# BONSAI WIRE

San Diego Bonsai Club

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# President's Message: Ignacio De La Torre

The work of the club never seems to end. Our June meeting was as busy as any meeting we have held all year. The second session of the Beginner class took place under the direction of Bob Hale and with the help from Brenda Crann, Wendy Pollack, and Gary Jones. The Intermediate Shohin workshop with John Jackson resulted in some very nice trees, and our free Japanese black pine decandling workshop with Dennis Wagner was a hit with 10 participants. John Voss was, again, in the back of the room helping members. And we also held a first-ever weekend workshops with Yannick Kiggen, a bonsai artist from Belgium. We thank them all for their hard work. We also had many new members who have joined in the months since our Spring Show. According to Uday Pandey, VP Membership, more than 70 new members since then. We have now exceeded 500 members.

Our June presentation was right on point. Jaya Kaelberer, the club's treasurer, offered an informative and humorous presentation on fertilization. We thank Jaya for covering this important topic. Read more about her presentation in the overview by Keith Carter.

Susan Ronan and Charlie Mosse shared their three-year journey to develop a Seasonal Task Schedule for Bonsai for San Diego (otherwise known as a Bonsai Calendar.) We thank Susan and Charlie for their dedication to the club. More in the newsletter, the Task Schedule is also available on our website <a href="https://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com">www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com</a>)

This month we feature a program focused on the repotting of summer heatloving plants. Bob Hale returns to provide an overview on repotting. Details are in the newsletter.

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Finally, keep an eye on your trees as we transition into summer. Pest management and watering schedules will need attention.



San Diego Bonsai Club Spring Show

Upcoming Meeting

#### July 9, 2023:

10:30 AM. Casa del Prado Balboa Park

Classes: see page 3

#### **Feature Article:**

"Post Potting Care"
By Charlie Mosse, see page 8

# Bonsai Task Calendar for San Diego County

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#### **Resources:**

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



#### July Meeting: Summer Repotting Clinic and Presentation, by Ignacio De La Torre



In July our club hosts the second free repotting session of the year. Club members will be available to offer hands-on assistance to those who may need it, especially those members who have limited repotting experience (although members will do their own repotting.) This time of year, is ideal to repot summer heat-loving plants such as olives, bougainvillea, ficus, and tropical varieties (we DO NOT repot deciduous trees, pines, junipers, and flowering trees.)

For those members who do not require a repotting overview, the repotting clinic opens at 8:30 a.m.

Bob Hale, previous class instructor and presenter, will provide a brief repotting overview following the club meeting. He will review repotting basics as well as what a good and safe repot takes into account. Following his presentation. the clinic continues for all members.

Please bring no more than two small to medium-sized trees as well as pots for your trees. Please note that we will not have an appropriate bonsai mix for large trees.

8:30 a.m. Repotting clinic opens.

10:30 a.m. Club meeting begins.

11:00 a.m. Repotting overview by Bob Hale

11:30 a.m. Repotting clinic continues.

1:00 p.m. Club meeting ends



Bob Hale demonstrating repotting skills.

**Library:** by Sonya Holmquist

July 2023 Library Update

We have received three recent donations to our library:

John Naka's Sketchbook donated by Cheryl Manning. Although most sketches were done in just a few minutes, each clearly and powerfully describes Naka's vision for the future of a particular tree.

Chrysanthemum Stones: The Story of Stone Flowers by Thomas S. Elias and Hiromi Nakaoji and Ukon Fu: Soul of Stone by Ben Nanjo, both donated by Abe and Cristina Vargas Far.

Thank you, Cheryl, Abe, and Cristina.

Special Events: by Phaedra Ehring, VP

# August Trip: Nisei Week Japanese Festival, Downtown Los Angeles

The Nisei Week Japanese Festival (https://niseiweek.org), held in the Little Tokyo District of Downtown Los Angeles, is a nine-day Japanese cultural event. The event includes Japanese arts, entertainment, exhibits, food, and more. This year, the festival will be held August 12 – August 20. We will charter a bus to attend during the Bonsai exhibition, tentatively, **Saturday, August 19.** On the way to L.A., we will visit a bonsai nursery to explore and shop for new trees and materials. We will send out an email and post details about the trip as soon as the date is confirmed. More information also will be provided at the July 9 meeting.

#### September 2023 Fall Show

Save the dates, the Fall Show will be held on **Saturday & Sunday, September 23-24**. If you are thinking about showing trees, demonstrating techniques, or selling items, now is the time to begin final preparations. We will also need volunteers for setup, daily operations, and teardown to make the show fun for all. If you are interested in learning more about our show, we will have more information and sign-up sheets at the July and August meetings.

Education: by Bill Graham, VP

July is here and I expect our normal weather to return. Hot inland and warm at the coast. With the increase in heat, so does the need to water. Check your trees daily do not let them dry out. Water as needed.

Thank you to all that participated in the Yannick Kiggan workshop. It went exceedingly well. All participants had a good time and received some very insightful and skilled guidance with their trees. It was a great experience, and we hope to have more visiting artist workshops in the future.

#### **Beginning Class:**

#### Olea euroapea – Olives – Bob Hale

April 16 - June 18 - July 9

This is the third and final session in this series and you will finish up your styling, wiring, and pruning your tree. You will repot your trees. The class starts at 8:30 am in Room 104. Please be on time or a few minutes early if you can help get the room set up for the class. Observers are always welcome. Even if you do not get into the class, you can still observe and learn. *SOLD OUT!* 

# Beginning Class: - Juniperus procumbens - Nana

August 13 – September 10 – November 12

The third and final beginning class for 2022 will start in August. We have some nice Juniperus procumbens nana, the Nana Juniper. These trees are great material for bonsai. SOLD OUT!

# **Intermediate Workshop:**

#### July - NO WORKSHOP - CLUB REPOTTING EVENT.

With the success of the warm season repotting event last August, we are going to do it again! These trees are olives, bougainvillea, ficus and other tropicals you may have. Bring a tree and our many volunteers will help you repot it. Please limit yourself to **two (2) CHUHIN OR SMALLER** trees. We do not have the proper soil size or quantity to repot very large trees. **PLEASE** clean your trees before bringing them in. Soil and assistance will be provided both before and after the meeting.

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#### August - Ficus nerifolia - Narrow Leaf Ficus - John Jackson

Many of you have asked me multiple times for a Ficus workshop. I have finally obtained some very nice Ficus nerifolia that were grown by Eric Jacobson. These trees are very nice and are a great start to becoming a bonsai. They already have size, movement, taper and nebari! John Jackson, our local ficus expert has volunteered to lead this class (back-to-back workshops from John!!) This will be an exciting workshop! This will go on sale at the June Meeting. I will have an example for you to see. The cost will be \$95.00. SOLD OUT!

#### September – Chaenomeles japonica – Japanese Quince – Fred Miyahara

Fred Miyahara will be leading a workshop with Chaenomeles japonica, flowering Japanese Quince. These trees make for interesting clump styles with beautiful flowers. These have white with a pink tinge flowers. They can flower multiple times during the year and make elegant bonsai. Fred has experience with these, and this should be an excellent class. This class is limited to 6 attendees. The sign-up sheet will be at the July meeting. The cost is \$45.00.

#### October – NO WORKSHOP OR BEGINNERS CLASS – LAKE POWAY PICNIC AND SALE

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. *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 unless otherwise specified...* We do not start a waiting list until after the sign-up sheet has been put out at the meeting and filled.

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 unless otherwise specified. 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 located 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.

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# Bonsai Task Calendar for San Diego County, by Charlie Mosse

Calendars are designed to remind us that some type of task is due to be done at <u>approximately</u> the time indicated on the calendar. You can add detailed notes after the work is done which can then be used for scheduling and also notes from procedures you used that can be used in the following years.

Tree health, weather, your own micro-climate in your growing area and, at times, one's personal schedule dictate the timing of tasks. So, through experience and guidance, you will be able to figure out when you will normally need to complete specific tasks.

There is a **Prime Time** for each task: the time frame when you will get the best results after performing a task. Assuming good tree health and proper techniques are used, the tree's response is usually predictable. Essentially, the tree is ready and will respond accordingly.

If you do work outside of "prime time", you will need to know how to take the additional steps needed to assure the tree responds properly. Sometimes those additional steps are very minor and sometimes it is very serious, and recovery may take several weeks, to months, to perhaps a year or more. Get advice on how to provide additional care if you are not sure. In time you will learn these nuances and techniques, and you'll know when they need to be added to your schedule. There is plenty of assistance within the club to help anyone create or fine tune a calendar. You can post questions on Facebook on SDBC club page, post to the club web site, and/or bring your questions and tree(s) to club meetings. The club web site also has a list of good sources for information.

Thank you to Susan Ronan, her husband Bill, and Ron Kaelberer for the significant final editing, chart formatting, and making the chart printer friendly.

# Feature Article: Post-Potting Care, by Charlie Mosse

Post potting care ranges from routine to some additional care, to intensive care, or somewhere in between. It depends on what you started with:

- Species is important. Some species re-pot better and/or recover faster than others.
- What's the health and vigor of the tree before repotting?
- What's the health and vigor of the roots before repotting?
- Time of the year: Are you in prime time or not for repotting the tree?
- Condition of the soil: Is it compacted and, if so, how badly? Can a sharp chopstick be pushed into the soil or is it very difficult or impossible to do so?
- Condition of the soil: Does the soil drain OK or very slowly? Is the existing soil nursery soil or bonsai soil?
- What percentage of the root ball was removed?
- Was the root ball downsized after repotting into a smaller container, making watering more critical?
- Weather conditions at the time of repotting, as well as the weather forecast for the next month or two.
- Proper re-potting procedures were followed: extraction from pot, root ball work, securing tree to pot, good soil mix, properly firming soil into pot and soil cover.
- Proper watering of the plant after re-potting.

With experience, you will come across various combinations of these factors. The aftercare you provide will vary depending on the combination of factors and the dominance of each factor. Common sense will make this determination fairly easy. If in doubt, provide a bit of extra care and ask ahead of time for advice.

The number of roots to be removed is very important to know. It will depend on species, tree health, is re-potting being done in prime time or outside of prime time, anticipated weather conditions, condition of existing soil/root ball, and of course the desire/need to get the tree into a really cool but much smaller pot All of these factors will determine the proper post-potting care for bonsai and pre-bonsai.

The soil in an existing root ball is generally hard to wet because the soil becomes more compacted over time. Repotting removes some of that hard soil but many times some has to remain. This old soil can be hard to wet vs the new soil which allows for faster drainage. This can lead to the water going through the new soil but barely wetting the old soil. Watering properly is paramount after re-potting. To properly water a newly potted tree there are 3 basic methods:

- Repeated applications with the watering wand or nozzle, perhaps 3-5 times. Then visually check the
  old root ball (which is not always accurate) or probe with a water meter. The meter should work ok in
  the old soil but will not read accurately in the new soil, especially if the new soil mix is medium to
  coarse in particle size. The extra air spaces will yield a false reading. Finer particles yield better
  contact with the probe, therefore a better reading.
- After watering the soil with the wand or nozzle as above, turn the pressure down at the faucet to drip or a bit more depending on the size of the root ball. Drip water at 4 spots on the root ball about 3-5 min. at each spot. The rate of flow will be dependent on the size of the root ball. This technique also

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- works well for rootbound, compacted older root balls. This watering procedure is also great to do before a heat wave or a long period of normally hot weather.
- Dunk the pot in a tray. Lots of bubbles will rise from the new soil but will stop fairly quickly. If bubbles keep rising from the old soil, then the soil is still dry in some places. Keep submerged until the bubbles have stopped. This technique also works well for rootbound, compacted older root balls. Great to do before a heat wave or long period of normally hot weather.

The next very important thing to do is to place the tree in a proper location for the species, weather, time of year, the amount of root ball removed and health of the tree....

- Avoid full sun for approximately 4-8 weeks. Avoid mid-day sun from about 11-2. Filtered shade is ideal but not always available.
- If the weather stays cool and somewhat overcast, then more sun is better. Sometimes one needs to move a tree to maximize recovery.
- If a heat spike or prolonged heat wave occurs, you may need to move the tree to a cooler, shadier spot. Placing repotted trees or unhealthy trees on the ground will reduce stress on the tree. Generally, it is less windy and more humid. Wetting the soil around the tree is very beneficial.
- Avoid windy areas, but good air circulation is beneficial.
- Misting or sprinkling the foliage will also reduce the stress on repotted trees. The cooling effect is only temporary but is helpful.

For trees in leaf, foliar feeding with SuperThrive, Miracle-Gro or fish/kelp can aid in the tree's recovery. It is not usually needed but some people like to do so, especially with trees that had more than the usual amount of root ball removed or were a bit unhealthy when re-potted. Follow label instructions for foliar feeding and, if you are concerned, cut that recommended concentration by at least half or do not foliar feed. Foliar feeding works for only a few days and the few nutrients that are absorbed are only utilized in the foliage and are not transported through the plant. Foliar feed twice a week, about every 3-4 days either in the early morning or late afternoon---morning is best.

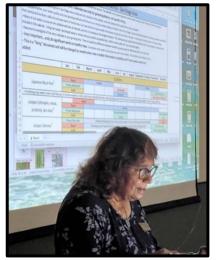
After repotting, new roots do not start to re-grow for about 2-3 weeks for most species. As a result, moisture in the new soil, though it is important, is not being tapped due to the lack of new roots. You must be sure that when you are watering, the remaining portion of the original root ball absorbs moisture. Conifers take longer to start growing new roots than deciduous trees, broadleaf evergreens and warm weather species like ficus, olive, bougainvillea, and other topicals.

Fertilizing newly potted trees is not recommended. There is greatly reduced root activity with regards to absorbing water and nutrients. Most practitioners recommend waiting at least 3 weeks for faster responding trees and up to 5-6 weeks for most others like conifers. Once the roots heal, callous, and then start initiating new root tips, then you can consider fertilizing. It is not necessary, even then, since the tree has stored a lot of energy in the fall and early winter to initiate and support early growth. If you are developing a tree, then fertilizing it as soon as it is safe. Whereas a tree in refinement, especially deciduous trees, do not need fertilizing then.

If your repotted tree is healthy and a normal amount of root is removed, then after care and resumption of growth will be on schedule and minimal special care is required. If your tree was not healthy when re-potted, or more root ball than normal was removed, then recovery will take longer and utilizing some of the special procedures, as above, are recommended.

Be sure to properly wet the new bonsai soil. New soil can be a bit water repellent (hydrophobic), as can the old root ball. Being sure to water properly is very important.

# June presentation: Jaya Kaelberer; Keep your Bonsai well-fed, by Keith Carter



If you want your bonsai to thrive, you should think of them like people. That's the advice Jaya Kaelberer shared with SDBC members during her June meeting presentation, "Fertilizers: Why, What, Where and When." To keep trees alive, they need – just like people – nutrients, which for bonsai must be provided through regular applications of fertilizer.

Jaya, who also serves as current SDBC treasurer, said that fertilizers feed trees the mineral components necessary for growth and good health. The "big three," or primary macronutrients provided by fertilizers, she said, are nitrogen (N) which encourages foliar growth; phosphorous (P), which supports strong roots; and potassium (K), which fortifies the tree's immune system.

Those elements are identified by three numbers on every commercial fertilizer package. For example, a 5-3-3 fertilizer designation such as that of the Plant-

tone brand means it is 5% nitrogen, 3% phosphorous and 3% potassium. Other required mineral components such as boron, copper, iron, chloride, zinc, and molybdenum, also are provided in smaller amounts thorough fertilization, Jaya said.

Fertilizers come in both organic (biological) and inorganic (chemical) form. Organics – which include brands such as SuperThrive, Dr. Earth Premium Gold and Biogold are slow-release and provide microbes needed to keep soil healthy. And while inorganics – such as Miracle Gro, Apex and Osmocote – provide a quick boost for trees, they offer limited microbial activity support and can be toxic in excess, she warned. But no matter which type you use, "good soil is key," Jaya said.

A chart provided by Jaya recommended that conifers (junipers, pines), deciduous trees (Chinese elms, maples) and tropicals (olives, bougainvillea) receive weekly fertilizer applications during the growing season. During winter, fertilize conifers just once or twice and tropicals monthly. For deciduous trees, ease up on feeding during dormancy. But no matter what time of year, avoid applying fertilizer to sick trees and those just repotted.

And while there are different ways to apply fertilizer to your bonsai – as a top dressing, mixed into the soil, in water or directly on foliage – Jaya said the key is consistency. "Bonsai need to be fed regularly," she said.

New Source for Bonsai Material: Green Garden Nursery, by Ignacio De La Torre

We are happy to announce that Green Gardens Nursery in Pacific Beach now offers a variety of bonsai trees and supplies thanks to Skylar Eppler, assistant manager of Green Gardens Nursery, and one of our newest members. Located in Pacific Beach at 4910 Cass St, San Diego, CA 92109, the family-owned nursery has been serving the community since 1978. As a special offer, the nursery will extend a 10% discount to San Diego Bonsai Club members! For any suggestions on plants and supplies that would benefit the club, please feel free to email Skylar at <a href="mailto:skylare@greengardenssd.com">skylare@greengardenssd.com</a>.

Explore their selection of bonsai items and say hello to Skylar. We thank him for his work on introducing bonsai material at his nursery.

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# June: Weekend Workshops with Yannick Kiggen, by Ignacio De La Torre



The club was fortunate to hold two weekend workshops with Yannick Kiggen, an award-winning bonsai artist from Belgium who owns Yama Bonsai Studio. Yannick is working with numerous bonsai clubs as he travels through California and Colorado. It was exciting to see the approach he brings to bonsai. He is very talented and offered participants

great ideas for their trees. You can see his work at Yamabonsai.be.

We thank Bill Graham for making arrangements to have him visit our club, and to Trish and Fred Miyahara for hosting Yannick and holding the workshops at their home.



# Membership: by Udaykant Pandey, VP

Please welcome following members to the club who have joined since May-2023.

Tracey Minutolo
John Partika
Eagan Maguire
Mara Bernd
Sarah Parent
Nancy Warwik
Michael Sparaco
Miguel Parra
Jaria Gordon
Kenneth Giorgi
Soonjung Vellek
John Vellek
Mick Burcher

Arthur Jarjisian
Matthew Griffing
Ileana Hernandez
Franci Pennington
William Wurth
Rudy Schaffner
Renita Schaffner
Antonio Kinsey
Bernard Blocker
Shane Orr
Ramzi Shuhaibar
Francisco Morales
Terrance Darwin Starke

Barry August Starke Joseph Clancy Hector Cabrera Christina Cabrera Michelle Dyson Antonio Vargas Erika Vargas Paul Reichart Deborah Shultz Mary Wiztum

Club membership stands at 513.

#### Bonsai Pavilion at Safari Park: by Mark Edgar

## San Diego Bonsai Pavilion (Mark Edgar)

We had 283 volunteer hours for the month of May, including Keith and Sue Carter, Nate Chongsiriwatana, Julia Chow, Brenda Crann, Sally and Steve Dischinger, Cathy and Mark Edgar, Chuck Fasilis, Sandra and Nasser Forutan, Bob and Janice Hale, Sonya Holmquist, John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Sandi Marasco, Jeanne Mckinney, Anistacia Miller, Carol Ann McManus, Charlie and Sylvia Mosse, Camille Newton, Janet and Ron Palmer, Yvette and Shawn Palmer, Cindy Pecile, Wendy Pollack, Clare and Ron Roberts, Susan Ronan, 'lyn Stevenson, Mori Suemori, Dennis Wagner, Ken Zito. Year to date we have donated 2232 volunteer hours.

Everything at the Pavilion is really growing. Julia has a daunting task to bring this unruly maple back into shape – one cut at a time.



Volunteers Nasser, Jeanne, Cathy, and Dennis replanted the Dymondai around the waterfall bench area which had died. Dennis later put up a temporary fence to keep visitors from walking on the new Dymondai until it matures. Sally and Ken trimmed bonsai while Charlie sweeps.



Cathy and I missed the June 17<sup>th</sup> Pavilion workday but the volunteers that were there sent this nice picture to us, so we were there in spirit.



# Japanese Friendship Garden: by Neil Auwarter

No update for this month.

Thego Bonsar Class

#### Thank you: by Ignacio De La Torre

We thank the following members who donated to the June Refreshments Table:

Brian Jackson Susan Ronan Julia Chow

Jaya Kaelberer Cristina Vargas Far Marylou and Dan Montross

SDBC.

Shirley Kavanaugh Lien Lieu Maeve Keppler

Adrian and Tony Mangina, Margaret and John Jackson

Jackie Griffin Janet and Bob Liggett

Thank You to Susan Carter and Lieu Lieu for stepping in to help prepare the coffee and table.

We thank the following individuals who donated to the June Raffle Table:

Brian Jackson Margaret and John Jackson Paul Lawrence
Ken Bross Sue and Keith Carter Frances Suen

Shirley Kavanaugh Camille Newton Sylvia and Charlie Mosse.

John Voss Kazuko and Larry DeStefano

Jenny K. Chin Nathan Keppler John Holloway Cristina Far

Thank You to Paul Lawrence and Keith Carter for running the raffle.



Black Pine workshop led by Dennis Wagner

# Treasurer's Report: by Jaya Kaelberer

SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB - TREASURER'S REPOR	I		budget
Jaya Kaelberer as of 31 May 2023			
Accounts have been reconciled with Union Bank statements			
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES (QuickBooks)			
SDBC Checking	\$83,601		
Japanese Friendship Garden	\$2,343		
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$20,790		
TOTAL FUNDS:	\$106,734		
SDBC Income	Actuals	Comments	budget
Total Donation Income		\$623: \$522 Sprng show, \$101: Amazon	\$ 3,85
Total Grant Qualcomm	3630	3023. 3322 3priig silow, 3101. Amazon	\$ 2,50
Total Education Income	\$4.468	No change from previous month	\$ 11.10
Total Fair Awards	54,400	Teo change from previous months	\$ 15
Total Membership Income	\$6,602	\$1208: Club dues	\$ 8,00
Total Monthly Program.		No change from previous month	\$ 48
Total Raffle & Auction		\$9,825: \$3,940: Safari park Bonsai, \$5,884: Spring Show	
Total Show Income		\$6,821 : Spring Show Sales	\$ 8.10
Total Special Projects Income		No change from previous month	\$ 4,40
Total Tool Sales		No change from previous month	\$ 3,50
Total SDBC Income	\$33,129		\$56.0
SDBC Expenses			budget
Total Bonsai Pavilion	\$386	No change from previous month	\$ 9,00
Total Education		No change from previous month	\$ 10,10
Total Japanese Friendship Garden			\$ 1,50
Total Library	\$145	No change from previous month	\$ 50
Mas Takanashi Grant			\$ 1,00
Total Membership	\$359	No change from previous month	\$ 1,50
Total Monthly Program	\$2,802	\$637: Rental of War memorial Auditorium	\$ 7,55
Total Newsletter	\$324	\$86: \$27: mailchimp, \$59: newsletter copies	\$ 1,07
Total SDBC Club Expenses			
Total GSBF Liability Insurance	\$2,190	No change from previous month	\$ 3,50
Other	\$855	\$105: Postage, copies of consignment sheets,	\$ 2,37
San Diego Fair		No change from previous month	\$ 30
Power of one scholarship		No change from previous month	\$ 30
Total SDBC Fall Show			\$ 95
Total SDBC Spring Show	\$2,637	\$2,011 : banquet, \$250: publicity, \$375: supplies, food	\$ 2,45
Total Special Projects	\$4,505	No change from previous month	\$ 7,80
Total Taxes	\$554	No change from previous month	\$ 4,09
Tool Table Expenses	\$849	No change from previous month	\$ 2,10
Total SDBC Expense	\$17,788		\$56,08
Net SDBC Income (Loss)	\$15,341		\$
Note Pavilion Silent Auction Square Income is still in SDBC	account. M	oved to Pavilion in June.	
Our income to date is greater than the budget by	\$23 k		
Our expenses are less than the budget by	\$38 k		
We are in excellent shape!			

## Important Note:

SDBC is looking for a treasurer for the calendar year 2024. Do you want to be part of a board that makes decisions on club priorities and direction? Do you have a good knowledge of Microsoft Excel? Do you enjoy puzzles and problem solving? Are you comfortable on the internet? Are you organized, careful and conscientious?

If so, the treasurer job is exactly a match for you!

Note: Prior accounting knowledge is not necessary but welcome.



Club Meeting Minutes: by Carla Marasco

#### **CLUB MEETING 6/18/23 10:30am start**

- President Ignacio De La Torre Intro
  - There are added items to the library open for checkout.
  - Open Board spots for next year are:
    - President (2yr Term)
    - Treasurer
    - Education
    - Membership
- Treasurer Jaya Kaelberer
  - Spring show brought in 20K.
  - Current Account Balance \$92K
- Special Projects Phaedra Ehring
  - Nisei Week Bus Trip on Aug. 19th (sign-ups at July meeting)
  - Fall Show will be in September.
- Membership Uday Pandey
  - 73 New members this year with a total of 497 members
- Education Bill Graham
  - Jul Beginner class only/No Workshop
  - Jul Summer Repotting (bougainvillea/olives/ficus/tropicals) 2 shohin or smaller trees max bring your own pots & screens (wire & soil provided)
  - Aug Tiger Bark Ficus (John Jackson)
  - Aug Beginner class Susan Ronan (1st session)
- Safari Park John Jackson
  - SDBC members are eligible once they have been in the club for a minimum of 1 yr. and gone through Safari Park volunteer training process.
- Japanese Friendship Garden Neil Auwarter
  - No Updates
- Special Events Kyle Icke
  - Introduction of Presenters Jaya Kaelberer (Fertilizer) & Charlie Moss & Susan Ronan (Tree Schedule)
- Other
  - None

# Board Meeting Minutes: by Carla Marasco

June20, 2023 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), Phaedra Ehring (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).
  - Carla Marasco to fill in for Ignacio while he's away during the July Meeting.
  - Morning & Afternoon Repotting Sessions
  - Presentations Bob Hale (Repotting) & Charlie Moss (NPK/Continued Fertilization) tent.

#### 2024 Board Positions

- Membership / Treasurer / Education / President (2yr term)
- Need to appoint a search committee to locate candidates for open positions.
- Looking into options for recording club meeting presentations to be uploaded to view on web.
- Programs (Kyle Icke)
  - Jul Summer Repot (Bob Hale) / Fertilizer Continued/NPK (Charlie Moss) tent.
  - Aug Wiring (Mark Edgar) BYOT (bring your own tree to work on wiring/wire provided)
  - Sep Where to Start on a Bonsai/Basics (Carla Marasco)/ BYOT Question & Answer session (bring tree & questions for senior members to help with)
  - Oct Lake Poway Picnic Oct 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Nov CBS Visiting Artist (Bob Pressler)
  - Dec Holiday Program / Tree Decorating
  - There are several interested in presenting for the club next year / schedule pending.
- Education (Bill Graham)
  - No Update
- Special Projects (Phaedra Ehring)
  - August 19th is Nisei Week Bus trip nursery stop location is pending/will work on adding sign-ups to web page.
  - October is the Lake Poway Picnic planning has begun.
  - September Show in planning stage/committee to be formed for misc. tasks.
- Treasurer (Jaya Kaelberer)
  - No Update
- Membership (Uday Pandey)
  - Membership currently at 503
- Secretary (Carla Marasco)
  - N/A
- Past President (Sue Carter)
  - N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.



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# SDBC Upcoming Events: MEETING TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

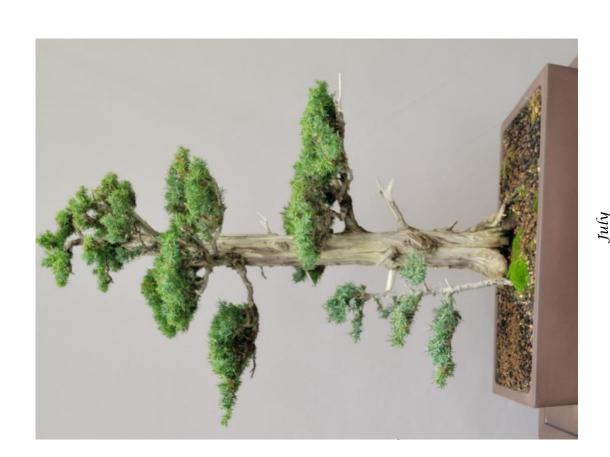
Month	Date(s)	Location	Rooms
July meeting	9	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
August meeting	13	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
September meeting	10	War Memorial bldg. Auditorium Balboa Park	104 class
October meeting	8	Lake Poway	Pavilion
November meeting	12	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
December meeting	10	Casa del Prado	101 and 104

Fall Show	Sept 22-24	Casa del Prado	101

<sup>\*</sup>Note: The SDBC meetings are subject to availability of the rooms in Casa Del Prado. Our preferred date for the second Sunday of each month sometimes conflicts with other clubs show or special event, so we choose an alternative day.

<u>Japanese Friendship Garden Bonsai workdays</u>: Wednesdays, contact Neil Auwarter for volunteer information.

<u>San Diego Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workdays</u>: 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month, contact Mark Edgar for volunteer information



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