

Southern California Bamboo

The Newsletter of the Southern California Chapter of the American Bamboo Society

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Chapter website: www.ABSSoCal.org

ABSsoCal Activities / Events planned: (Monthly meetings are usually on the third Saturday of month.) (Changes will be noted below.)

Date:	Time:	Activity / Event:
Sat. Feb. 19, 2005	10:00 am	Plant propagation at QBG ABS SoCal reference collection and Board Meeting. Free T-shirts unsold from the ABS Huntington 2004 event. Alt. director Mike Mullert's birthday!!
Sat. Mar. 19, 2005	10:00 am	More propagation and preparation for April Spring Sale.
Sat. Apr. 16, 2005	9:00 -10:30 am 10:30 -11:00 am 11:00 - 2:00 pm	Spring Bamboo Sale at Quail BG Sale Preview - look at plants available + set up plants for sale Auction of rare bamboos General sale of all bamboos
Sat. May 14, 2005	10:00 am more info later	Note, this is the SECOND Sat. in May, 'cause we could only get this day to visit Pikake Gardens, 15515 Villa Sierra Rd. , Valley Center CA, 760-749-4819 http://members.cox.net/pikakegardens/
Sat. Jun. 18, 2005	TBA	TBA: Possible visit to Dr. low's restaurant which specializes in cooked bamboo shoots
Sat. Jul. 16, 2005	10:00 am	TBA: Possible "bamboo shoot cookout" at QBG
Sat. Aug. 20, 2005	10:00 am	TBA: Visit Bob Dimattia's
Sat. Sep. 17, 2005		Fall Bamboo Sale at Quail BG

Unscheduled days of bamboo collection maintenance are often held at Quail Botanical Gardens, Encinitas, CA, on some Saturdays, 10:00 to 3:00. Workers generally meet in front of the Gift Shop and then move to the activity areas. If you meet no one by the Gift Shop, check in reference collection. Contact Bob Dimattia for guidance: 760-519-0397. Bring your own lunch, drinks (non alcoholic, that is!) and have a great 'hands-on' time.

Sat. Feb 19 Bamboo propagation day at Quail

We plan to get together to do a little clump busting in order to propagate plants from the reference collection. Also, in the future, we plan to refurbish a **propagation greenhouse** at QBG and desire to make it available for use by Chapter members who do not have a greenhouse but who may have bamboo cuttings, etc, whose survival and growth could benefit from the controlled conditions of a green house. Contact Bob Dimattia for more info on this 'growing' opportunity.

Agenda for Board Mtg, Sat. Feb. 19, 10 am at QBG ABS SoCal reference collection area - weather permitting!

1. Reports
 - a. Liaison with QBG: Bob D.
Reference collection
New Quarantine Greenhouse
Propagation Greenhouse
 - b. Treasurer: Roy W.
Use of credit cards at ABS SoCal sales
2. Old Business
 - a. Home & Garden Show 3/4 - 3/6 '05: Bob D.
 - b. Chapter Web Site: Bob D.
 - c. Bamboo Sales Planning:
 - d. Event & activity planning:
3. New Business
 - a. Other
4. Adjourn

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“Source List” for So CA:

As most of you know, ABS publishes a yearly edition of “Bamboo Species Source List” which identifies and describes nearly 450 kinds (species, subspecies, varieties, or cultivars) of bamboo plus many bamboo-related products in the US and Canada. It also lists vendors of bamboos and bamboo products. This said, we in ABS SoCal are thinking it might be nice to have a kind of source list just for our region and list not species descriptions, but only So CA sellers of bamboo and bamboo products, or persons who have a desire to share their knowledge and perhaps a viewing or tour of their personal collection of bamboos with others on a “by appointment only” basis. This list would be given to those seeking further bamboo information from the Chapter at its sales or at its booth at garden shows.

To this end, we are soliciting you ABS SoCal members in Southern CA who are interested in participating to submit as much of the following information about yourself as you desire; Such information will be printed in the Southern California Bamboo List in a format similar to that shown at the right. Information sought is: (all or part)

Name, Phone Number, email address, statement of “wares,” Company name - if any - otherwise name will be used, web site, street address, city, state, zip, fax number, cell phone number, and any other information you would like to see in print to represent your bamboo interests. (This will be put in the “statement of wares” section.)

By making this information available to others, you might be contacted to share your “love for bamboo” by showing your garden, by selling a few plants, by answering bamboo related questions, etc. Let me hear from you. (trsmith00@scglobal.net)

I have used my own possible listing as the example below.
- Theo S.

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951-359-1706 trsmith00@scglobal.net
Love to show others the 100 or so bamboos in my
Riverside yard and sometimes sell poles or plants.
Visits by appointment. Call.
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Chapter President hosts Orange County Master Gardeners

On Sat. Feb. 5 about 15 Master Gardeners from Orange County trekked to Theo Smith’s home in Riverside to see and learn about bamboo. It is for this event that he prepared the “Bamboo 101 for So CA” handout.

The OC people have a website page listing OC nurseries. It is www.ocmastergardeners.org/Nursery.doc

They also recommended the following three oriental gardens which effectively display a few bamboos:

The Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden on the Campus of the California State University, Long Beach.
1250 Bellflower Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90840
562-985-8885 www.csulb.edu/~jgarden
Tue. - Fri. 8am - 3:30 pm, Sun. noon - 4:00 pm.

UCLA Hannah Carter Japanese Garden
10619 Bellagio Road in Bel-Air
Tue., Wed., Fri. 10 am - 3 pm by reservation only
310-825-4574

The Japanese Garden at the City of Los Angeles Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant
6100 Woodley Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91406
Tours by appointment 818-756-8166

Some Bamboo related websites of interest:

You might find some material of interest at the following websites:

www.worldbamboo.org

www.bamboocentral.org

More may be added to list later. If you know of one to share, let us know.

Bamboo 101 for So CA.

The next three pages contain the first three of six pages of a little ‘handout’ being prepared by ABS SoCal to be given to persons interested in bamboo. The last two pages will be in the next newsletter. We welcome any refining comments to improve this handout.

What is NOT bamboo.

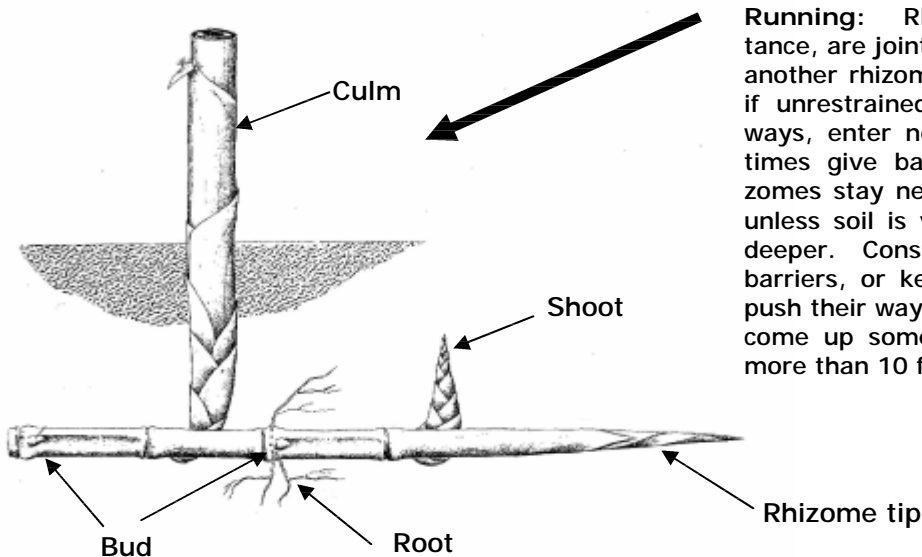
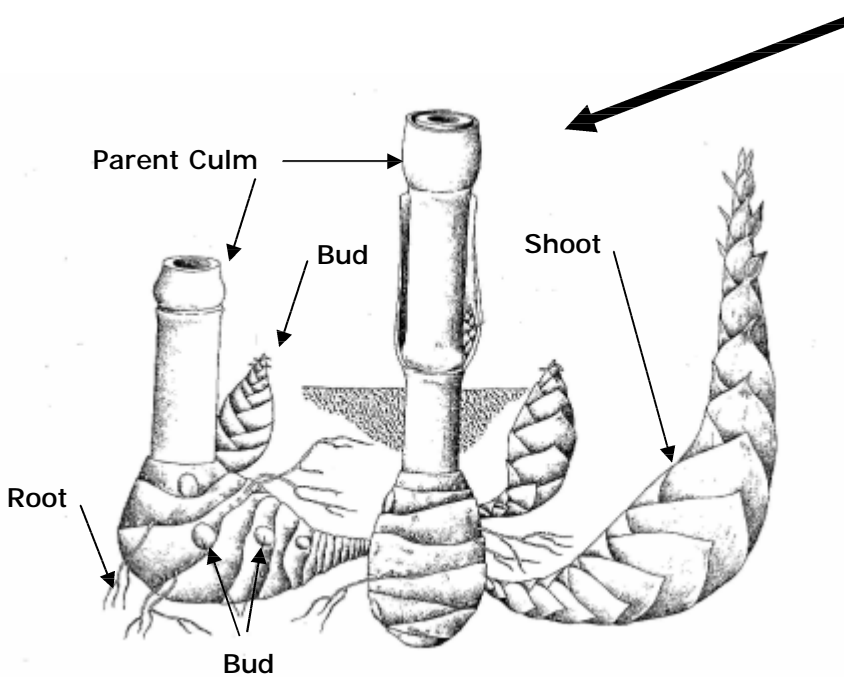
- Not Horsetail (*Equisetum hyemale*), an invasive bog plant with sectioned canes.
- Not Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*), an aggressive plant often found in riverbeds.
- Not Bamboo Palm (*Chamaedorea seifritzii*), a palm whose stalks appear to have nodes like bamboo.
- Not Heavenly Bamboo (*Nandina domestica*), a member of the barberry family with lightly branched cane-like stems and small leaves.
- Not Lucky or Friendship Bamboo (*Dracaena sanderana*), a plant often grown from jointed green cuttings put in bowl of water and pebbles.

What bamboo is. A group of woody perennial evergreens plants in the grass family Poaceae, sub family Bambusoideae with about 1200 members.

Growing habit: Two growing habits: running (R) , clumping (C) . All have underground stems called rhizomes by which the plant colonizes - or spreads into - an area. Clumpers stay in one place. Runners don't; they make a grove.

Clumping: Rhizomes are short, new shoots, called culms come up close to parent culm.

Identification: Classification of a bamboo species depends on observation and description of all its parts: rhizome, culm, culm sheath, branching habit, leaves, and finally flowers - and consequent seeds - which are most difficult to observe because most bamboos flower very infrequently - 20+ years. Further, nature plants can often look quite different from juvenile or just-out-of-the container nursery stock.

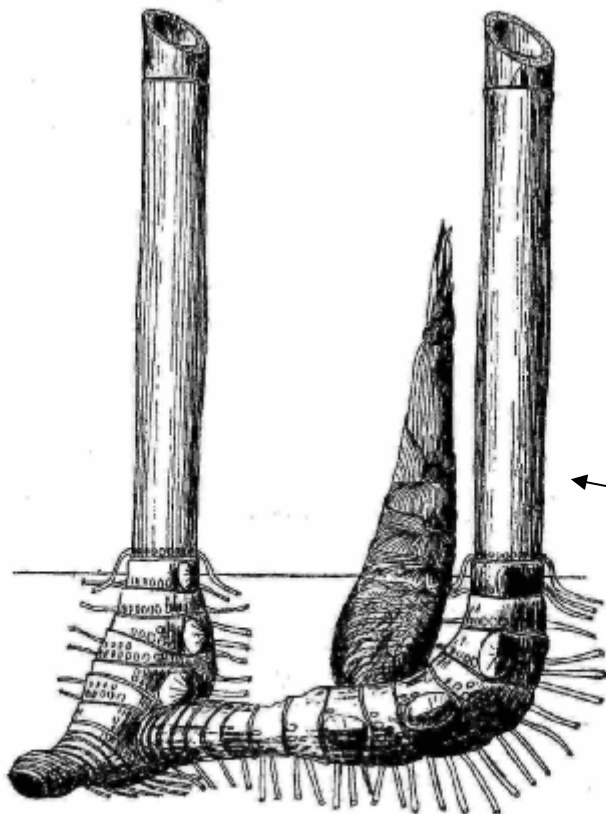


Running: Rhizomes can extend some distance, are jointed with nodes at which a culm or another rhizome can grow; some are invasive; if unrestrained, can lift sidewalks and driveways, enter neighbor's yard unwanted, sometimes give bamboos a bad reputation. Rhizomes stay near soil surface - top 12 inches - unless soil is very loose. Then they may go deeper. Constrain with concrete walls, plastic barriers, or keep in containers. Rhizome tips push their way to new territory. New culms can come up some distance from original stand - more than 10 ft. for larger varieties.

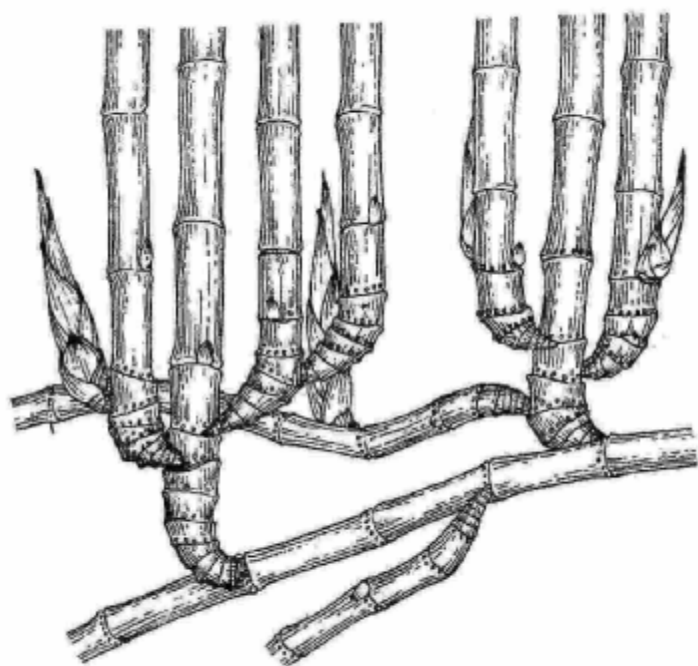
Bamboo from the ground up.

Preferred soil: loose, loamy, well drained, moderately acidic.

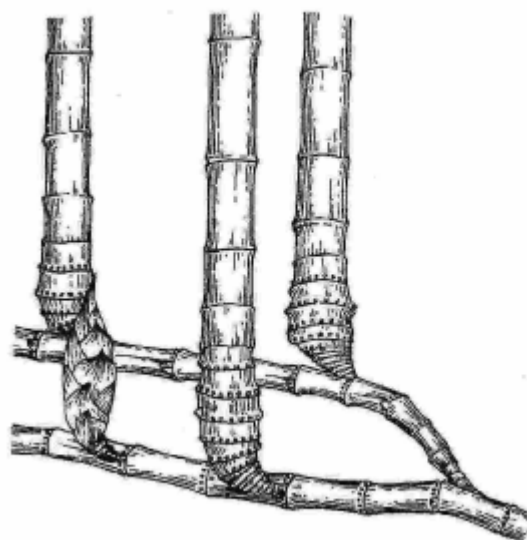
Rhizome: Underground stem from which the roots grow. Grows horizontally near surface. Sometimes runner loops above ground and goes back down.

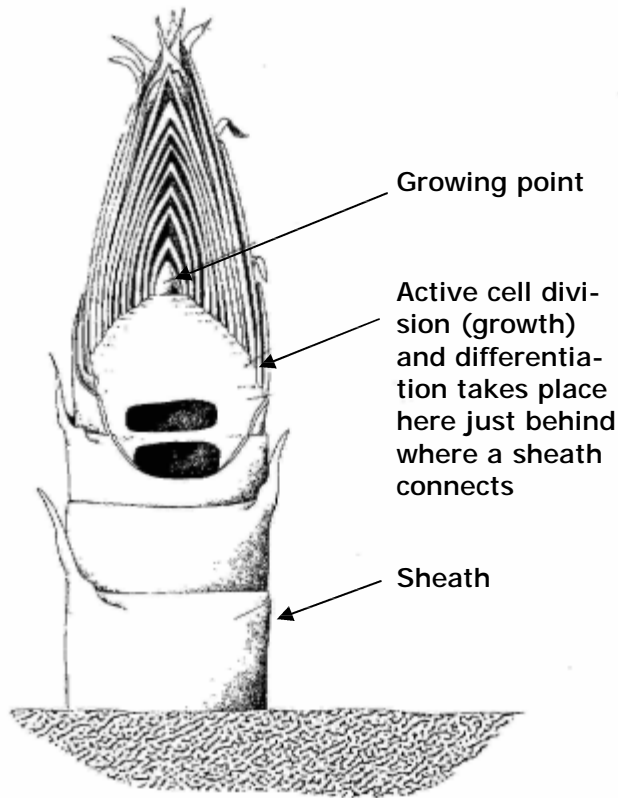


Clumping



Running





Shoot: The pointy part of a culm or rhizome as it comes out of earth; is often edible, but must be cooked to remove bitter taste; is easily broken off (fragile) when short. Usually appear for runners in early spring, for clumpers in mid summer or fall. You'll hear bamboo lovers saying, "My is shooting now." This is the beginning of a pleasant time to watch phenomenal daily culm growth.

Culm: The vertical stem. Solid on some species, hollow on most except at nodes. Diameters from 1/8 in. to 12 in. They push out of the soil the diameter they will always be. Heights from few 1 ft to 100 ft. Grows to full height in one year, then persists for several years increasing number or side branches and branchlets. Larger varieties can extend one or two feet a day when growing. Fun to watch.

Colors can change over time. Most fresh-out-of-the-ground culms are a shade of green from yellow-green to dark green. Some start light green, turn yellow, some start green and turn black, some have splotches, some have vertical stripes. Some favorites are *B. vulgaris* for its yellow culm with "hand painted" green stripes. There are several clumping species whose culms come up green then age to a brown-black with small green stripes.

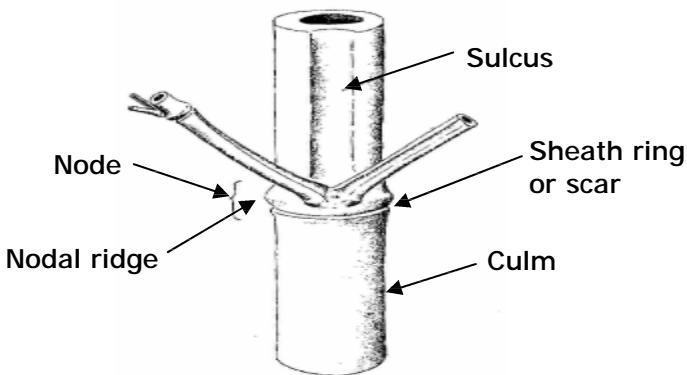
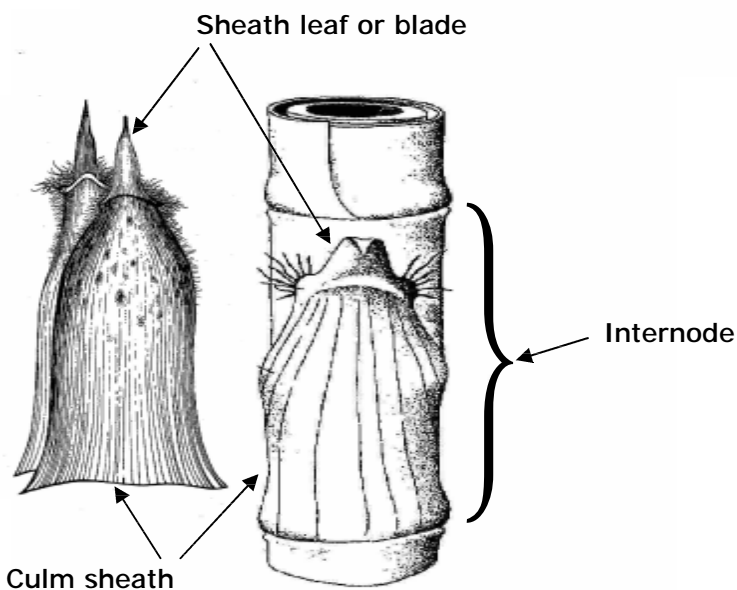
When the sheath falls off or dries up, no further linear growth takes place in culm. Branches may grow centered behind the center of the base of the sheath. Branches can begin forming while the sheath is growing, or can form several years later.

Node: Region on culm where branches will grow, on rhizome of runner where new bud can begin another rhizome or a culm. Roots also emanate from this region of rhizome. Culms are often hollow except at the node where it is solid. Culms of some clumpers are solid in lower internodes.

Internode: Part of the culm (or rhizome of runner) between nodes. Each is covered by a sheath while growing. The growing part is just behind the base of the culm sheath. Internodes of most bamboos are hollow but some are solid near base - where culm or shoot comes out of earth. Some species, notably *Phyllostachys aurea* (common golden bamboo) varieties have shortened and gnarly internodes one to two inches long.

Culm Sheath: A specialized "leaf" which protects the growing region of a culm. It is wrapped tightly around the culm during growth. Most often dries and falls off. Some remain on culm. Some have short bristles that can irritate skin. Some are colorful. Culm sheaths are often unique to the point of being used to identify a species. Once the culm sheath dries, no more vertical growth takes place in that internode.

Sulcus: A vertical groove in internode above branch point. Sometimes sulcus is different color than rest of culm. Some species have green culms with yellow sulcus. Some the opposite.



Meeting and Plant Sale Sat. April 16, 2005

9:00 - 10:30 Look at bamboos being set out for sale
10:30 - 11:00 Auction of rare bamboos
11:00 - 2:00 pm. General Sale.
3:00 - ? Board Meeting

Buyer information:

1. Admission to Quail Gardens for the sale is free for members of ABS-SoCal and of QBGF. Others pay the regular admission / parking fee (\$8.00)
2. Plants for sale will be assembled for viewing beginning 9:00 am. Nobody is to try to buy or set aside a desired plant. If you have questions, look for someone with a badge.
3. At 10:30 we will be instructed to leave the area, and the auction of rare bamboos will begin. Each rare plant will be described then offered for bid. This is an exciting time as many new species are first bought at auction here and then propagated by the buyer for sales in later years.
4. At 11:00 am the general sale starts. Select plants you desire - hoping you can find the ones you had your heart set on from the earlier viewing. Take your selected plants to a line at a Cashier's table to pay for them. The Cashier will total the amount of your purchase and keep records so sellers can be appropriately credited for plants sold. We expect to be able to accept Visa and Mastercard. Cash and checks made out to ABS-SoCal are good. Sales tax is included in the marked prices. Do not give your money for plants or for Chapter dues to anyone other than a Cashier.

Supplier / vendor information:

Vendor: Our plant sale is a means for "backyard growers" to share their bamboos with others and realize a few dollars in the process. Understandably, "backyard" may mean a few acres as some of us have made a business of growing, buying and selling bamboo plants. However, we strongly encourage each vendor to bring no more than 200 plants in order to maintain a balance of vendors in the sale venue. If you plan on selling bamboo related items, such as fences, books, furniture, etc. please maintain a "low profile" so that the Chapter sale effort receives primary emphasis.

Any chapter member may bring plants for sale providing the plants are free of disease, particularly bamboo mites, and that the plants are well rooted. Don't bring divisions that have been potted less than three months.

Each plant container is to be marked with a Pot Code, a price, and bamboo variety (species) name.

Pot Code: The Pot Code uniquely identifies the seller. Pot Codes are frequently a seller's initials. If you have sold before, use your assigned pot code. If you don't have an assigned Pot Code, contact Theo Smith (951-359-1706, trsmith00@sbcglobal.net) to get one.

Price: Try to keep prices a little below local normal retail. The marked price will include sales tax. Keep the prices multiples of five (5) to make it easier for Cashiers to add the dollars comprising one sale. Counting by fives is much easier than adding a 4, a 3, a 9, a 6, etc. Some of us are slowing down or never were good with mental arithmetic, so give us a break. Just bump your price up to next whole multiple of five. Yes, that 28 dollar pot will now sell for 30. If someone really wants it, 30 it is. You'll be glad you did.

Delivery: If possible, bring your plants to QBG on Friday, Apr. 15 from about 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. and place them in the parking lot by the Ecke building; place them according to the signs grouping plants by growing habit, species, etc. Plants can also be brought Sat. Apr. 16 from 9:00 to 10:15 am before the auction starts at 10:30. Please park your truck in the "Overflow Parking Lot" west of the Quail bamboo collection soon after unloading.

Sales: All plants are sold through a Chapter cashier, not directly by the person who brought them. This is because selling plants to the public requires a Nursery Stock Permit and a Resale Permit. The Chapter has those documents. We went to this system to encourage amateur growers to participate.

The Cashiers keep a record of sales by Pot Code and price. When the sale is over, the Treasurer (and helpers) reconfigure the sale information to determine for each seller (Pot Code), first the sales tax, then the amounts due Quail Gardens Foundation (10%), the ABS-SoCal Chapter (20%), and the vendor (Pot Code holder: 70%) With this method, a vendor gets just about 65% of the price marked on a pot; because, remember, the sales tax is computed and subtracted first. Darn government!

Unsold plants: Vendors are encouraged to remove any unsold plants at the end of the sale (2:00 pm) or the following morning. Plants not so "returned to owner" on Monday morning will be given to the Quail Gift Shop to be sold by and the sale proceeds for Quail Gardens.

World's Greatest Bamboo Sale

Presented by the
Southern California Chapter
of the American Bamboo Society

Spring Sale
Saturday April 16th, 2005

Quail Botanical Gardens
230 Quail Gardens Dr. Encinitas

Sale Preview: 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

Over 100 species grown by collectors and local growers – look over the plants and talk to the experts. No plants sold during this time period.

Auction: Rare bamboo 10:30 a.m.

Special items propagated from the reference collection. Most items not yet commercially available.

Plant Sale: 11:00 a.m. Sharp! 'Til 2:00 p.m.

Get here by 11:00 am for best selection!

We now accept Visa and Mastercard

Admission is free to Bamboo Society & Quail Gardens Members.
Non-Members \$8.00

For more information call:

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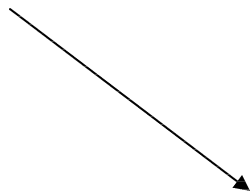
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Or visit our website: www.ABSSoCal.org

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If the year above your name is less than 2005, time to renew membership in ABS and / or in the Southern CA Chapter. !!



Empty rectangular box for name and year.

Application for membership in the American Bamboo Society
and The Southern California Chapter of the American Bamboo Society

Renewal New

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _(____)_____ Fax: _(____)_____ e-mail: _____

- Membership for 2005 is (check one) Annual: \$15 - ABS SoCal ONLY
- Annual: \$40 - ABS and ABS SoCal Chapter Supporting: \$60 - ABS and ABS SoCal Chapter
- Lifetime: \$600 - ABS Membership only Patron: \$120 - ABS and ABS SoCal Chapter
- Lifetime: \$300 - ABS SoCal Chapter only \$15/year for each additional Chapter checked below:

- Florida Caribbean; Hawaii; Louisiana-Gulf Coast; Mid-States; Northeast; Northern California;
- Oregon Bamboo Assoc.; Pacific Northwest; Southeast; Texas Bamboo Society; Tierra Seca

Make check to ABS-SoCal: Mail to: ABS SoCal Membership, P. O. Box 230181, Encinitas, CA 92023-0181
 Check here only if you do NOT want your phone number and e-mail address listed in directories.

Note: Newsletter is available in .pdf format at the ABS SoCal website: www.abssocal.org - IN COLOR!