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SANSUI-KAI OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Al Rivera on Wednesday November 8th at 7:30

HERE IS OUR CLUB SCHEDULE
AS ARRANGED BY JOSH MILLER

November 8 **Al Rivera**

December 13: Holiday Pot Luck/Auction

January 10 2018 Roy Nagatoshi

February 14 2018 Bob Pressler

Letter to the Membership: Elections Mary Tatro, Board Secretary

Sansui-Kai board elections take place once each year at the February meeting. Members vote to fill five board positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP for membership, and VP for programs.

The club's organizational business is balanced among the five board roles supported by the club's newsletter editor, raffle director, refreshments/events coordinator, and website manager; volunteers, donors, the general membership, and the broader bonsai community. Outgoing Presidents come to board meetings after their terms are up in order to transition the business of the organization to the new officers. Organizational minutes and records are passed on to new officers.

The president (currently Jack Reynolds), presides over the meetings, appoints committee chairpersons, and performs duties as usually pertain to the office of president and see that the club receives favorable notice and reception in bonsai circles.



Gracie with Cesario here is the lucky winner!

Cesario

by Mary Tatro

Leucaena leucocephala is a small fast-growing tree from the mimosa family. It is native to southern Mexico and northern Central America. Cesario Perez demonstrated its affinity to bonsai styling at the October meeting. Since it is in the top 100 most invasive species in the world, it only seems right in a pot. With Cesario's expert care, it shows well in confinement. He made a three trunk group planting.

It back buds abundantly, he says, from a soft wood trunk. It takes to pot culture well, and easily ramifies with trimming and branch cutting. He recommends that vigorous new growth be pushed back to encourage branching and ramification.

It requires full sun. It is a most forgiving variety for branch and root pruning. It is a blooming tree that blooms less with more pruning. He prefers carpenter's glue on cuts for this variety, as it quickly disappears into new growth. Preferred soil is a cactus mix with fine loam clothing the roots to hold moisture.



Cesario at work. Final composition on the front page most appreciated. Thanks Cesario!!



Many trees will go dormant this month. But if your plants have sprouted during the recent warm periods they may need some help. Put your deciduous trees in shade and defoliate any that still have leaves by December.

Fertilize with low nitrogen high phosphate fertilizer (Such as Super Phos). Prune twigs and debris from the pot. Avoid drastic branch bending. Scrub out debris from your drainage holes.

Conifers will not be dormant and will need attention. They will need more water than your dormant trees. But if their foliage starts to yellow cut back on watering and keep on the dry side. Use mild low nitrogen fertilizer, such as cottonseed and bone meal or commercial 5-5-5.

Wiring can be done (careful wood may be brittle) but no transplanting. October is the last month for transplanting. Perhaps quince is an exception.

Look for wire digging into branches in all trees. Remove wire by cutting and not unwinding. Junipers can have their fall clean-out.

Pine candles can be thinned starting now (David Nguy recommends waiting until December). Remove all but 2 lateral candles on each branch. All old growth needles should be removed as well as unsightly long needles. Remove all but 3-5 bundles of needles on each branch with fewer needles on top branches and more on the bottom branches.

When frost is a possibility or temps drop below 40, tropical trees such as Bougainvillea, or Ficus and even Pomegranate should be put under an overhang or inside for brief periods of time.

Tilt your bonsai pots so water will drain more effectively in the rain (what's that).



Club member Hank Fawcet displayed his California Juniper at the GSBF Convention Show in Riverside. Altho the international and national stars were at times quite critical of other trees in the show, they felt his is excellent and made no major suggestions for improvement.



Sansui-Kai is dedicated to the learning, use and teaching of the horticulture techniques and artistic principles needed to grow, design and care for bonsai. Regular membership is \$22 & \$27 for Families.

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Mary Tatro *(continued)*

The first vice president (currently Josh Miller) assumes all of the duties of the president if the latter is unable to preside, schedules monthly meeting demonstrations.

The second vice president (currently Steve Riley) assumes all of the duties of the first Vice President in the latter's absence, functions as the membership/publicity chairperson.

The secretary (currently Mary Tatro) records the minutes of all meetings, maintains the official record of all club, and board meetings. He/she also handles necessary correspondence and other communications in coordination with the president.

The treasurer (currently Grace Sy) keeps the record of membership and dues, receives and deposits all funds, disburses funds (on order of the board) by checks approved by the board. The treasurer's books and accounts are open for inspection. The treasurer reports at every meeting of the board.

Our sitting President Jack Reynolds is retiring at the end of his term this year as is the secretary and second vice president. If the club is to continue membership will need to step up.

On October 11, 2017 meeting, the board appointed Jack Reynolds, Former President Eric Percifield, and Mary Tatro as Election Committee to invite members as nominees for board positions.

Graciously continuing to serve the club are Grace (money bags) Sy, treasurer, Josh (such a deal) Miller, raffle coordinator, Dan (where's my spell check) Kashinsky, newsletter editor, Sonia (how many years do i have to do this job) Kobler. Steve Riley will continue his service to the club as Webmaster. Jack Reynolds will continue writing the Naka Notes column and as past president. Mary Tatro will continue as newsletter contributor and organizational consultant.