



## President's Message

Susan Ronan

It's still spring and my garden looks quite happy! No bug problems yet and, having been employing prevention, no signs of fungus except on one shohin crataegus (hawthorn). I haven't yet been able to figure out the most effective control for that little fungus magnet but it is now the focus of my efforts!

We had a beautiful day on May 19 to hold our meeting at the Zoo Safari Park. Many members commented that the Hunte Pavilion was the perfect meeting spot, spacious and airy, and it suited our needs perfectly.

A big thank-you to the Safari Park for hosting us for this event and another big thank-you to the volunteer members who make the Pavilion so lovely. Many wore their volunteer red shirts to the meeting. I hope you got the chance to see the garden. It is truly lovely this time of year.

And to John Jackson, Cathy and Mark Edgar and Dennis Wagner, who are at the heart of the Pavilion's success, on behalf of the club, thank you! Thanks to all who donated items to make the silent auction a success! There was a nice variety of books, plants, pots, and other items.

If you would like to volunteer your time to the Pavilion you must be a club member for one year, have completed one series of three beginning classes and completed online training. If this is of interest, contact Mark Edgar, park liaison at [mark@mtedgar.com](mailto:mark@mtedgar.com).

### Help Wanted

The Koi Club of San Diego is looking for someone to exhibit or do a presentation at their 35th annual show the last weekend in January 2025 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. If interested, contact Jill Rhoades, club treasurer, at 760-822-2034.

We are often asked for someone willing to display their bonsai at outside community events. The late Shirley Kavanaugh has left some large shoes to fill as she often shared her bonsai with other organizations and their activities. Let me know if you are willing and I will refer them to you as requests come in.



### Upcoming meeting

**June 9, 2024**

10:30 a.m.

Room 101, Casa del Prado

Balboa Park

See Page 2

**Classes:** see Page 4

### Picnic highlights:

Annual Zoo Safari Park event

raises funds for club

See Pages 9-10

"The bonsai is not you working on the tree; you have to have the tree work on you."

— John Naka

### Bonsai Task Calendar for

**San Diego County**

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

Visit our website for information on private instructors and other resources to advance your bonsai skills.



Mike Pistello will return to the San Diego Bonsai Club on June 9 to demonstrate seasonal pine tasks, including decandling, branch selection, needle thinning and wedge-cutting to create large bends and trunk contortions. This will be an exciting presentation!

With the help of Fred Miyahara, the club was able to secure a very high-quality piece of material that will give Mike the opportunity to discuss these topics while weaving them into the creation of literati, or bunjin, material, depending on where the demonstration takes him. And yes, we will be auctioning this tree off at the end of the demo, so come prepared for a lively meeting!

Now some of you are reading this saying, "OK, Matt, this sounds awesome, holy smokes you're such a great VP, but what's the difference between these styles?" Good question, I'm glad you asked and thank you. These styles, to this author at least, represent the eternal struggle in bonsai between trees that look like they were constructed by nature (bunjin) versus trees that were constructed by hands (literati). It's a heady topic to say the least and I'm not fully explaining the difference here on purpose because I want you to start searching books or the internet to come to the meeting with lots of questions.



*Mike Pistello during  
September 2022 presentation*

It's important for the budding treesmiths in our club to be exposed to these more difficult theories to grasp early in their bonsai journey as it will impact the style they develop for themselves in the coming years. I've asked Mike to come into The Thunderdome to discuss and demonstrate one of the hotter topics in bonsai, with some of the more difficult material in the bonsai world, the Japanese black pine, because I know with more than 30 years of experience under his belt, he will be able to provide deep value to members on this complex subject.

Mike began his journey at the age of 14 when his grandfather introduced him to this hobby we all love. Mike joined the former Fuji Bonsai Club in Berkeley at that time, where he studied under Jimmy Inadomi and Dennis Makashima. Specializing in coniferous bonsai, Mike has built his technique toolset to handle any species that thrive in the California climate, especially oaks.

Over the years, he has written articles for magazines such as *Bonsai Focus*, conducted workshops and demonstrations for the Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention and various clubs. Mike recently won the GSBF Rising Star competition at the 2023 Bonsai Rendezvous in Santa Nella. It appears that passion and a lifelong dedication to learning in the bonsai hobby directly correlates to success. It will be exciting for our members to have the opportunity to interact with one of the best bonsai artists in the state.

Mike will offer a small consultation workshop with six students before his presentation. The morning session will run from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Students can bring one or two trees as well as necessary tools and wire to consult with Mike on design concept and branch development. Cost is \$20 per person, please email me – mattjillson AT hotmail.com – to get on the list; first come, first fill. (Sorry, trying to prevent google bots from picking up my email address to spam me.)

Click [here](#) for a You Tube tour of Mike's outstanding bonsai garden via Bonsaify.



**Special raffle for chuhin juniper material at June meeting:** Matt Jillson, First VP

The board for SDBC has agreed to try something a little different for our members that we are going to be rolling out at the June 9 meeting. We would like to give members the opportunity when they come to club meetings a chance to get their hands on above-average material.

For the June meeting I've secured a very nice chuhin-size juniper we will raffle off. As opportunities present themselves, we may be able to offer more than one tree at future meetings, so stay tuned.

The cost per ticket will be \$5, which will be collected in the morning before the presentation starts. This is a new direction we are experimenting with, so if you like the idea and you enjoy the idea of the special raffle at the upcoming meeting, be vocal about it and tell board members.

Thanks for being open to trying new things.

***June 9 meeting agenda: Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park***

8:30 a.m.: Beginner Class, Room 104

8:30 a.m.: Tool and Knife Sharpening Workshop by Fred Miyahara

9-11 a.m.: Tool Sales

9:15-10:30 a.m.: Mike Pistello Bring Your Own Tree workshop (\$20, pre-registration req.)

10:30-11 a.m.: Business Meeting

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Mike Pistello presentation on pine maintenance and bunjin theory

12:30 p.m.: Raffle and refreshments

**Upcoming special events:** Phaedra Ehring , VP Special Projects

**August 2024 – Nisei Week bus trip**

On **Saturday, Aug. 17**, we will charter a bus to attend the Nisei Week Japanese Festival (<https://niseiweek.org>). A bonsai exhibition will be part of the festival, held in the Little Tokyo District of downtown Los Angeles. This annual Japanese cultural event includes Japanese arts, entertainment, exhibits, food, and more. We hope to include a stop at another bonsai venue as part of the bus trip. More details will be provided at the June 9 meeting.

**September 2024 – Fall Show and Sale**

The Fall Show and Sale will be held **Saturday, Sept. 28 & Sunday, Sept. 29**

We are creating a **Show Team** to allow members to coordinate various aspects of the show, such as sales, demonstrations, accounting, and refreshments. We need your ideas and help, no experience required. To learn more, please contact me by [email](#) or at the June meeting.

**Now** is the time to prepare your tree for exhibit in the Fall Show. Please talk with Mark Edgar at the June meeting if you are a new exhibitor and would like your trees to be considered for display.



**Education:** Bill Graham, VP Education

Welcome to June, and the heat is starting to come up. I can now start working on my tropicals without too much worry about nighttime temps. I hope everyone had a good time at the Safari Park auction and picnic. It was really nice to have it held in the lower pavilion with room to move around and shade! I hope we continue to have it there in the future. Your trees should be pushing growth and starting to look shaggy. You will be working on your styling at the next session. It should be a good one! Keep an eye on your trees, as it gets warmer, your watering needs will increase. The workshop with Kaya Mooney was very good. He is a talented artist with a nice style of teaching. If we get the chance to bring him in again, I highly recommend attending one of his workshops.

**Beginner Class: Ficus microcarpa – Tiger Bark – John Jackson**

April 14 – June 9 – July 14

In the spirit of bringing some different material to our beginner class, we have some nice tiger bark ficus. John Jackson, our local ficus expert, will be the lead for this class. In this second session, you will finalize your styling and get your tree ready for the repot in July. **SOLD OUT!**

**Fall Beginner Class – Nana Juniper – Juniperus procumbens nana**

Aug. 11 – Sept. 15 – Nov. 10

The final beginning class series for 2024 will start in August. We have some nice juniperus procumbens nana, the nana juniper. These trees are great material for bonsai. The sign-up sheet will be at the June meeting. The cost is \$60.

**Intermediate Workshop:**

**June 9 – Tool and Knife Honing and Sharpening – Fred Miyahara**

Our long-time member and mentor Fred Miyahara will lead a workshop teaching you how to sharpen and maintain your tools. Sharp tools are imperative to good bonsai care and practice and maintaining your tools properly is something that will help you throughout your bonsai career. Please bring up to three tools and any sharpening stones that you have. This class is limited to eight people and the cost is \$25. **SOLD OUT!**

**July – No workshop – Club Repotting Event**

With the success of the warm season repotting event last August, we are going to do it again. Trees for repotting at this time include olives, bougainvillea, ficus and other tropical varieties you may have. Bring a tree and our many volunteers will help you repot it. Please limit yourself to **two 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. Remember, this is a chance for you to learn to repot, not to have your trees repotted for you.

**August – Ficus salicaria – 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 have a great start toward becoming 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 9 meeting. The cost will be \$95.



## Advanced Workshop

### **Oct. 20 – Bring Your Own Tree and Demo – Bjorn Bjorholm and Yannick Kiggen**

We have a rare, incredible and exciting event happening on Oct. 20. International bonsai artists Bjorn Bjorholm (now residing permanently in Kyoto, Japan), <https://www.bjornbjorholm.com/>, and Yannick Kiggen of Hamont-Achel, Belgium, <https://www.yama-bonsai.be/>, will be here to conduct both a demo and a workshop.

This event offers members an opportunity to see two of the top bonsai artists in the world up close. We will combine our regular monthly meeting with this special event to offer a full day of bonsai. It will include our annual picnic and silent auction. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months as planning progresses!

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 and 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. **Please remember that all beginning classes, workshops and skills classes are taught from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. 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 [wfgraham3rd@gmail.com](mailto:wfgraham3rd@gmail.com).



*International bonsai artist Bjorn Bjorholm, shown here with SDBC's Louie Montecillo at the GSBF Rendezvous in Santa Nella last year, will conduct a demo and workshop at a special event on Oct. 20.*



**Bonsai Pavilion at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park: Mark Edgar, Liaison**

Three volunteers were awarded Zoo Safari Park service pins in May. Janice Hale received a 10-year pin and Kathy Wagner and Ken Zito received their 5-year pins. Congratulations to you all!

We held the annual San Diego Bonsai Club picnic at Safari Park on May 18. There were well over 100 club members in attendance. Instead of having the picnic at the Bonsai Pavilion, we used the Hunte Pavilion at Safari Park, which was much more spacious.

It was much easier (no uphill walk) to bring in donations for the Pavilion benefit silent auction. The auction was a success, with the highlight being a juniper styled by Matthew Gelacio that sold for \$500. The spirited bidding by members raised a total of \$3,600, which will be used for Pavilion projects. Many, many thanks to the club members for donating the more than 100 items to the annual auction.

During the picnic, the Pavilion was closed to the public, but was open solely to club members, many of whom took advantage of the uncrowded space to look at the dozens of bonsai on display. Thanks go to our excellent club volunteers who keep the garden and its bonsai in top shape. The bonsai garden is a very popular attraction with visitors at Safari Park.

A magnificent bougainvillea donated to the Pavilion by Fred Miyahara is just starting to flower. It is an excellent addition to the bonsai at the Safari Park.



*This Matt Gelacio-styled juniper drew a \$500 silent auction bid*

**(See Pages 9-10 for more picnic coverage)**



*The irises have started to bloom along the stream and pond. It's a great sight that is admired by visitors. Nice work, Cathy Edgar*



*Yoichiro Sue-Mori has been taking care of the Pavilion shohin display (photo left) for some time now and the display has never looked better. Thank you, Mori!*





*Thanks to the hard work of volunteers, the Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion was in great shape for the annual picnic*



*This lantana donated by Camille Newton shows nice early season flowering*



*A bougainvillea donated by Jon and Terri Petrescu (photo below) is in full flower*



**Membership:** Cindy Pecile, Vice President, Membership

Please welcome the following new club members who joined in May:

**Alexander Hill, Adrienne Hodges-Fogel, Kai Edmundson, David Gasaway, Leslie Bader, David Edelman, Taylor Henderson, Maxwell Okros, Amber Pawlicki, and Joel Alegre.**

With these additions, the current 2024 club membership stands at 494.

If you plan on participating in certain club events – taking classes, traveling on bus trips, volunteering at the Safari Park or Japanese Friendship Garden, volunteering or selling items at the shows, your membership must be current. You can renew your membership or join as a new member:

- In person at a club meeting
- On the San Diego Bonsai Club Website (<https://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com/membership.html>)

Club dues remain at \$30 for an individual. Each additional family member is \$5.

If you are uncertain whether you have already paid your 2024 Membership dues, please email me at [cindypecile@gmail.com](mailto:cindypecile@gmail.com). Also, if any of your contact information has recently changed, please email me as well so I can update the roster.

**Library:** Sonya Holmquist, Librarian

The names of Nina and Larry Ragle have been popping up a lot lately. **(See *In Memoriam tribute to Larry on Page 10.*)** As Fred Miyahara mentioned at a recent meeting, he and other friends helped the Ragles downsize their collection of bonsai and pots, and Fred has hosted several sale events to raise funds for a scholarship in his honor. The club purchased one of their pots and presented it to June and David Nguy in April in appreciation of their hosting the “Friendship Through Bonsai Celebration” at their garden.

On a recent visit to the Japanese Friendship Garden, I marveled at the foemina juniper forest Nina and Larry donated to the club in 2017. The forest was put together by Larry over 40 years ago with the help of bonsai masters Harry Hirao and John Naka. Check out the [June 2017 issue](#) of the Bonsai Wire for a photo and history.

And, as I was looking through the club’s library collection, I came across Nina Ragle’s book, *Even Monkeys Fall Out of Trees*, a collection of John Naka’s many sayings. Larry and Nina were longtime students and friends of John Naka, and Nina was especially taken by the old Japanese, Chinese, and English proverbs he sprinkled throughout his lessons. She worked with Naka on creating this book, which was illustrated by Naka himself, and contains a foreword by Larry. The proverbs were Naka’s way of gently providing guidance to his students: start at the beginning, take your time to do it right, and don’t be too hard on yourself, for even monkeys fall out of trees.

While most of us have not had the privilege of working with John Naka, we do have his seminal books available to be checked out: *Bonsai Techniques I and II*. We can also learn from those members who were lucky enough to study with him, including ‘lyn Stevenson, Glenn Jensen, John Jackson, and John Voss.



**Annual Zoo Safari Park picnic and silent auction May 19 draws large attendance**



*Bill Graham addresses SDBC members attending the annual picnic and silent auction at the Zoo Safari Park on May 19*

More than 100 members of the SDBC gathered in the Hunte Nairobi Pavilion on May 19 for the annual picnic and silent auction. It was a new venue for the traditional event, which in previous years had been held within the Pavilion among the bonsai.

The expansion of the Pavilion over the past two years, however, had eliminated much of the space available for the picnic. The new site was a big hit with attendees, who had plenty of room to enjoy their picnic lunches.

There was also lots of space to spread out the approximately 120 auction items donated by members. Items ranged from a large juniper to tiny pots, along with everything in between. In addition to dozens of trees, there were pots, stands, books, kusamono materials, tools, and even an insecticide sprayer available for the right price.





*Don and Marylou Montross ponder whether to make a bid*

As the auction neared the 12:15 p.m. cutoff for bids, members hovered over the four packed tables, anxious to make sure their bids would be the winning offers that allowed them to take their coveted items home.

The auction was a huge success raising approximately \$3,600 for the club.

Thanks go to all who donated items and attended the event.



*John Voss looks over the selection of items on one of the auction tables*

**In Memoriam: Larry Ragle**

Larry Ragle, a leader in the Southern California bonsai community for more than 50 years, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Saturday, May 11.



*Larry Ragle*

A student of bonsai legends John Naka and Harry Hirao, Larry touched many lives as a mentor, leader, and friend. He will be missed. Survivors include his wife, Nina.

Among his many accomplishments, Larry was a past president of the Golden State Bonsai Federation and California Bonsai Society and was one of the founders of the California Shohin Society.

He and Nina also co-founded the California Aiseki Kai suiseki club. A member of the board of directors of the National Bonsai Foundation in Washington, D.C., Larry lectured and performed bonsai and suiseki demonstrations throughout the United States and around the world.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the Larry Ragle Scholarship Fund, which has been set up by the SDBC to advance the education of the art of bonsai. Please send contributions to The Larry Ragle Scholarship Fund, c/o The San Diego Bonsai Club, P.O. Box 86037, San Diego, CA 92138.



## Treasurer's Report: Jaya Kaelberer, Treasurer

SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB - TREASURER'S REPORT			budget
Jaya Kaelberer as of 30 April 2024			
Accounts have been reconciled with Union Bank statements			
<b>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES (QuickBooks)</b>			
SDBC Checking	\$78,439		
CD \$20K 02/28/24	\$20,000		
Japanese Friendship Garden	\$3,933		
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$17,531		
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$119,903</b>		
<b>SDBC Income</b>	Actuals	Comments	budget
Total Donation Income			\$ 1,750
Total Grant Qualcomm	\$500	no change from previous month	\$ 500
Total Education Income	\$4,536	no change from previous month	\$ 13,100
Total Fair Awards			
Total Membership Income	\$5,842	\$1,289: club dues	\$ 11,000
Total Monthly Program	\$410	\$270: Tom Vuong grafting workshop	\$ 320
Total Raffle & Auction	\$2,944	\$2,484: \$24 club meeting raffle, \$2,460 spring show auc	\$ 17,900
Total Show Income	\$20,774	\$20,774 : spring show sales	\$ 12,500
Total Special Projects Income	\$2,844	\$265: Chino day of friendship	\$ 2,000
Total Tool Sales	\$2,089	\$337: adjust duplicate payment, \$817 : tools	\$ 5,200
<b>Total SDBC Income</b>	<b>\$39,939</b>		<b>\$ 64,270</b>
<b>SDBC Expenses</b>			budget
Total Bonsai Pavilion	\$2,634	no change from previous month	\$ 8,500
Total Education	\$3,273	\$1,743:	\$ 11,050
Total Japanese Friendship Garden		no change from previous month	\$ 450
Total Library	\$95	no change from previous month	\$ 200
Mas Takanashi Grant			\$ 500
Total Membership	\$63	no change from previous month	\$ 1,500
Total Monthly Program	\$1,549	\$548:	\$ 9,750
Total Newsletter	\$850	\$104:	\$ 1,400
Total SDBC Club Expenses			
Total GSBF Liability Insurance	\$2,345	no change from previous month	\$ 150
Other	\$1,488	\$107: \$80 Printer cartridge, \$27: stamps	\$ (90)
San Diego Fair			
Power of one scholarship			\$ 320
Total SDBC Fall Show	\$463	No change from previous month	\$ 800
Total SDBC Spring Show	\$409	\$409: \$120: DJ, \$289: advertisement	\$ 3,650
Total Special Projects	\$4,416	\$1,893: \$1800 nursery trip, \$93: Akadema for BAT raffle	\$ 10,850
Total Taxes	\$427	\$72: J.F.M sales tax	\$ 4,380
Total Tool Table Expenses	\$1,667	No change from previous month	\$ 5,000
<b>Total SDBC Expense</b>	<b>\$19,680</b>		<b>\$ 58,410</b>
Net SDBC Income (Loss)	\$20,259		\$5,860

### Spring Show Summary

	gross sales	sales tax collected	Square fees	
Total item sales for show (square)	\$ 19,848.41	\$1,518.61	(\$592.99)	
Total to seller (from tags)	\$ 15,784.70			
Total to club	\$ 4,063.71	\$1,518.61	(\$592.99)	
Auction	\$2,347.00	\$181.88	(\$68.61)	
Total income from sales & auction (includes Squi	\$ 5,749.11			Sales tax not included
Membership	\$495.00	\$0.00	(\$14.37)	
Donations	\$444.75	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>2024 Spring</b>	<b>2023 Spring</b>		
Attendance	3,902	4,609		
Items sold	508	433		
Average cost	39	45		
Total Sales	\$19,848	\$19,385		



The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Susan Ronan

- Welcome all to Safari Park Picnic & Auction
- It was suggested that members visit the Bonsai Pavilion before they leave

#### **Board reports and additional information**

- VP Special Projects (Phaedra Ehring)
  - Sign-ups for an Aug. 10 bus trip to Los Angeles for the Nisei Week celebration will begin in June.
- Treasurer (Jaya Kaelberer)
  - Our Spring show was a success. We did \$20,000 in sales with \$4,000 in profit for the club. We also made \$2,400 from the auction. The checks for those that sold items at the show have gone out. Anyone who has sold items but not received payment should contact her.

- VP Education (Bill Graham)

The upcoming education schedule is:

- The second beginner class in the current series, which features work on a tiger bark ficus, will be held in June. John Jackson is teaching the class. It is sold out.
- The fall beginner class series for August, September, and November (nana junipers) will go on sale at the June meeting.
- The June workshop is tool sharpening with Fred Miyahara. It is sold out.
- July is the warm-weather tree repotting session (bougainvillea, olive, ficus, etc.) No workshop will be held.
- The August workshop, narrow leaf ficus with John Jackson, will go on sale at June meeting for \$95.
- October is the special Bjorn Bjorholm-Yannick Kiggen event. More information will be coming soon.
- VP Membership (Cindy Pecile)
  - Our membership is currently at 499 members. If your renewal needs to be paid or updated, you can do it online or in person.
- Safari Park curator (John Jackson)
  - John provided a brief history of the Bonsai Pavilion at the Zoo Safari Park. The first bonsai were displayed on a shelf at the park in the early 1980s. They were in the village area for 3 to 4 years, then moved to a larger area for the next 25 years. From there they moved once again to their current location. Construction took a long time and a lot of funds, but the Pavilion was able to open at its current site in 2011. As money comes in from donations and grants, new improvements are made. The trees and the pavilion is kept beautiful by over 30 regular volunteers.

A picnic lunch and silent auction followed the reports.



President Susan Ronan called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**In attendance:** Susan Ronan (President), Matt Jillson (First Vice President), Bill Graham (Vice President, Education), Phaedra Ehring (Vice President, Special Projects), Jaya Kaelberer (Treasurer), Carla Marasco (Secretary).

**Not present:** Cindy Pecile (Vice President for Membership), Ignacio De La Torre (Past President)

### General Topics

Susan Ronan (President)

- The city may cancel internet service in Balboa Park. If that happens, we can arrange for a hotspot through providers such as Techsoup or Mobil Beacon for \$10 monthly.
- SDBGF is working on replacing the refrigerator in the kitchen of Room 101.
- The Ragle Scholarship will be under purview of the club with Fred Miyahara as executive director until such time as he appoints a successor. Jaya is working with the bank to open a separate bank account in the name of the Ragle Scholarship. Scholarship winners will be selected in September.
- Video editing and uploading support for the tech team will be taken over by Carla Marasco.

### Board reports

Jaya Kaelberer (Treasurer)

- The silent auction fundraiser at the May 19 Zoo Safari Park Picnic & Silent Auction generated \$3,600.

Matt Jillson (First Vice President)

Programs are set for the remainder of the year as well as most of 2025.

- In August, Lindsay Shiba will do a presentation on bonsai displays at the meeting. There also will be a “bring your own tree” session.
- In November, Matthew Gelacio will begin development of a shohin kishu juniper with Fred Miyahara. It will be brought back in next year for a follow-up presentation so members can see the progression.
- December will be the annual tree-styling competition.
- A special auction for a chuhin juniper will be held at the June meeting to assess interest in offering members access to more advanced bonsai material.

Phaedra Ehring (VP Special Projects)

- Nisei Week bus trip signups will begin in June.

Bill Graham (Education)

- The Takanashi Grant updates are in the final review stage.
- A special two-session beginner workshop with Bob Hale was a success. The board will determine at a later date whether this extra class is needed again next year.
- The Oct. 20 Bonsai Fest with Bjorn Bjorholm and Yannick Kiggen is in the planning stages. The planning committee will continue to work on security, vendors, needed volunteer spots, budget, and workshop logistics. The locations and times have been secured. Members of the planning committee are Bill Graham, Bob Hale, Brenda Crann, and Elaine Kenniston).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



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## Appointed Positions

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**SDBC Upcoming Meetings: DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Month	Date(s)	Location	Rooms
June meeting	June 9	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
July meeting	July 14	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
August meeting	Aug. 11	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
September meeting	Sept. 15*	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
October meeting (Bonsai Fest)	Oct. 20*	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
November meeting	Nov. 10	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
December meeting	Dec. 15*	Casa del Prado	101 and 104

**Additional Upcoming SDBC Activities**

Nisei Week bus trip	Aug. 17	Little Tokyo, Los Angeles	–
2024 Fall Show	Sept. 28-29	Casa del Prado	101

\*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.

**Japanese Friendship Garden bonsai workdays:** Wednesdays; contact [Neil Auwarter](#) for volunteer information.

**San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion workdays:** 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month; contact [Mark Edgar](#) for volunteer information.

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