



President's Message

Susan Ronan

This year has flown by, and I can't believe I am half-way through my tenure as your President. Because the Board is so awesome, my job is easy! A very dedicated group, each takes his or her role seriously and sees each task to quick completion. I'm very fortunate, indeed!

It seems like our activity has really increased this year with unique activities like the Bonsai Blast, and with new things being added: The Second Day of Bonsai Friendship which will be on April 19th, 2025, at the garden of David and June Nguy. Phaedra will provide details as they come together.

Another thing I am particularly excited about is the new Intermediate Study Group under the leadership of Gary Jones. There has been a need for additional study opportunities for our members and it is my hope that this new study group will meet their needs. With Gary at the helm, it will be a sure success!

I want to take this opportunity to thank Wayne Lord for the six years he has made our AV system run flawlessly, so our many thanks to you Wayne for your years of dedication to SDBC. Please welcome Michael Bird who has agreed to take on Wayne's role. Carla will wear two hats for the time being, continuing as Secretary until such time as we can find a replacement, and doing the camera work and posting our presentations on YouTube. Be sure to check them out!

Many of you remember our former President Dan Sola. He became President after the untimely passing of Dave Rochester, serving 2013 through 2015. Dan has been made a Lifetime Member by our Board of Directors so our congratulations to you, Dan!

One of my favorite annual events is the Bonsai-a-Thon at the Huntington Gardens on February 22nd, 2025. Exhibits, demonstrations, vendors, tours of the Bonsai and Penjing Gardens and free range of the Huntington make for such a lovely day! And the finale is a live and silent auction so lend a helping hand by bringing some contributions of pots or bonsai related material to contribute to the benefit of the Bonsai collection at the Huntington Library.



Liquid Amber, designed by John Jackson, at Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion.

Upcoming meeting

Dec 15, 2025

*Casa del Prado
Balboa Park*

Jonas Dupuich workshop/
presentation 9:15am

Bonsai classes

See page 4

Feature Article

'Winter is here, and
Repotting is near'

By Charlie Mosse
See pages 7-8

*"Study nature, love
nature, stay close to
nature. It will never fail
you." - Frank Lloyd Wright*

**Bonsai Task Calendar for
San Diego County**

www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com

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

Presidents message continued...

We will celebrate the holidays together at our December meeting. Adrian has plans to roast turkey and a ham for us and we ask you to bring your favorite side dish along with the recipe to share. Matt has a special workshop/presentation planned that should make for an enjoyable time for all.

The Board of Directors will be both elected and sworn in at our December meeting.

2025 candidates for the Board are:

- Ignacio De La Torre, Past President
- Phaedra Ehring, Vice President of Special Projects
- Bill Graham, Vice President of Education
- Matt Jillson, 1st Vice President
- Tom Cylkowski, Treasurer
- Carla Marasco, Secretary
- Cindy Pecile, Vice President of Membership
- Susan Ronan, President

Thank you to all of you who contribute your time and energies to the betterment of our club. I want to thank Jaya Kaelberer our outgoing Treasurer with whom it has been my pleasure to not only work with but get to know. We will miss your attention to detail and your ability to keep our books in the black, and all with good humor! Thank you, Jaya!

We are looking for a volunteer to take over as editor of the *Bonsai Wire*. Please speak with Sally Dischinger or me if you can take on this role for our club.

December Meeting schedule: by Susan Ronan

Schedule of events

8:15 a.m.	Fred Miyahara - pine workshop
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Tool sales.
9:15 a.m.	Exposed Root ‘Nagari’ Workshop/Presentation with Jonas Dupuich
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Bonsai assistance, Library open.
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Election, oath of office, and business meeting.
11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Voting for your favorite holiday tree Holiday Potluck Luncheon, Holiday tree Awards, and Raffle.

Library : by Sonya Holmquist

Stop by the Library for your winter Bonsai reading material.

December Meeting Exposed Root Pine Workshop: Jonas Dupuich by Matt Jillson, VP



Exciting news! With the help of Fred Miyahara, SDBC has been able to convince Jonas Dupuich to visit San Diego for our December meeting! Jonas Dupuich is a well-known bonsai professional from Northern California who is cofounder of the Pacific Bonsai Expo. He is the author of 'The Little Book of Bonsai' and the 'Bonsai Tonight blog' (bonsaitonight.com). His trees have been selected for display in local and regional exhibits, including the US National Bonsai Exhibition and is considered one of the top black pine bonsai experts in the country.

This is a last minute change, so you have to bear with us as we adjust the December program to accommodate having such a Pine talent in the room. One aspect we are not changing this year is the holiday tree decoration contest. Per usual, we will have first through third place prizes for the best holiday themed trees members bring it, voted on by YOU the members! There is alot going on at this meeting, and I look forward to seeing you there.

We are changing the styling contest this year to be an exposed root pine creation workshop for members. December is the perfect time of year to do this type of root work on young pines. More importantly, the technique Jonas will be highlighting for this workshop can be replicated with any material you are interested in using to create a Nagari style bonsai. Your skills will expand just in time to test this Spring with other material! I've tried this technique at home serval times, it works perfectly and I'm excited to share it with you. I've included a video below by Eric Schraeder from bonsaify.com on the type of work we'll be doing as a group together for this meeting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnuJ-wmkleY>

There are 17 spots, for hands on learning in this workshop while the rest of us will observe. We will get started at 9:15 a.m. in the main meeting room to ensure enough time to create these compositions. If you are interested in participating, I suggest arriving at 9am, with your toolkit . I will draw names out of a hat if we have a large response. There is no fee for this workshop. Bring your tools, I will have everything else you'll need on hand.



December is here and the year is over. I want to thank everyone that volunteered to help me by running workshops and classes and assisting in the classes. A quick list in no particular order are Bob Hale, Ignacio De La Torre, Carla Marasco, Mark and Cathy Edgar, John Jackson, Fred Miyahara, Gary Jones, Wendy Pollock, Dennis Wagner, Brenda Crann, John Voss. I am sure I missed some of the regular volunteer teachers in the Beginners Class, for that, I apologize! Without all of you, I could not do this job!

Winter Beginners Class: - Chinese Elm – Ulmus parvifolia –Carla Marasco

January 12 – February 2 – March 09

The 1st Beginners class for 2025 will be January, February and March. *SOLD OUT!*

Intermediate Workshop:

December – Japanese Black Pine Workshop Series – Fred Miyahara

This will be a series of 3 sessions with the option of 3 more sessions in 2026. Each participant is expected to complete the first three sessions. *SOLD OUT!*

December: You will repot the tree, June: You will review the tree, possibly cut candles or pull needles as necessary. November: You will review the tree, situationally pull needles, thin, prune, wire.

December – See Matt Jillson’s article on page 2.

January – Juniper Study Group – Gary Jones

The first session of the new Juniper Study Group that is being led by Gary Jones will commence at 8:30AM in the front right of Room 104. If you signed up to be part of this, please have your tree and tools.

January – NO WORKSHOP – ANNUAL CLUB REPOTTING EVENT.

Bring a tree and our many volunteers will help you repot it. Please limit yourself to two (2) trees no larger than chuhin size. We do not have the proper soil to repot large trees. **PLEASE** clean and prune your trees before bringing them in. Soil and assistance will be provided both before and after the meeting.

February - Juniperus chinensis ‘shimpaku’ – Itoigawa – Louie Montecillo

We have some very nice Itoigawa Shimpaku that were grown by Ed Clark. They have 1”+ trunks and are ready for your styling. Louie Montecillo, an up and coming instructor in the club will lead the workshop. He was a participant in the GSBF Rising Stars competition at the 2023 GSBF Rendezvous and created a beautiful tree. This should be a great workshop! The cost will be \$135.00. On sale at December meeting,

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 wfgraham3rd@gmail.com.

Beginner Class Fall 2024 : by Ignacio De La Torre.



The last Beginner's class of the year came to a close with many happy students who learned the basics of taking a nursery stock plant and turning it into a healthy bonsai.

The class requires help from many volunteers who offer their time and expertise. Without their help we could not offer these types of learning opportunities. We thank our course volunteers who helped during the course:

Sue Carter, Brenda Crann, Cathy Edgar, Carla Marasco, Sandi Marasco, Wendy Pollack, Keith Carter, Mark Edgar, Gary Jones, John Holloway, John Jackson, Uday Pandey, Dennis Wagner.

We extend a special thanks to Bob Hale who not only volunteered but also prepared the club potting mix for our final class (and for the two club repotting sessions held during the year), to John Holloway who donated cork bark jades to each student, and to Brenda Crann, Gary Jones, and Bob Hale who developed a standardized Beginners course to ensure students are learning the most relevant and up-to-date information.

Thank you: Susan Ronan, President

Thank you for bringing refreshments for the November meeting:

Amber Pawlicki, John and Margaret Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Wayne Lord, Tony and Adrian Mangina, Nancy Spigner, Jake and Alina O'Brien, Phaedra Ehring and Calliope Hall, Bethany Kies, and Vickie Ahrberg.

Thank you for your donations to the November Raffle:

John and Margaret Jackson, Mel Ikeda, Elaine Kenniston, Ken Bross, Lien Lieu, Cindy Pecile, Lynn Stevenson, Cesar Velasquez, Steve Dischinger, Zheng Zheng, Jim Daugherty, Camille Newton, Nazim Colak, Keith and Sue Carter, John Holloway, and Jenny K Chin.

Upcoming Events

Winter Silhouettes, Saturday, January 18, 2025

We have chartered a bus for our trip to the 61st Annual Winter Silhouettes Exhibition, hosted by our friends at [Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai](#). The show will be held at the L.A. Arboretum and will include displays of deciduous trees in their leafless winter state, a sales area, a demonstration, an evening dinner reception, a raffle, and an auction. My favorite parts of this show are viewing the intricate ramification of the amazing trees on display and having time to talk with the artists about their trees. You may recognize many members of Baikoen because they regularly attend our Spring Show and Banquet each year, among other events.

The cost for the bus ride will be \$40 per person. Registration will be available at the January 2025 club meeting and on the club website. I will send out an email announcement to all members as soon as website registration is available. The bus trip will include transportation to the show and a stop at a nursery/garden along the way. Members and their guests are welcome. Donations for their fundraising raffle and auction are appreciated.

Bonsai-A-Thon, Saturday, February 22, 2025

February brings our annual trip to the Bonsai-A-Thon, the fundraiser for the [Golden State Bonsai Federation Collection at the Huntington](#) (GSBFC), on a Saturday in February. We have chartered a bus and bus trip registration started at the November 2024 meeting. We have already filled half of the bus. If we fill the bus, we can charter a second bus.

Bus trip registration will be available at the January meeting and on the website. The fee will be \$40 per passenger. I will send out an email announcement to all members as soon as the website registration begins. In January, we will also begin registration for members who plan to attend but will drive themselves. Only current members may receive free admission to the event.

The Bonsai-A-Thon is the largest bonsai event in Southern California, held at the Huntington Botanical Gardens' Brody Botanical Center in San Marino.

In addition to the spectacular Huntington Bonsai gardens, many activities are planned, including:

- benefit drawing
- live & silent auctions
- vendors selling top-quality tools, pots and trees
- Bonsai Master styling demonstrations with auctions of styled trees
- Tour of the new Japanese Heritage House
- Tour of the Chinese Garden and Penjing Court
- Backstage tour of the Bonsai Nursery

Save the Dates:

Friendship through Bonsai Celebration Bus Trip – Saturday, April 19, 2025

Spring Show – Saturday & Sunday, April 26-27, 2025



San Diego quasi-winter is here. There have been many nights in the 40's and a few in the high 30's but still mild temps during the day. Since our climate is mild in the winter, our trees will not follow the typical "schedule" of leaf coloring and dropping. In November when the night temps dipped into the 40's and daytime temps were cool, true deciduous trees started into various stages of changing color and defoliating. Semi-deciduous trees like Chinese Elms, and its cultivars, were probably hanging on to their leaves, but not in all cases. You may have seen winter color develop in the leaves of Boxwoods showing yellows and oranges, and junipers may have begun to show some bronzing, darkening of the leaves, but probably not until we get nights in the 30's.

Keeping a tree in full sun can delay leaf drop and leaf discoloration, whereas keeping them in the shade in the fall, can hasten leaf drop and discoloration. Subtropical and tropical trees will have better leaf retention during the winter and early spring when kept in the sun during the day, especially on raised beds or planters. Also, retention is better when cold sensitive trees are protected from temps below the mid-50's.

Greenhouses and cold frames will delay or stop leaf drop. I currently use a Vivosun seedling heat mat with a thermostat under a clear plastic storage box (1/4" holes for drainage) that has a 3/4" layer of course pumice. The only significant downside to this cheap method is that the box will not accommodate a tree taller than about 11", unless you leave off the lid. This has worked nicely keeping the roots warm. Experiment and see what works for you. Some place plants directly onto the seedling mat without any protection simply to keep the roots warm. It works nicely unless the plant itself needs protection from the cold.

Repotting season is now upon us and will start in earnest in January and on into March for most species like conifers and deciduous. See the Task Calendar for prime repotting times....and....remember that the **Annual Repotting Event is January 12th** at the monthly meeting. The next repotting times will be at the start of or during warm weather for species like Ficus, Bougainvillea, Olives, and others. Since our trees do not go into a "hard" dormancy, they will continue to metabolize. You may see some very slow growth on junipers and broad leaf evergreens. Correspondingly, there is still some root growth during repotting season which aids a tree's recovery. Before repotting, be sure a tree's health is very good. Strong trees recover faster than weak trees from root pruning.

It is time to prepare for the winter/early spring potting season. Buy soil before you need it. Buy now any pre-mixed soil and/or soil components from which to create your own mixes. Keep in mind that moisture retention and drainage must meet the tree's needs. The balance is influenced primarily by the percentages of each component in the mix.

Bonsai soil mixes primarily consist of pumice, scoria (lava rock) and an organic component like bark. Akadama can be used as the organic component even though it is not considered organic like bark is. Akadama has only about 7% organic.

Most often used components:

- Scoria mined in the US or Kiryu (Japanese lava rock).
- Pumice mined in the US or Hyuga (Japanese pumice).
- Bark, preferably high-quality orchid bark. Pine bark is better than Fir bark.

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- Akadama, very hard or fired to be hard. Cheaper Akadama is not hard and will deteriorate quickly. It will easily squish under moderate pressure between the thumb and finger.
- Kanuma for acid loving plants like Azaleas. Used mostly for Azaleas at 80-100% of the mix. Can help acidify soils. It is soft, so do not work it much with chop sticks.
- Perlite is used on occasion to lighten soil mixes for bigger trees and trees in development. It does “float” to the surface in mixes and is bright white, therefore undesirable. Primarily used in propagation mixes with peat moss or coconut coir.

Water retention:

- Pumice has some internal water retention.
- Scoria has little internal water retention, but short-term can hold water in its pockets/crevices.
- Bark and akadama have very good internal water retention. When very dry they can be difficult to re-wet. Both also have a moderate to high CEC or ability to absorb and release nutrients and other salts.
- Perlite has good moisture retention.

Knowing how to balance moisture retention and drainage in your soils is very important. Any soil mix should perform well through its life span.

The SDBC club mix is 2 parts pumice (P), 2 parts scoria (S), 1 part bark (B). Another very widely used mix is the famous Boone Mix which is 1 part pumice (P), 1 part scoria (S), 1 part akadama (A). To accommodate individual trees, sometimes it is necessary to modify the mixes by varying the percentages of the soil components and/or the particle sizes of the soil components.

To increase the ability of a mix to dry, which is important for, Junipers, Bougainvillea, Olives and especially for Pines: Increase the pumice percentage while decreasing the bark or akadama percentage. Doing the math, say for the club mix, use larger ratio numbers for ease of figuring...Example: For the club mix, use 4P:4S:2B and mix at 5P:4S:1B, or for Boone’s mix, 3P:3S:3A. Mix at 4P:3S:2B if that will work for your tree(s).

Note: One can also screen out all or most of the smallest particles. The percentage of the smallest particles will vary by soil mix. Like tree sizes of large, medium, small, shohin and mame, soil mixes are designated the same way. Small particles fill in the pore spaces between the larger soil particles in a mix. This leads to more moisture retention, a bit slower growth and less aeration. Correspondingly, increasing the percentage of larger particles will help dry soil, speed growth and increase aeration. You will learn to determine practical ratios of soil particles and particle size.

To Increase moisture retention: For the club mix, use a ratio of 3P:4S:3B or something close to that. For Boone’s mix, use 2P:3S:4A. The above ratios can vary depending on species, level of development, age of the tree and your micro-climate. Some trees like Wisteria, deciduous trees, ficus varieties do better with good moisture retention. So, they prefer even more akadama or bark.

Through experience and experimentation, you will either keep those original mixes or know how to modify them. There is lots of information available to point you in the right direction. Soil mixes are tricky at first. It is best to ask if you have any questions.

As always, the monthly meeting is the best time to bring in a tree (or two or three) for hands-on assistance. You can also post questions and photos on the SDBC Facebook page or on the SDBC web site. Our club experts will answer your questions. Also, check out information from Bonsaify, Bonsai Tonight, Bonsai Empire, Bonsai Mirai, Rakuyo Bonsai and Crataegus Bonsai.

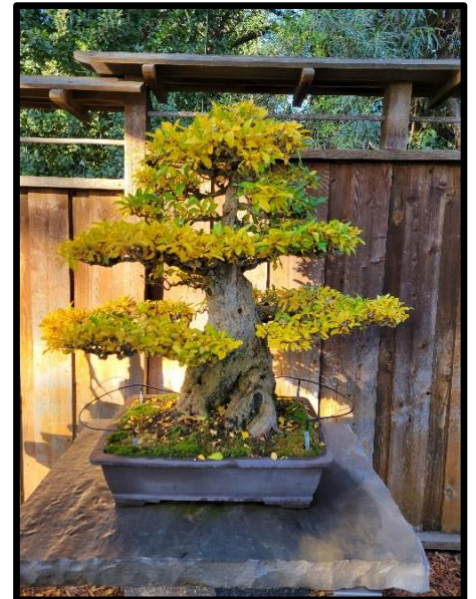
San Diego Bonsai Pavilion: by Mark Edgar, Liaison

Bonsai growth has slowed, and the deciduous bonsai have started to show fall color. The bamboo has finally stopped shedding! **Fall is a nice time of year at the Pavilion.** Jeannie and Mike McKinney did an amazing job cleaning and organizing our back area at the Pavilion. This is the area where we put all the things we don't know what to do with, sort of like a big junk drawer. They even cleaned the hillside of overgrown bushes and added a stairway to get behind the fence to another storage area for pipes and boards. I wonder if they do garages. Congratulations to Susan Ronan and Sue Carter who both received their 100 hours of service pins.



Left: Cindy Pecile tries to stay ahead of falling ginkgo leaves.

Below: Pomegranates are in full color.



We thank Wendy Pollock for donating this rock planting to the Bonsai Pavillion. Wendy won this bonsai at David and June Ngu's summer meeting at their bonsai garden



November meeting: Jason Saito presented “The Art of Saikei” By Keith Carter



Just as a bonsai provides viewers with a miniature version of a tree in nature, so does a saikei, or planted landscape, offer an even larger scale look at a scene in nature.

November meeting presenter Jason Saito, who studied under the father of American saikei, the late Frank Goya, provided SDBC members with a first-hand demonstration of the imagination and skill required to create a beautiful tray landscape planting.

The goal is to keep everything in the planting in scale to create the perfect picture, using stones, trees, soil and other vegetation. “Envision yourself looking at a distant mountain,” Jason said. The planting should feature a variety of tree heights and creative use of the stones to create valleys, hills and even caves.

Jason’s first step in building the planting is to arrange the stones on a tray. He looks for stones with character, avoiding those with smooth surfaces. And they shouldn’t be placed in the middle of the tray. “That’s too symmetrical,” he said. “Stones have direction, so use that direction when arranging them.” He uses mortar mix and a special type of glue as a bonding agent to hold the stones together once in place.

Then Jason arranges the trees, fitting them snugly around the stones, holding them in place with a “muck” made of akadama dust, chopped peat moss and organic material. He keeps the root ball as intact as possible when planting, but he doesn’t wire the trees down, preferring to keep them in place by packing the muck around them. He then positions small accent plants strategically in the planter. The final touch is a layer of moss over the whole planting. Don’t worry about imperfections, he said. “You want it to look natural, with texture and bumps.”

Jason’s dramatic creation was auctioned at the end of the demonstration. The lucky winner, after a spirited round of bidding, was Daniel Ke with a bid of \$475.

For more information of landscape tray planting, go to Jason’s Facebook page, [The Art of Saikei](#).



Membership: Cindy Pecile, Vice President, Membership

Please welcome the following new club members who joined in November 2024.

Steven Nakamura	Elizabeth Folkart	Theodor Simion
Yasi Simion	Anne Kullaf	Will Rehm
James Cunningham	Isabella Elizondo	David Kater
Cameron Litviak	Loren Lones	Carrie Root
Liz Thompson	Paul Thompson	David Blue
Beth Blue	Sean Kirkwood	Robin Hansen

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: All current members can begin renewing their San Diego Bonsai Club membership for 2025. Club dues will remain at \$30 for an individual. Each additional family member is \$5.

New members who join between September 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, do not have to renew their membership until winter of 2025 for the 2026 calendar year.

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

- In person at a club meeting. You can pay with cash, check, or credit card.
- On the San Diego Bonsai Club Website using the PayPal portal.
(<https://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com/membership.html>)

Currently, the club membership for calendar year 2024 stands at 654 members.

If any of your contact information has recently changed or you are unsure as to the status of your membership, please email me at sandiegobonsaiclub@gmail.com.

Treasurer’s Report: Jaya Kaelberer, Treasurer

SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB - TREASURER'S REPORT					
Jaya Kaelberer as of 31 October 2024					
Accounts have been reconciled with Union Bank statements					
All accounts are separate. Expenses/income cannot be moved between them					
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES (Balance sheet)	Current				
Larry Ragle Scholarship Fund	\$45,951				
SDBC Checking	\$52,735				
CD \$20K 02/28/24	\$20,665				
Japanese Friendship Garden	\$3,933				
Bonsai Pavilion Checking	\$20,582				
TOTAL FUNDS:	\$143,867				
SDBC Income	Current	Previous	Change	Description	budget
Total CD Interest	\$665	\$582	\$83	Interest income	
Total Donation Income	\$6,317	\$5,780	\$537	Fall show donations	\$ 1,750
Total Education Income	\$10,837	\$9,620	\$1,217	\$1,217: workshops	\$ 13,100
Total Grant Qualcomm	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$250	Volunteer hours	\$ 500
Total Larry Ragle Scholarship Income	\$43,524	\$37,708	\$5,816	\$4,086: fall show sales, \$1,730: Sale of trees	\$ -
Total Membership Income	\$9,756	\$8,244	\$1,512	Club dues	\$ 11,000
Total Monthly Program	\$450	\$450	\$0	no change from previous month	\$ 320
Total Raffle & Auction	\$10,969	\$9,201	\$1,768	\$1,768: Bonsai Blast silent auction	\$ 17,900
Total Show Income	\$9,432	\$23,211	-\$13,779	\$3,319: Sunday sales, -\$17,099: vendor payout (reduces income)	\$ 12,500
Total Special Projects Income	\$3,919	\$3,919	\$0	no change from previous month	\$ 2,000
Total Tool Sales	\$5,380	\$5,263	\$117	Club meeting tool sales	\$ 5,200
Total SDBC Income	\$102,500	\$104,978			\$64,270
SDBC Expenses		Previous	Change		budget
Total Bonsai Pavilion	\$4,646	\$4,378	\$268	\$58: garden hose, \$209: windssocks, wire	\$ 8,500
Total Education	\$11,936	\$8,577	\$3,360	\$2,405: Yannick, Bjorn demo, wkshop, \$954: demo tree, airfare	\$ 11,050
Total Japanese Friendship Garden	\$0	\$0	\$0	no change from previous month	\$ 450
Total Larry Ragle Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	no change from previous month	
Total Library	\$95	\$95	\$0	no change from previous month	\$ 200
Mas Takayashi Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	no change from previous month	\$ 500
Total Membership	\$2,398	\$1,639	\$758	Member Badges	\$ 1,500
Total Monthly Program	\$6,521	\$5,062	\$1,459	\$240: trees for tom Vuong wkshp, \$1,219: food and beverages bonsai blast	\$ 9,750
Total Newsletter	\$1,776	\$1,254	\$522	\$45: mailchimp	\$ 1,400
Power of One Scholarship	\$0	\$0	\$0	no change from previous month	\$ 320
Total Reconciliation Discrepancies	\$337	\$337	\$0	no change from previous month	\$ -
Total SDBC Club Expenses	\$6,671	\$6,671	\$0	no change from previous month	\$ 5,920
Total SDBC Fall Show	\$1,308	\$623	\$684	Tags, food, printing	\$ 800
Total SDBC Spring Show	\$3,047	\$3,047	\$0	no change from previous month	\$ 3,650
Total Special Projects	\$8,109	\$8,109	\$0	no change from previous month	\$ 10,850
Total Taxes	\$7,112	\$3,178	\$3,934	J, A, S sales tax	\$ 4,380
Total Tool Table Expenses	\$3,320	\$3,320	\$0		\$ 5,000
Total SDBC Expense	\$58,276	\$47,292			\$64,270
Net SDBC Income (Loss)	\$44,224	\$57,687			\$0
Income to date is greater than the total budget by	\$38,230 k			Vendor sales payout decreased income	
Our expenses are less than the budget by	\$5,994 k				

November 10th, 2024, 10:30am start

President – Susan Ronan – Intro

- Next Year will be the club's 60th Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate.
- T-Shirt order is going to be placed this week, please make sure to put in your request now with Ignacio or the tool table. T-Shirts will be available, and payment will be due at next meeting.
- Gary Jones' Intermediate training group sign-ups began today. It's \$25 and the group will meet several times during the year in order to develop their skills & trees together.
- We are always looking for volunteers to help with regular club functions. Please reach out if interested.
- Michael Bird will be taking the open AV spot for Wayne Lord.
- Shohin Bonsai Club Study Group is under the GSBF umbrella and can club members are welcome to participate. If interested contact Charlie Moss. Shohin Event in Santa Nella is scheduled for Feb. 1st & 2nd, and the GSBF Rendezvous is scheduled for Oct. 24th – 26th.

Board reports & Additional Info

- 1st Vice President (Matt Jillson)
 - Another Ragel tree was up for a special raffle at the meeting
 - Tom Vuong demo & workshop series is scheduled for next year (juniper)
 - Dec Styling contest & tree decorating contest will have \$75/\$50/\$25 prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.
- VP Special Projects (Phaedra Ehring)
 - Trip sign-ups for 2025 has begun
 - Jan 18th – Bus trip to the LA Arboretum for the Winter Silhouette Show/Banquet/Demo/Auction will be on sale for \$40/person. Bus will make a shopping stop at a nursery on the way up. (11am-10pm)
 - Feb 22nd – Bus trip to the Huntington Gardens for the annual Bonsai-a-Thon will be on sale for \$40. Members will receive free admission to the gardens where there will be vendors, demos and more.
 - The Manginas will be doing ham & turkey for the December Holiday party. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite holiday dish along with a recipe card to share.
- Treasurer (Jaya Kaelberer)
 - The financials are looking good. There is approx. \$150K in all accounts, There is \$46K in the Larry Ragel Scholarship account.
 - \$3.9K was paid for sales tax this quarter
- VP Education (Bill Graham)
 - The upcoming education is as follows:
 - Jan/Feb/Mar Beginner Class Series by Carla Marasco (Chinese Elm) On Sale (25 spots)
 - Dec – Holiday Party, Styling Competition & Tree Decorating contest
 - Dec/Jun/Nov – Pine Workshop with Fred Miyahara (Sold Out)
 - Jan – Annual repotting (Black Pines/Junipers/Deciduous, Some Broadleaf)
 - Jan/Aug/Apr - GSBF Pres, Michael Roberts will do a presentation on creating broom style Chinese elms. Two members will get the chance to work on trees on stage with Michael for \$150.
 - Jan - BYOT 1 Gal Juniper workgroup with Gary Jones open to any interested (\$25) First class before January meeting 8:30am (must have completed at least 1 beginner class prior to starting)
 - Apr – John Jackson will do a workshop on a root over rock chrysanthemum (11 spots will go on sale next year)
- VP Membership (Cindy Pecile)
 - Our membership is currently 134 members for 2025. Renewals are still being collected
- Safari Park (John Jackson)
 - Club members volunteer & maintain trees & the garden grounds. In order to volunteer, you must be a member for at least 1yr. If interested in volunteering at the park, speak with Mark Edgar and he will get you the started in becoming eligible.
- Japanese Friendship Garden (Neil Auwarter) N/A

Presentation by Jason Saito on Saikei Planting

SDBC Board Meeting Minutes: Carla Marasco, Secretary

November 17th, 2024, 6:42pm - 8:15pm. President Susan Ronan called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:42pm

In attendance: Susan Ronan (President), Matt Jillson (First VP), Bill Graham (VP for Education), Phaedra Ehring (VP for Special Projects), Jaya Kaelberer (Treasurer), Cindy Pecile (Membership), Carla Marasco (Secretary), Ignacio De La Torre (Past President)

General Topics

- October 2025 will be SDBC's 60th Anniversary. Discussions on celebration have begun. There are suggestions to do displays that will highlight founding members (photos, trees, etc). Special 60th Anniversary swag will be for sale (hats/aprons/pins). We will follow a Birthday Party theme for the event.
- Going forward every November meeting starting in 2026, we will need to find a different location. Will look into The Balboa Park Bldg. and the War Memorial Bldg. for next year.
- The February 2025 meeting will be moved to the first weekend (Presenter will be Tom Vuong) This meeting will conflict with the Shohin Convention in Santa Nella, so many members will be missing and volunteers to cover may be needed.
- Suggestion made to give a gift when someone leaves a position (possibly a \$50 gift card & a Thank You Card)
- All agree to make Dan Sola a lifetime member as he meets the requirements of the club. Effective 2025.
- Our very own Charlie Mosse has agreed to write for the California Garden Magazine.
- October Picnic date will be confirmed once we know when a guest possibly visiting from Japan that month.
- The official Vote & Swearing in will occur at the December meeting.

Board reports

Jaya Kaelberer (Treasurer)

- The Bonsai Blast had a substantial cost, but all agree that it was well worth it. Vendors were satisfied and were interested in participating again for future events. Workshop students were happy with how everything went. Food was a hit. Overall, it was a great event with no complaints. We will suggest vendors bring canopies or we will possibly rent some for future events.
- Background checks were run for the 2025 account signers (Susan Ronan, Carla Marasco & Tom Cylkowski) and all backgrounds came back clear.
- Tom Cylkowski will be taking over the Treasurers role for 2025

Matt Jillson (First VP)

- Dec – Jonas Dupuich will be our presenter for the Dec meeting and will incorporate our Style competition into the program. There will be 12-18 Pines for this exposed root demo. We will also have the annual Raffle & Tree Decorating

Ignacio De La Torre

- T-Shirt order is going in and shirts will be available for pick-up at the next meeting.

Bill Graham (Education)

- Haraoshi Yamoji of Japan may be visiting next October. Hoping to have him as a presenter for an October event or meeting.
- Brenda Crann will be taking over the Mas Takanashi Grant details going forward. The rewrite has been completed and is pending final edits. The updated grant process is planned to be completed by January 2025.
- Fred Miyahara's Pine class is Sold Out
- Beginner Class Series is Sold Out
- Phaedra & Tom C. will be the two members on stage for the next Jan presentation (Chinese Elms with Micheal Roberts)
- The Bonsai Friendship Day at David & June's will be held on Apr 19, 2025

Carla Marasco (Secretary) N/A

Cindy Pecile (Membership)

- The Membership renewals start in Jan and are late on Mar. 1st. Membership must be current to participate in club events.
- 196 people attended the Bonsai Blast
- 96 members signed in for the November meeting (120 estimated members were in attendance with non-sign ins)
- Flyers were printed & are available when needed

Phaedra

- Sign-ups for Bonsai-a-Thon Feb 22nd & Winter Silhouettes Bus Trip Jan 18th have begun
- Phaedra will need someone to fill in to take sign-ups at the Dec meeting since she will not be at the meeting

SDBC Upcoming Meetings and Activities: DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Month	Date(s)	Location	Rooms
January meeting	Jan 12	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
February meeting	Feb. 2	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
March meeting	March 9	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
April meeting	April 13	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
May meeting	May 4	Safari Park	picnic
June meeting	June 1	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
July meeting	July 13	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
August meeting	August 10	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
September meeting	Sept. 21	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
October meeting	Oct. tbd	Lake Poway	picnic
November meeting	Nov. 9	Casa del Prado	101 and 104
December meeting	Dec. 14	Casa del Prado	101 and 104

*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.

Spring show April 25-27
 Fall show September 26-28

Bus trips:
 Winter Silhouettes - Saturday January 18, 2025
 Bonsai-a-Thon -Saturday February 22, 2025
 Friendship through Bonsai -Saturday April 19. 2025

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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