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Message from the President



We had a great turnout for the annual May meeting at the Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion. There were many treasures to be found among the auction items. The auction raised approximately \$1,800 for the Pavilion to support maintenance and improvements to the Pavilion. I would like to thank everyone for making this a very enjoyable and successful event.

Our SDBC Del Mar Fair booth was set up in the garden exhibit area on Sunday, May 29th. This year's Fair theme is Mad About the Fair – a steampunk twist on Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Alice changed size by eating cakes, mushrooms, and potions to get through obstacles. Well our bonsai trees change size as well. The booth contains examples of cork-bark oaks, junipers, Chinese elms, and pomegranates, from small to midsized

to large. A whimsical backdrop, created by Susan Mae Hull, connects with the Alice in Wonderland theme. In addition to the SBDC booth, there are two other booths: one containing tray landscapes and a second with bonsai trees competing for ribbons. The Fair will be open June 3rd through July 4th. So come enjoy our booth, the other trees on display and everything else that is the Fair.

Announcements

We are meeting in Room 104 (where the library is) this month due to a Balboa Park scheduling issue.

Also a reminder that we will be awarding the GSBF Convention Power of One Grant at the June Club meeting. Please see the Special Events section on page 7 of the newsletter for more information.

Bob Hale, President

This Month's Program and Coming Attractions

Pot selection is one of the last decisions made to properly complete a bonsai. It is a difficult and sometimes mind boggling process. Is the color of the pot correct but perhaps too dull or too bright such that it is either complimentary or detracting? Is the pot's design too plain such that it does not add to the overall image of the bonsai? Is it too busy with ornate feet, corner, lip, etc. such that it detracts from the bonsai? Is it too large or small in width or length such that is out of balance with the tree? Is the shape of the pot correct for the style and species of the bonsai? Should the pot be plain or glazed? The June meeting will have Bob Hale leading a lively discussion of the subject.

The remainder of the year will be as follows:

In July, we will have John Jackson presenting on ficus styling, repotting and culture. August we will have Lindsay Shiba with a demonstration on elms and a round-robin workshop (details in the next Bonsai Wire). September will have Dr. Tom Elias presenting on suiseki (viewing stones). October is the Lake Poway Picnic and auction. November will be a demonstration by Mel Ikeda creating a raft style bonsai (similar to his Winter Silhouettes presentation), and to end the year, in December, we will have our annual styling competition.

Charlie Mosse, 1st VP



Which pots did you bid on at the May meeting silent auction at the Bonsai Pavilion in the Safari Park?

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www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com

Editor's Note

Study groups and workshops are a great way to expand your knowledge and develop your skills as a bonsaist. We are blessed with a number of great opportunities at our club compared to most, so I hope you take advantage of your chances.

At workshops, even if you don't have a tree, you can be a silent observer as I recently was with the David Nguy and Travis Goldstein workshops after the club meeting. In the study groups, you do bring your own trees to work on, and learn over time how to style the particular variety and how to keep it healthy. You also can learn styling from the leader's review of others' trees.

If you are interested in a study group, contact the organizer or leader. Some are free, some charge a nominal fee, and most are limited, so you may have to get on a wait list. I have been fortunate to have been involved regularly in one of Fred Miyahara's study groups and in the Oak and Ficus study groups set up by Charlie Mosse and my trees are much the better for it.

Dave Barker, TBW Editor

Bonsai combines the
beauty of manmade
sculpture with the
harmony and
perfection of nature



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BEGINNING CLASS: This month we will continue to work on design and trimming the branches of your tree. The new skill we will be working on is wiring, an essential skill in creating the design of your tree. You will practice the art of wiring and also wire your own tree. This month our main meeting will be held in Room 104 after our class is over so it will be helpful if everyone can help clean up the room immediately after the class and help set up the chairs. The class starts at 8:30am in Room 104.

There will be a sign up sheet for the next Beginning Class which starts August 14, 2016. Gary Jones will be teaching the three session classes on junipers. These are good sized junipers. With the beginning class you receive expert instruction, a tree, shears, bonsai book, soil and pot. Cost: \$40. Max. 20 students

WORKSHOP: Dan Sola will be teaching a workshop on air-layering. A great technique to increase your stock from a tree species you want to replicate or a way to change trunk form. Class includes all materials you need for the air-layering except a tree and a sharp knife. You will need to bring a sharp knife and one or two trees. The cost is \$15.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS: In July Glenn Jensen, Michael Sykes and Fred Miyahara will again present their popular Tree Design workshop. You may bring up to three trees for design ideas by three Bonsai masters. Cost: \$15.

In August Shirley will again present her popular Tray Landscape or Saikai workshop. Workshop includes tray, rocks, plants, and small figures; just bring your creativity. Cost is \$35.



STUDY GROUP

The study group with John Voss will meet immediately after the main meeting and after the raffle in room 104.

HELP AND FOLLOWUP

Usually located at the back of room 10, and to the right of the stage but this week please look for John at a table in the patio area. We encourage members to bring in their trees for expert help and advice. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring in any of your bonsai trees, or trees on their way to becoming a bonsai, for help and advice on styling, repotting, diseases or any concerns you may have. We have many bonsai specialists available to help.

MAS TAKANASHI GRANT

Congratulations to Susan Ronan who has been selected to receive the Mas Takanashi Grant. She will begin her classes immediately. Also congratulations to Brenda Crann and Dan Sola who have completed the first year of the Grant and now will be working on the Design component with a single teacher studying the five primary bonsai designs. The Grant educates San Diego Bonsai Club members who have a desire to become bonsai teachers in the Beginning and Workshop classes.

Barb French-Lee, VP for Education

SDBC Website

The SDBC website is a great place to get information on coming events, both the Club's activities and other things going on in southern California. For example, the website has details on the Nisei week trip and provides the ability to pay online. But even more valuable, Eric Jacobson, our webmaster, provides extensive bonsai educational materials throughout the website.

On the home page are past demonstration videos put together by Jim and Veronica Perondi. From Travis Goldstein's carving demonstration from the April meeting to Al Nelson's everything oak presentation, you have expert advice on a technique in bonsai or a particular tree species.

Also on the home page, a slideshow of the Spring show bonsai is now posted. There is no better way to learn what the ultimate product should look like than to peruse these slides. It might be useful for thinking about the match of pot and tree before our June discussion.

And in the Study group section, there are not only reports and pics from the study groups, but also tips and advice to help your trees along. Check out Charlie's photos of old oaks and sycamores for your inspiration for carving and styling under oak study group tab.



San Diego Bonsai Club

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Members
2016



1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the membership of the San Diego Bonsai Club was called to order at 10:35 in Safari Park Pavilion by Bob Hale, President. It was confirmed that a quorum was present.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the April 10, 2016 meeting were approved as published.
3. **Nazim Colak, VP for Membership, reported:** There were 31 new members registered in April.
4. **Board Member Reports:**
 - **Charlie Mosse 1st Vice president, reported:** In June our demonstrator will be Bob Hale on Pot Selection/ collection. In July our presentation will be on ficus with John Jackson and in August we will have Lindsay Shiba. In September Dr. Tom Elias; October is our Club Picnic. In November, our demonstrator will be Mel Ikeda on raft style junipers.
 - **Peter Chong, Treasurer, reported:** In April our Income was \$17,418.86 and our expenses were \$12,897.64; our Net Profit \$4,521.22 The balance for SDBC account is \$40,495.36 and for the Pavilion \$15,410.91. Both state and federal taxes were filed.
 - **Barbara French-Lee, Vice President, Education, reported:** In June our own Dan Sola will be doing a workshop on air laying. In July, Shirley Kavanaugh will conduct a workshop on tray landscapes.
 - **Janice Hale, Special Projects, reported:** Thanks to all of the volunteers during our Spring Show. We had 4,000 people come through our show. SDBC paid out more than \$9,000.00 to our members for plants sales. Our next trip will be the Nisei Trip in August 21, 2016 the cost is \$40.00. Pick up in Balboa Park 8:00 and in Carlsbad at 8:30am. The GSBF Convention is October 27-30 2016 in Sacramento; our club has the Power of One which is a grant where we will pay for the registration to go to the Convention. Any club member may contact me and we will have the drawing in June.
5. **Appointed Position Reports:**
 - **John Jackson, SDBC Safari Park Pavilion Curator reported:** We need to acknowledge Cap Pulicafico who worked here at the Safari Park and started the first Pavilion; with myself and my brother. He was a past president 1979-1980 and worked hard to have our Pavilion at the Safari Park.
 - **Glenn Jensen, JFG Curator; reported:** No report.
6. **Old Business:** None
7. **New Business:** Sonya Holmquist - The San Diego Fair will be held June 3- July 4 the theme is "Mad about the Fair" from Alice in Wonderland. Our booth will be the back side of the Flower building .
8. **Announcements:** None
9. **Program:** Silent Auction
10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Crann Secretary

Spring Show Pics—check out SDBC website to view more



June is a terrific growing period, but can be a treacherous time for maples, liquidambers, birch, beech and even elms. Hot weather and blowing winds quickly dry these leaves and turn the edges brown. Avoid direct, strong sunlight. Avoid deep shade that encourages spindly and weak branches. Semi-anything is best. Keep trimming new shoots back to two or three sets of leaves. Balance the density of the tree. Do selective trimming in all areas--from the apex to the lower branches. Late June and into early July is the time to consider defoliation. The trees must be healthy and well fed.

Evergreens and conifers must be attended to. Continue to pinch back on growing tips of evergreens. A plant that has been pinched back will sprout new branches up and down the older parts of the stem.

Keep all trees evenly exposed to the warming rays of sunshine and stronger light. Develop a habit of turning each tree on the bench frequently. Be particularly watchful of trees that are backed by a light wall or fence. Strong light reflection can induce excess back growth or, in certain conditions, will burn young growth due to reflected heat. Consider the light conditions of each tree. Keeping material in a sheltered or shaded area produces lanky and weak growth. Protect the deciduous trees from burning if the weather becomes unusually warm. Conversely, conifers and junipers thrive in a well-lighted area and produce firmer, greener foliage. Compensate for the benefits of good light condition by adjusting the watering schedules.

Taking care also means protection. As the weather improves, the growth of the undesirable population of aphids, green flies, spider mites, white flies and scale are encouraged. If junipers appear to be yellowing or looking sickly--suspect spider mites. In pines, if there is evidence of a white woolly substance in the interior of the tree, suspect borers. Insects suck plant juices and cause considerable damage. Mites are quite small, but can be easily discovered by shaking a branch over a white surface and watching the tiny red spots move. Be attentive to regular application of insecticides and miticides. Apply Malathion, Sevin, or Isotox for insects.

Warm weather increases the productivity of various fungus infections. Use general-purpose fungicides to avoid damage from mildew and leaf spot. A drop or two of a mild soap solution or other wetting agents in the formula improves effectiveness. Enjoy the summer.

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The Ficus group met for the first time on May 28th. We will meet again in July immediately after the regular club meeting. For those with ficus trees, now is the time to start working the trees. Warm days over 70 and mild nights in the 60's stimulate ficus to respond quickly to any work done to them. The warmer it is, the faster they respond to pruning, pinching, defoliating, grafting, air-layering, fertilizing and re-potting.



The Shohin group will meet again on June 19th. Dennis Makashima will be our guest instructor along with Fred Miyahara. Dennis was a guest speaker at the Shohin Seminar in February. Both he and Fred also taught workshops at the Shohin Seminar.

The Oak group met in April and will meet one time during the summer and then again in the fall.

Charlie Mosse, 1st VP, Coordinator of the above Study Groups, and All-round Good Guy

Editors Note: This will be the last reporting on study groups in the Bonsai Wire. For news on the study groups in the future, check the Club website.

Remembered: Ruth Ann Newman

Long time club members were very saddened to learn of the passing in May of former San Diego Bonsai Club member Ruth Ann Newman. She and her husband Irv were lifetime members, who contributed to the club in many ways over the years. Together with John Jackson, Ruth Ann started the Beginner Class and is remembered as an excellent bonsai teacher. Our sympathies to Irv and the entire Newman family.

San Diego Bonsai Club Pavilion at the Safari Park

The Bonsai Pavilion Volunteers added lots of extra time in the last month — giving very special attention to celebration of the Pavilion's Fifth Anniversary in May. We marvel at all that has been accomplished in these five years to make the realization of this SDBC project so successful and meaningful to the volunteers, club members, the Safari Park and all the visitors.

Over 100 Club members registered for the Anniversary Picnic, the special silent auction fund raising, and club meeting event. Many brought wonderful auction items



along with their delicious picnic lunches. Curator John Jackson and the volunteers had culled the work area for materials in the collection and offered those to the sales. Because the Pavilion depends on donations from members, friends of the Safari Park, and from occasional estates, sometimes there is a surplus of similar bonsai. This auction afforded some tremendous bargains galore for the members. Many thanks to those who donated materials and to those who purchased these



treasures. The Horticulture Department of Safari Park generously provided the round and rectangular tables, chairs, and table covers as well as the guest passes for our members who are not volunteers or Zoo members. The SDBC Board supplied the microphones, the inventory

sheets, and the important money box, and extra beverages. The delightful weather contributed greatly to the ambience of another memorable event for all.

Thanks always to the Pavilion Volunteers for April and May especially: **Neil Auwarter, Susan Baker, Alan Burrows, Peter Chong, Julia Chow, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Bob & Janice Hale, Sonya Holmquist, Curator John Jackson, Jaya Kaelberer, Jim & Susan Kirchmer, Charlie & Sylvia Mosse, Jim Lane, Ron Ogdon, Marcella Perez, Sally Prestele, Janet & Ron Palmer, Mike Shelly, Dan Sola, 'lyn Stevenson, Assistant Curator Dennis Wagner, Mark Walters, Nancy Wilson-Ramon, Dave Woodall, and Roger Ziegleman.** We also welcome and congratulate on newest, credentialed volunteers: **Donna Carter and Tejal Chinoy!** Our refrigerator supplies were supplemented by delicious donations from Alan, Cathy, Charlie, Dennis, Janice, Jaya, Julia, John, 'lyn, Marcella, Mark, and Nancy. . . YUM always!

Several transplanting chores were completed during April and May. The inventory books contain the specifics of every bonsai in the collection and Mark Edgar keeps the entries, additions, and revisions current but all the volunteers contribute their input whenever fertilizing, spraying, styling, or transplanting activities are done. This information is a tremendously helpful and valuable reference for all.

Research and financial preparation continues on our grant applications for needed cement flooring in our work area and pathways. Jim Kirchmer, Curator John, SDBC President Bob, Treasurer Peter, and the SDBC Board of Directors hope to finalize the process this coming month so work can proceed.

Thank You, San Diego Bonsai Club members, for continued support, encouragement, and participation in this priority activity of the Club! It continues to provide education, camaraderie, enjoyment, and entertainment! Many visitors often comment that the Bonsai Pavilion is a wonderful quiet place for reflection on the beauty of nature with the trees being cared for in most artistic styles. **THANK YOU ALL!**

'lyn Stevenson,
SDBC-Safari Park Liaison



Treasurer Peter counting the money after the silent auction and happy at the results

New Members

Please welcome our new members: **Randy Sasaki & Lydia Tam, Jesus Rivera, Don & Miriam Cole, Don Jackson, Carla Marasco, Tracy & Joann Koch, Mick Burcher, Sherry Lorch, Christian Reha & Richard Lujan, Tuan Nguyen, Joan Thompson, Gloria & Thomas Tillmon, Raian Hager, Jason & Renee Chan, Joseph Cruz, Wayne Nemec, Udaykant Pandey, Ann & John McCaull, Cary Sullivan & Steve Valentine, Lloyd & Leticia Forney, Mary Schrader, Stuti Pandey, Virginia Melendez, Norma Aleman, Steven Zampanti, Ron Roberts, Clare Roberts, Victor Sanchez, Grace Straszewski, and Jaimee Straszewski.**

Nazim Colak, VP of Membership

Refreshments

Thank you to the many of you for your donations of refreshments to the April meeting: **Christina and Abe Far, John and Margaret Jackson, Shirley Kavanaugh, Gary Jones, Darryl and Christine Elmer, Sonya Holmquist, Michael Sykes, Julia Chow, Meg and John Polo, Susan Mae Hull, Jackie and Warren Tam, Marcella Perez, Jaya Kaelberer, Sylvia and Charlie Mosse, Dennis Wagner, Katy Boswell, Hiroko Kawada, Brenda Crann, Harlan and Mary Ann Price, 'lyn Stevenson, Ron and Janie Ogden, Teruko Jones, Janice and Bob Hale, Christina Vargas Far, and Chusub Srethadatta.**

SDBC Benefit Drawing

Thank you to the following for your donations to the April benefit drawing: **John and Margaret Jackson, Gary Jones, Darryl Elmer, Steve Clemons, Dan Sola, Marcella Perez, Mary Ann and Harlan Price, Ken Bross, Nazim and Aisha Colak, Abe and Christina Far, Susan Mae Hull, Chusub Srithadattle, Ron Ogdon, Peter Chong, Trevor Comuell, Neil Auwarter, and the SDBC.**

Special Events

Nisei Week Field Trip

Our annual trip for the Nisei Week Celebration will be on Sunday, August 21, 2016. This is a fun day of roaming a bonsai nursery, exploring the Nampu Kai Bonsai Exhibition, viewing cultural events at the Japanese American Cultural Center, and some retail therapy in the shops of Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. The plan is to rent a full size bus with all the modern "conveniences". The cost for the trip is \$40 and is open to bringing along your family and friends. You can sign up for the trip at the Club meeting or on our website, www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com.

GSBF 39 - A Bonsai Convergence

The Golden State Bonsai Federation 2016 Convention will be held October 27-30, 2016 at the Double Tree by Hilton, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento. Special room rates for the convention will be available. Convention registration will open 8:00am, July 1, 2016. Workshops fill up quickly, so don't wait too long. For more information visit the GSBF website: www.gsbf-bonsai.org

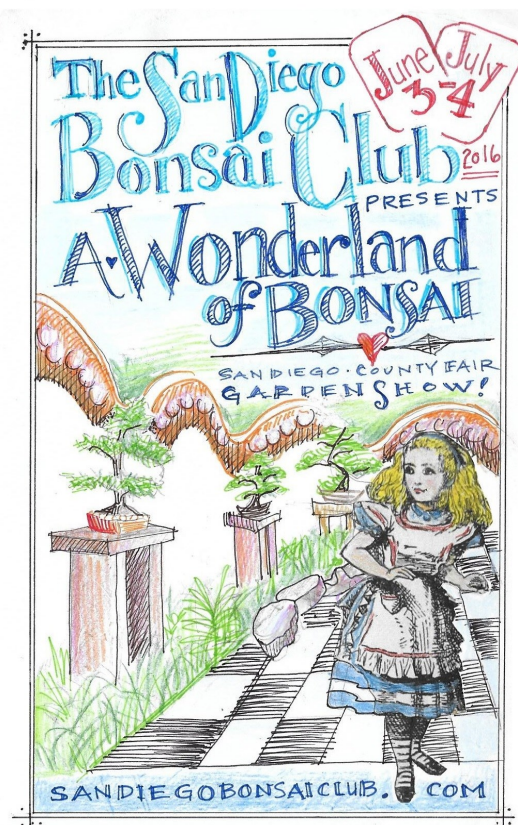
Power of One Grant

At the June 12, 2016 SDBC meeting we will select the winner of the Power of One Grant for the upcoming 2016 GSBF Convention to be held in Sacramento, October 27-30, 2016. The Power of One Grant is given to a SDBC club member who has not previously participated in a GSBF Convention. The Grant, approximately \$300, will pay for full convention registration which includes dinner Thursday, Friday, Saturday and lunch on Sunday. It does not cover travel, hotel, seminar or workshop expenses. Please contact Janice Hale, janice-hale42@gmail.com, if you would like to be considered for the Grant.

Fall Bonsai Exhibition

Mark your calendars! Our Fall Show will be September 24-25, 2016 with set up on the 22nd and 23rd. I'm going to issue a challenge to all of our intermediate level bonsai enthusiasts, your Club President and myself included. Lets stop being shy and put a tree in the Fall show. If you have questions about your tree and what it will take to get it ready for the show, we have that help available at each club meeting.

Janice Hale, VP for Special Projects



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San Diego Bonsai Club Calendar of Events

June 4th and 18th Saturday
 SDBC Workdays at Safari Park , 9 am to 12 pm

June 3—July 4 SD County Fair -
 Bonsai booth and competition

June 12th Sunday
 Club Meeting, Room 104 ← Note Room Change

July 2nd and 16th Saturday
 SDBC Workdays at Safari Park , 9 am to 12 pm

July 10th Sunday
 Club Meeting.

August 6th and 20th Saturday
 SDBC Workdays at Safari Park , 9 am to 12 pm

August 14th Sunday
 Club Meeting.

August 21st (Sunday) - Nisei Week bus trip.

September 3rd and 17th Saturday
 SDBC Workdays at Safari Park , 9 am to 12 pm

September 11th Sunday
 Club Meeting.

Sunday, June 12, 2016
 Balboa Park, Room 104
 Casa Del Prado

Meeting Agenda

Time	Activity	Room
08:30– 10:20	Beginning Class	104
08:30– 10:20	Air-layering Workshop	104
09:30– 10:20	Library Open	104
10:30-11:00	Business Meeting	104
11:00-12:30	Presentation/Discussion	104
12:30	Lunch	104
12:45	Benefit Drawing	104