosity is by the food items they share each month. Matt Jillson, our club chef, works hard to make sure that we have refreshments at every meeting. We also have members who donate food, desserts, and other items each month. Feel free to bring a special family recipe dish or something you pick up along the way. It will be greatly appreciated.

We have many things planned for this year. Keep an eye out. And if you want to be more involved, let us know.



Cork Bark Elm (*Ulmus parviflora*)
at SPBP donated by Dave Woodall

February 20, 2022:

meeting at Balboa Park,
Casa del Prado room 101

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Resources:

visit our website for information on
private instructors and other resources
to advance your bonsai skills
www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com

for the love of Bonsai



Education: Bill Graham, VP Education

The New Year is here, and it is starting to feel like the old one. Unfortunately, many events, both bonsai related, and others have been cancelled. Fortunately, ours have not and we are still meeting and will continue with our classes and workshops! It is starting to warm up just a bit, the deciduous trees will be waking up soon. Get your repotting done as needed. Thank you to everyone that helped with the repotting session last month. A lot of work was done, and the trees looked great!

Beginning Class: - Ulmus parvifolia – Chinese Elm – Gary Jones

January 9, **February 20**, March 13 8:30am-10:15am

In the second session of the Beginners Class, you will learn more about the botany of your Chinese elm, different bonsai styles and to how wire the trunk and branches on your tree. It will begin to look more and more like a bonsai.

Intermediate Workshop:

February – Grafting – Fred Miyahara

Our own grafting Master, Fred Miyahara, will be hosting a grafting workshop at the February Meeting. Understock, scions, tape, and bags will be provided. We will be grafting Itoigawa Shimpaku on to Juniperus prostrata. You will need to bring a grafting knife. If you do not have a grafting knife, the club has them for sale on the tool table. The class is limited to 6 people total. **SOLD OUT!**

March – Accent Plants and Kusamono – Cathy Edgar - Morning

Once again, we have a little different and exciting workshop scheduled for March. Cathy Edgar is going to lead us in the creation of accent plants and kusamono. Cathy has many years' experience creating these small and delicate designs. All her trees at our shows are accompanied by accent plants of her own design and creation. Cathy has been propagating plants and has pots just for this class. You will make a total of 3 different compositions. It will truly be a treat!! **SOLD OUT!**

March - Juniperus chinensis shimpaku Itoigawa – Julian Tsai - Afternoon

At the September meeting we got to see up-and-coming bonsai talent, Julian Tsai. He did an excellent job with the juniper he worked on. His presentation was very informative. Those that worked with him before the meeting were impressed with his skills. He has agreed to host a Juniperus chinensis shimpaku Itoigawa workshop. The trees for this workshop came from Tak Shimazu. They are very nice and will make some very good chuhin bonsai. **THIS CLASS WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON, FROM 1:00 – 4:00 PM.** This will be to allow for a solid 3 hours of work. This class is limited to 7 attendees. The cost is \$195.00. **There are a couple of spots left for this. You can purchase them on the club website or see me at the next meeting.**

April – Urban Yamadori Buxus sp. Common Boxwood – Abe and Christine Far

We have some nice Urban Yamadori common boxwoods. These trees have been out of the ground since 2018, are very well established and ready for styling. They have nice trunks and a lot of potential. The class will be taught by Abe and Christine Far, will go on sale at the February Meeting. The cost will be \$45.00.

May – No Class – Meeting at the Safari Park.

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.

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 wfgraham3rd@gmail.com.

Upcoming Meeting , February: by Kyle Icke, 1st VP

We come to the club meeting each month to see each other, learn new things, and to get help and advice on taking care of our trees. We can always bring in a tree and ask folks for help and at February's meeting our demonstration session will be all about advice on our trees.

Three of our experienced members:-Fred Miyahara, Mark Edgar, and John Jackson- will be teaming up to give us styling advice on any trees we'd like to bring in. **For February's meeting round up any 2 of your trees and bring them in for this trio of talent to show and tell us all some possibilities for your choice and challenging bonsais.**

Note: This is a great opportunity to see all levels of trees along with suggestions from experts on how to improve our trees, those characteristics that make a good tree, etc. Please limit yourself to two to allow time for all member trees to be critiqued. Thanks!

Fred Miyahara Since first joining the SDBC in 1989, Fred has studied with some of the most respected bonsai experts in the U.S., including Mas Ishii, Ernie Kuo, Stan Childs, Boon Manakitivipart and (since 2002) Kenji Miyata. He also took part in a year-long study of black pines with Kathy Shaner at the Eldorado Bonsai School and was awarded a Golden State Bonsai Federation teacher's grant to study with Dennis Makishima.

Fred has conducted beginner and intermediate classes for SDBC members for 26 years. He has taught at workshops for clubs all over California and the U.S, including at the International Bonsai Symposium in Rochester, N.Y., the California Bonsai Society, the California Shohin Seminar and Golden State Bonsai Federation.

John Jackson John has been involved in all facets of bonsai world for more than 40 years. He studied with bonsai legend John Naka for 10 years and has worked with numerous other bonsai experts, including Harry Hirao and Kenji Miyata.

Currently the curator of the Bonsai Pavilion at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. John leads a team of dedicated volunteers in the development and maintenance of the award-winning collection of bonsai at the Pavilion. In addition to the daily care of the bonsai, John and his team are responsible for the planning and execution of Pavilion projects that continue to enhance the tranquil, secure setting with features such as improved exhibit displays, a waterfall, bridges, and a meandering stream.

Mark Edgar Mark has been studying bonsai for more than 11 years. He and wife Cathy first got involved in bonsai when they were looking for someone to trim black pines in their yard. They eventually were introduced to Fred Miyahara, who became their first teacher. They've also worked with Gary Ishii and John Jackson, and for the past seven years have been students of renowned bonsai master Ryan Neil.

He has served as chairman and curator of the club's recent bonsai shows and is a frequent instructor for SDBC beginner classes. Over the past two years, he has been a key contributor in the Bonsai Pavilion renovation projects at the Zoo Safari Park. Mark, who formerly worked in the pharmaceutical industry, and Cathy in 2015 were recognized as Patrons of American Bonsai by The Artisans Cup organization.



Special Projects: by Markel Farley

Delayed.....Golden State Bonsai-A-Thon at Huntington Gardens was February 26, 2022

The trip has been delayed by the event coordinators. We are currently awaiting the new date. At that time, we will evaluate the club's interest in attending. I will keep the current list of those who paid, as they are still guaranteed a spot on the bus. In the meantime, we will process refunds per request. Please contact me if you have additional questions or inquiries.

Annual Spring Show - April 23rd & 24th

Time to start planning for the annual spring show! This April we will have our spring show and dinner. Table sign-ups for tree displays will also be made available during the meeting. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at the February meeting. Volunteering is available April 21st-24th. Please sign up for a role at the next club 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 Bringing in Trees (Sale and Show).

Library: by Sonya Holmquist, Librarian



In looking through recent issues of bonsai magazines the club subscribes to, articles on pots and repotting seemed to take center stage.

In June 2021 Jonas Dupuich delivered a Zoom-based presentation on pot selection to the Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association. With Jonas's permission, *Bonsai: Journal of the American Bonsai Society* has turned his presentation into a two-part article. Part 1 appears in Volume 55, Number 4, with excellent photos and discussion. Part 2 should be available soon.

The renowned Japanese bonsai potter, Toufukuji, is featured in both *BCI: Bonsai & Stone Appreciation* (Volume 60, Number 4) and *Bonsai Focus* (Volume 173 Issue 196). Before Toufukuji began making bonsai pots in the 1930s, antique Chinese pots were considered a must for displaying bonsai in Japan. It wasn't until the 1950s that his pots, and those of other Japanese potters, started to gain recognition as rivals to the Chinese. Fortunately, the work of contemporary potters is now highly sought after, including that of our own club members, Jim Barrett and Daryll Elmer. The work of other contemporary bonsai potters is frequently featured in these magazines.

Last month's *Bonsai Wire* contained an excellent article by Charlie Mosse on repotting, and many of you participated in the repotting-a-thon at the January meeting. This is a good time in San Diego for repotting, but what happens if you must repot outside the dormant period? "Repot, or not?" in the Maintenance section of *Bonsai Focus* (Volume 172, Issue 195) offers some good guidance for this and optional ways of securing your tree in its new pot.

Please stop by the Club's library in room 104. Our books, periodicals and DVDs are waiting for you.

Membership: by Udaykant Pandey, VP

I would like to welcome following new members into the club:

William Peters
Jordan Collins
Daniel Stagg
Fen Zanger
Jack Lauritsen

Jessica Crotts
Julie Baumer
Gray Uhl
Larry DeStefano
Fred Gregory

Cory Hanks
Andrew Zakarian
Bobby Ellison-Peck
Jeremy Kennedy

We closed last year 2021 with 510 active members. As of this reporting, the renewed membership stands at 227 for 2022.

A reminder - membership renewal is due now. Dues are: Individual - \$30 Family (2 Members) - \$35. \$5 for each additional family member. Members who joined on or after September 2021 will carry their membership into 2022.

You can renew in person at the meeting OR on the club website (<https://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com/membership.html>) OR by sending a check to the club at P.O. Box 86037, San Diego, CA 92138 Members who joined on or after September

If your address or contact number has changed, please drop me an email (udaykant@gmail.com) to update the membership roster.

Donations: By Ignacio De La Torre and Keith Carter

The club often receives donations of bonsai-related items from our members as well as the public. We were very fortunate over the last few months to receive a few donations.

Tomomi Powers from Chula Vista donated a large root-over-rock juniper shown in the attached photo. It is a unique tree that is now housed at the Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion where our volunteer team is reinvigorating it and has plans to display it in the coming years.

Joe DePonte from Encinitas donated a small collection of bonsai pots used by his father and father-in-law.

Club member Iris Strom donated some pre-bonsai material.



January donors Thank you to those donating to the January raffle. They are, Abe & Christina Far, John & Maggie Holloway, Shirley Kavanaugh and Keith and Sue Carter. Thank you to those who brought treats to share at the January meeting: Sue and Keith Carter, Sally & Steve Dischinger Frank Guadiana, Dan Sola, Sharon Gibson & Chuck Fasilis, Julie Baumer, Nazim Colak, Abe & Christina Far and SDBC Education.

Please bring food and treats to share: An important way SDBC members bond and promote the community aspects of bonsai appreciation is through sharing of food and refreshments with one another. To that end, the club would like to encourage members to bring some type of snacks or food dishes to each meeting to increase the enjoyment for everyone.



Japanese Friendship Garden: by Neil Auwarter

Thanks to our January volunteers Yoichiro “Mori” Suimori, Charlie and Sylvia Mosse, Aaron Mathankeri, and Barbara French-Lee. And thanks to Harlan and Maryanne Price for their recent donation of several bins of pumice and scoria.



Chinese Hackberry (Margaret and Nathan Carl)

January workdays were spent on the usual seasonal tasks, including juniper repotting, applying lime sulfur to deadwood, and spraying pines and dormant deciduous trees with copper fungicide. Deciduous trees are still out-of-leaf, providing the opportunity to make improvements to their “bones.” But spring buds are getting ready to pop soon, so the time to enjoy these trees in “Full Monty” is running short. Enjoy their austere winter beauty while you can.

Keep your tools dry and be well!



Pomegranate (Bruce and Yaeko Hisayasu)



Elm forest on stone slab (Mark Edgar)

Bonsai Pavilion at Safari Park: 'Lyn Stevenson, Liaison

The New Year at the Pavilion started with anticipation for another great year! The Zoo-Park still has Covid 19 protocol in place which means that we wear masks when in the Pavilion with Park guests. We respect the necessary distancing, but we are still able to work with each other and move bonsai around, repot bonsai, do general garden clean-up and weeding, etc. Also, the final part of the latest grant project is now complete with the added new pedestals and granite tops in place. Congratulations and thanks to the very special volunteer crew for finishing another construction project with great finesse!

The delightful winter weather this New Year has been a surprise for January and our bonsai are reacting with early budding and some early flowering too. Our January volunteers included Neil Auwarter, Alan Burrows, Julia Chow, Sally & Steve Dischinger, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Chuck Fasilis, Josh Frampton, Bob Hale, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Alec Mahar, Anistacia Miller, Janet & Bob Palmer, Udaykant Pandey, Cindy Pecile, Clare & Ron Roberts, 'lyn Stevenson, Dennis Wagner, and Ken Zito. We enjoyed meeting our newest volunteers Anastasia and Cindy. They were able to meet our crew and get orientated to the pavilion. They observed the repotting of some heavy trees, line Sulphur application and helped with moss application and weeding.



Curator John continued his special monthly treat this year with the great box of assorted donuts. They go well with the early morning coffee, tea, and cocoa that John, Dennis, and special helpers seem to arrange sometime before everyone else arrives. Typically, our work hours are from 9 to Noon but invariably there are volunteers who come earlier and some also stay later. All the volunteers are welcome to come on other days of the week as well. Park visitors really enjoy having the volunteers in the Pavilion to answer questions. The volunteers are all in the process of renewing their Zoo-Park I.D. cards for 2022 and renewing the state mandated harassment orientation which is done on-line every two years.

All the SDBC members are invited to come and enjoy the latest improvements in the Pavilion. The bonsai and the Garden continue to grow in age and elegance. Also, SDBC members are always welcome to join this volunteer group after completing the Zoo-Park Orientation. This process includes an on-line application before an I.D. card and shirt and name tag are issued. Our volunteers in the Pavilion introduce the specific responsibilities since the work that is done with the bonsai is done by SDBC - Park credentialed members only. You are invited to join in.



Feature Article: Deciduous Trees by Charlie Mosse, edited by Sylvia Mosse

One has to love deciduous trees in the winter. Large, medium, small, or very small, this is a great time of the year to really see a tree and note the work that it took to create it.



Maple from Baikoen Winter Silhouettes

Deciduous tree repotting, pruning, trimming, and wiring window is closing fast. Due to our mild climate the trees do not stay dormant as long as they do in cooler areas. The nights and days have been cool but not cold. When this happens in January, we see flowering trees like apricot and plum in bloom, and non-flowering trees already showing a bit of bud color if in the sun but probably not yet if kept in the cool of the shade. My wife's Elm Forest has buds already beginning to swell. Maples in general, Zelkova, Hackberry, Hornbeam, Porcelain Berry and Beauty Berry are still dormant but not for long. The temps look mild for February with sunny days. The clock is ticking.

Note: Shade is a way to slow the early growth activity. The elms at my house that are in the shade house are not showing signs of bud swell yet, the forest that is in ½ day sun and growing in a low-profile tray, has swollen buds as of the end of January. The forest has more soil surface area exposed to the sun which warms the soil enough, day after day, to activate the tree earlier than the ones in the shade. Last year the forest was in a shady area and did not show bud swell until early February. Keeping deciduous trees in the cooler shade in the fall helps a bit to encourage dormancy and helps to prolong dormancy. This can work but, it does help more if the days and nights are cool enough.

Here is a link to Jonas DuPuich's comments on confused trees. This article references the fall, but the same can be applied to spring:

<https://bonsaitonight.com/2020/10/23/what-to-do-if-your-trees-think-its-spring/>

It is still a good time to repot. Deciduous trees already in bud swell and even with some of the buds opening and showing green or flower petal color can still be repotted. Deciduous trees store a lot of energy in their tissues in the fall, and around here, into early winter. Even leaves with fall color are transferring food for storage. If a tree is not healthy then wait to repot, or prune less of the roots than you normally would.

Before repotting is done, the tree is pruned and trimmed. All twigging and small branches are trimmed back to 2-3 buds, usually 2 buds unless the length is needed. Any growth from underneath a branch or from on top of a branch is also removed. Pruning larger branches, sacrifice branches and no longer needed structural branches can be done now. With leaves off the tree, wiring can easily be done. If you have any questions, bring your tree to a meeting, or take several photos and post on the SDBC Facebook page.

If you are repotting a bit late, taking some additional precautions after repotting will help the tree through the re-rooting process. When the roots are exposed, keep moist with a spray bottle. After potting, misting the stems/buds/leaves with good water, or misting with good water + SuperThrive, will keep the tree hydrated and provide some nutrient. This does help a tree in stress and is a very good idea especially if the weather becomes unexpectedly warm. Placing a repotted tree in some shade is the usual precaution. If it does get unseasonably warm, placing a newly potted tree in a bit more shade than normal is beneficial. If it is windy, place the tree on the ground with some protection from the wind. Wind can desiccate a tree faster than an unseasonably warm day.



SDBP Gum tree

When a deciduous tree starts to grow out of dormancy, it is best to move the tree(s) into full sun to promote shorter internodes and smaller leaves. Leave the trees in the full sun until the weather gets too hot for the species of trees you are growing. This will be learned with experience. Trident maples can tolerate almost as much sun as Elms but fare better with some mid-day relief. Japanese Maples, Zelkova, and Hornbeam do need some shade during the middle of the day. Progressively move the sun sensitive trees into more shade starting about April. Avoid full shade as this will stretch internodes if the tree is still actively growing. It is a balancing act between keeping the internodes short, leaves small and preventing the leaves prematurely burning. Most of the deciduous species do not tolerate our mineralized (alkaline) water or the pH, nor do they like the drier climate in general. One needs to expect burned leaf edges and general yellowing.



Maple from Shohin Seminar

Later in the season, roughly mid-summer, one can defoliate, partially defoliate, or do a leaf size reduction. The latter is where a leaf is simply cut to smaller size to reduce the leaf area but retain some degree of photosynthesis. Any defoliation or leaf reduction does stress the tree so before you do so, ask one of our experienced members for advice. The benefit is that the new leaves will be smaller and hopefully the internodes will still be short, if not shorter. This is very desirable for deciduous trees and some broad-leafed evergreens. Below is a link to Bonsai Tonight on the defoliation of deciduous trees.

<https://bonsaitonight.com/?s=defoliation>

The sun sensitive trees like the Japanese Maple, Zelkova, Hackberry and Hornbeam, and most evergreen plants are good candidates for defoliation or leaf size reduction. After the work is done, let the plant grow out first by utilizing the stored energy from the hardening off of the spring growth. About a month or so after the defoliation or leaf reduction, then apply a regular dose of fertilizer. The last application of fertilizer, low nitrogen is best, will be done in early fall. This prepares the tree for storing energy for the winter and preparing it for spring growth the next year.

The above fertilizer regimen is better for trees that are being **Refined**, that is that the primary branches and secondary branches are established, and one is trying to grow finer twigging to fill in the tree.

If the tree is being **Developed**, then a regular fertilizer regimen is better since it will promote stronger growth that will increase the diameter of the trunk and primary branches. Deciduous trees do respond very quickly to fertilizer, so it is better to under fertilize a bit.

Other good resources are: Bonsaify by Eric Schrader, Bonsai Tonight by Jonas DuPuich, and Bonsai Mirai by Ryan Neil. They have a lot of information and photo sequences or video about growing deciduous trees.

<https://www.bonsaify.com/>
<https://www.bonsaify.com/blogs/phutu-blog>,News and blog articles are found here. Very informative.
<https://bonsaitonight.com/recent/> Blog index of many very good articles are found here as are many podcasts. You will find good blog posts about deciduous trees along with photo sequences.
<https://bonsaimirai.com/> This blog is different from the others but nonetheless very informative. One needs to subscribe/join Mirai to listen to the Mirai Live videos but are worth it with excellent videos about deciduous trees. It will be very helpful to bring in any tree(s) you need assistance with to the monthly meeting and speak with one of our many experienced members. Or you can post photos and your questions on the SDBC Facebook page which will benefit other members, or email the SDBC with your questions and photos



Elm. From the internet



Last meeting, January SDBC gathering a meeting of ‘firsts’: By Keith Carter

It was only appropriate that the first official SDBC meeting of 2022 was also a first for one of our own talented members, Louie Montecillo. Though he’s been helping members with their trees individually for the past couple of years, it was Louie’s first time as a presenter at a public bonsai demonstration.

Still, the club didn’t shy away from giving Louie a true test for his initial effort – styling a three-and-a-half-foot-tall Hollywood Twisted Juniper. Fortunately, Louie was up to the challenge.

After giving the audience an opportunity to help choose a front from three options, Louie began his work by eliminating unneeded foliage at the top and carving the shortened branches to create a unique jin. As part of the jin work, he used a concave cutter to alter an ugly cut where the tree had been topped off years before to give it a more natural look. A new apex was created from a lower branch.

As he began wiring – which Louie characterized as the key to establishing a good foundation of the tree – he had some basic advice toward the goal of styling the tree into a triangle shape. “Always start wiring from the bottom,” he said. “That way you can see the structure as you wire and maneuver the branches,” he said. Another key point: Be sure to choose a wire that’s thick enough and long enough to be able to move the branches into the appropriate positions. Louie emphasized the importance of mastering the basics of wiring, which he said is crucial in bonsai. “Once you learn how to wire, you can make the tree go where you want it to go,” he said.

President Ignacio De La Torre and First Vice President Kyle Icke assisted in the presentation by describing the process as Louie worked through his styling efforts and by fielding questions from the audience.

Louie, who came to the U.S. from the Philippines in 1999, bought his first tree – which he still has and brought to display at the meeting – at a San Diego swap meet. At one time, his collection had grown to more than 100 trees, but he wound up selling all but 11. Now, he’s back up to 70 trees in his collection. He joined the SDBC in 2018 and learned from veteran club members and watching You Tube videos by bonsai masters.

At the conclusion of his demonstration, the tree was auctioned off to members. The winning bid of \$150 was submitted by one of our newest members, Camille Newton



Meeting Minutes: Carla Marasco secretary

January 11th, 2022, SDBC Board Meeting Minutes

President Ignacio De La Torre called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:30pm

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

OFFICER REPORTS

- President's Items (Ignacio De La Torre)
 - › Food has been light for the last few months and even lighter with the absence of our kitchen person at this month's meeting. Discussion about what we can do to make sure food is available going forward to include the following
 - Remind members to bring items to the meetings
 - Suggest monthly themes for bringing food items (soups/Italian/traditional to member's heritage/etc)
 - › Zoom account will be set up so that personal accounts are no longer needed for meetings. This will allow for unlimited mtg duration and up to 100 users \$150/yr.
 - › Bank account will need to be updated with new signatures. Required docs to bring will be requested from branch.
 - › Website is currently being updated by Ron K with help from Sue Carter
 - › Newsletter printing was delayed, and board will watch for continued problems with the printing company. No change will be made at this time
- Programs (Kyle Icke)
 - › Next month Demo will be Fred M./John J./Mark E. who will go over next steps and give pointers to club member's personal trees. Members should bring a tree to the meeting for discussion
 - › Kyle to do Bio's for newsletter
 - › Room has been requested for the 2023 year
- Education (Bill Graham)
 - › January beginners' class is full (2nd class is Feb/final class is Mar)
 - › Grafting w/Fred & Kusimono w/Kathy are both sold out
 - › There are a couple of spots for Julian's class in March
 - › Future Classes Apr-Christina/May-No Class/Jun-Louie Junipers/July-John Voss Olives
- Special Projects (Markel Farley)
 - › Winter Silhouettes bus trip may be cancelled due to not enough participants/will make a final assessment by end of the week
 - › Bonsai-a-thon already has enough people signed up, but event may be cancelled by venue due to COVID-19 concerns. Bus will need to be booked 2weeks prior to confirm availability.
 - › Shohin show has been cancelled
 - › Annual Spring show is slotted for April 23rd-24th and planning will begin 2mos prior (meal included)
- Treasurer (Jaya Kaelberer)
 - › Budget is complete and added to QuickBooks
- Membership (Uday Pandey)
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- Secretary (Carla Marasco)
 - › SOI Statement of Information will be filed with new board members for 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.



CLUB MEETING 1/9/22 10:30am start

- President - Ignacio De La Torre – Intro
 - › The club has many resources for learning including the library with books & magazines to be checked out (Open 9a-10:30am before club mtgs in Rm 104)
 - › This is the year of Engagement – There are many ways to get involved including a variety of volunteer positions
 - › The By-Laws have been updated to include zoom & social media inclusions and other changes. The by-laws are available for review and will be voted on at the next meeting.
 - › The website is being updated by Ron Kaelberer
- Special Events – Kyle Icke
 - › Next month Demo will be Fred M./John J./Mark E. who will go over next steps and give pointers to club member's personal trees. Bring a tree to the next meeting for discussion
 - › Looking into future presenters from LA Bonsai clubs to give us an idea of how they do things
- Treasurer – Jaya Kaelberer
 - › \$71K in account as of Sept./\$72K as of Dec.
 - › Income comes mostly from education, membership & raffle sales
 - › 2022 Budget is available for review
- Special Projects – Markel Farley
 - › Winter Silhouettes Bus trip is scheduled for Jan 22nd \$40 (at LA Arboretum w/potluck dinner)
 - › Bonsai-a-thon trip is scheduled for Feb 26th \$40 (at Hunt Gardens)
- Membership – Uday Pandey
 - › There are currently 505 active members making us the largest club in the country
 - › 2021-2022 we gained 200 new members
- Education – Bill Graham
 - › Grafting Class w/ Fred is sold out
 - › March Classes Kusimono w/Kathy (am)/Itoigawa w/Julian Sigh (pm)
 - › April Class Chinese Elm w/Christina Far
 - › May No Class – Meeting/Auction held at the Safari Park (bring items to donate and a picnic lunch)
 - › June Class – Juniper w/Louie
- Safari Park – John Jackson
 - › Safari Park walkway upgrade and new pedestal project is still in the process w/slate tops going in this week
 - › If interested in volunteering contact Lynn Stevenson. This is a great opportunity to learn. Normal workdays are the 1st & 3rd Sat of the month (JFG normal workdays are Wed & Sat mornings)
 - › Decisions on changes to trees at the park are made by a committee
- Presenter – Louie Montecillo
 - › Born in the Philippines moved to the US and began his Bonsai journey in 1999
 - › He grew his collection to over 100 trees and decided to scale back to about 11 trees. He is back up to 70 trees and continues to enjoy the craft of Bonsai.
 - › Louie gave his 1st demo today at our meeting where he showed the steps that he takes to style a tree, from finding the front, main branches, and apex to cleaning, thinning out, wiring, and creating deadwood interest. He also answered many questions throughout his process.

Treasurers Report: by Jaya Kaelberer, Treasurer

SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB - TREASURER'S REPORT			
Jaya Kaelberer as of 31 December, 2021			
Accounts have been reconciled with Union Bank statements			
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES (QuickBooks)			
SDBC Checking	\$52,435		
Japanese Friendship Garden	\$2,343		
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$16,809		
TOTAL FUNDS:	\$71,588		
SDBC Income			
	Actuals	Change from Previous month	budget
Total Donation Income	\$2,225	\$455: member donations	\$ 2,400
Total Show-Fall-Donations	\$477	No change from November	\$ 400
Total Grant Qualcomm	\$500	No change from November	
Total Transfer from SDBC Checking	\$1,500	No change from November	
Total Grant-County of San Diego	\$15,000	No change from November	
Total Education Income	\$6,555	\$166 : Beg \$49, wrkshp \$117	\$ 5,400
Total Membership Income	\$6,380	\$1,172: member dues	\$ 1,800
Total Monthly Program.	\$509	\$89: Dupuich wksops	\$ 800
Total Raffle & Auction	\$4,863	\$560: \$333 auction,\$227: raffle	\$ 5,200
Total Fall Show Sale	\$3,728	No change from October	\$ 3,000
Total Special Projects Income	\$198	Winter silhouettes trip	\$ 1,000
Total Tool Sales	\$4,115	\$1,456: \$325 Hkd elm, \$113 : tool tab	\$ 3,400
Total SDBC Income	\$46,049		\$23,400
SDBC Expenses			
			budget
Total Bonsai Pavilion	\$13,355	\$222: grant, \$309: maintenance	\$ 2,500
Donations and contributions			\$ -
Total Education	\$4,858	\$243: \$200:wire, \$43: Spagnum moss	\$ 5,220
Total Japanese Friendship Garden	\$325	No change from November	\$ 500
Total Library	\$78	No change from November	\$ 225
Total Mas Takanashi Grant			\$ 800
Total Membership	\$710	\$314: 31 mmbers, 2 board badges	\$ 900
Total Monthly Program	\$3,779	\$1,183 : food and beverage, styling cc	\$ 3,300
Total Newsletter	\$669	\$21: Mailchimp	\$ 970
Total SDBC Club Expenses			
Total GSBF Liability Insurance	\$2,200	No change from November	\$ 2,200
Other	\$1,205	\$619: \$469 website, license \$150	\$ 2,050
San Diego Fair			\$ 65
Power of one scholarship			\$ 150
Total SDBC Spring Show			\$ -
Total SDBC Fall Show	\$143	\$60: clean curtain, tablecloth	\$ 900
Total Special Projects		No change from November	\$ 500
Total Taxes	\$1,154	No change from November	\$ 2,120
Total Tool Table Expenses	\$1,527	\$514: replenish inventory	\$1,000
Total SDBC Expense	\$30,003		\$23,400
Net SDBC Income (Loss)	\$16,046		\$0
County grants received	\$15,000		
Total income w/o county grants	\$31,049		
County grants spent	\$13,355		
Total expense w/o county grants	\$17,383		
Net income w/o grants	\$13,666		

On Jan 19, 2022, Janice Hale and Julia Chow conducted a detailed audit of the accounting records for the of the San Diego Bonsai Club, The Japanese Friendship Garden and the San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion. A few minor discrepancies were found and corrected during the audit. The records were found to correctly represent the financial position for the club.

Thanks to Julia and Janice for their efforts in this important activity.



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SDBC Upcoming Events: *MEETING TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

Month	Date(s)	Location	Rooms
February meeting	20	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
March meeting	13	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
April meeting	10	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
April Spring Show	21 - 24	Casa del Prado	101
May meeting	15	Safari Park	
June meeting	19 (Father's Day)	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
July meeting	10	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
August	7	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
September meeting	11	Casa del Prado	104 - only
Sept Fall Show	15 - 18	Casa del Prado	101
Oct Picnic and Auction	9	Lake Poway	
Nov meeting	13	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
Dec meeting	11	Casa del Prado	101 and 104





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