

Southern California Bamboo

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

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Chapter website: www.ABSSoCal.org

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

Date:	Time:	Activity / Event:
Sat. May 20, 2006	10:00 am	Field trip to home of Cliff Sussman in Laverne CA to see his large collection of tropical bamboos. (4769 Live Oak Canyon Rd, La Verne, Ca)
Sat. Jun. 17, 2006	10:00 am	Field trip to see bamboos at San Diego Zoo, San Diego.
Sat. July 15, 2006	10:00 am	Bamboo Crafts day.
Sat. Aug. 19, 2006	10:00 am	Work party in reference collection at QBG.
Sat. Sep. 16, 2006	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Annual ABS SoCal Fall Bamboo Sale and annual membership meeting.
Sat. Oct. 21, 2006		ABS Convention in Hawaii

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.

ABS SoCal San Diego Zoo trip

By Carl Rowland

On June 17 at 10 am members of the ABS SoCal will gather at the elephant topiary in front of the San Diego Zoo for a special tour hosted by the Zoo's horticulture department. Let me start by saying that all ABS SoCal members are welcome. If you are interested, email me at CarlRowland1@cox.net. I have 90 seats to fill...and they are going fast! All who wish to attend need to email me as I will be providing the Zoo with an attendees list.

The Zoo's horticulture department will be hosting this tour and will be serving as our knowledgeable guides. The day will begin with a bus tour of the Zoo's planted areas in general. This portion of the tour is likely to take from 45min-1 hour. The bus tour will be followed by a walking tour that will cover the two main areas of the Zoo that contain bamboo plantings. The first of these areas will be the Tiger "River trail". The second is called the "Kiwi trail".

I am sure most San Diegans are familiar with the Zoo's Tiger River area, which has many types of planted bamboo. Apart from the diversity of species the way in which they manage some of the larger bamboo

in this area is also very interesting. Many of the bamboos here are larger species, yet the landscaping tactics employed in this area easily deal with this issue.

The second area covered in the walking tour, the Kiwi trail, is located just north of the elephants. It is the little known trail that travels from the top exhibit area down to the lower valleys of the Zoo. I have taken this trail many times specifically to see the bamboo, many of which I am loath to identify.

The ABS SoCal will be donating a *Dendrocalamus asper 'Hitam'* to the Zoo. It is our hope to form an ongoing relationship with the zoo. To this end we have requested and received the following list of bamboos currently used to feed the pandas;

Browse Species suitable for Panda Browse: *Bambusa oldhamii*, *Fargesia fungosa*, *Phyllostachys aurea*, *Phyllostachys vivax*, *Phyllostachys aureosulcata*, *Phyllostachys bambusoides*, *Bambusa ventricosa*, *Bambusa tuldooides*, *Bambusa beecheyana*, *Bambusa vulgaris 'Vittata'*, *Bambusa glaucescens 'Fern Leaf'*

Clearly the bamboos in the above list are all easily grown in Southern California. Food for thought!

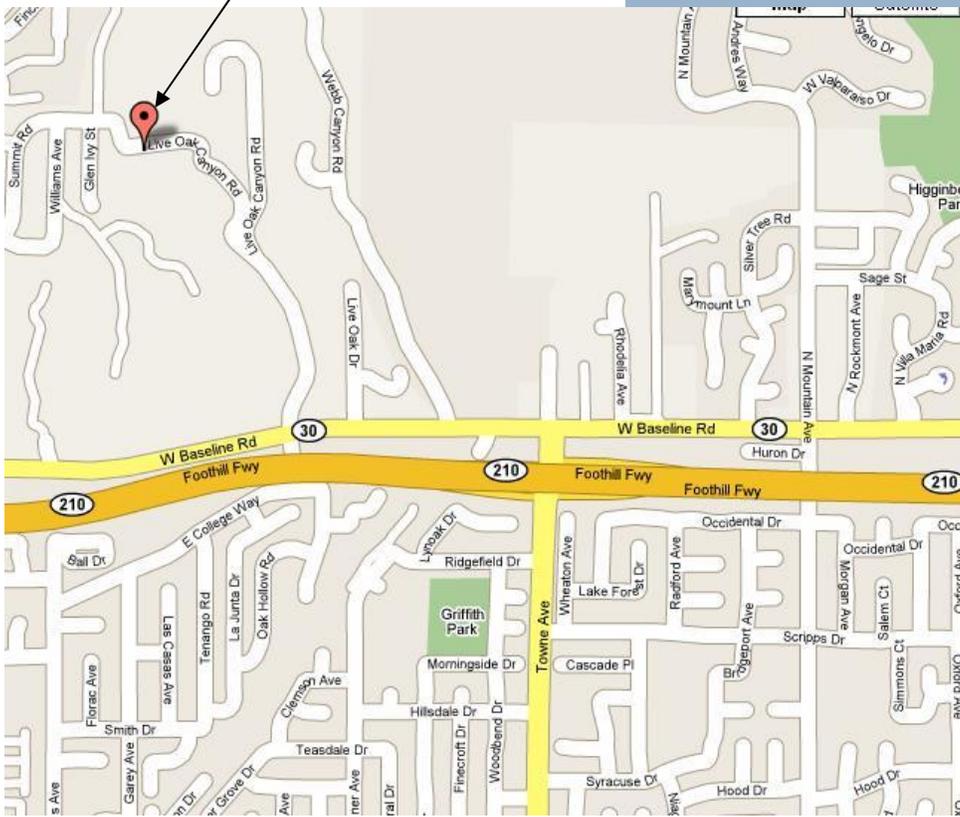
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Sat. May 20, 2006 10:00 am
visit to Cliff Sussman's collection
of bamboos.

We are honored that Cliff would open his personal garden to us bamboo lovers and show us his magnificent collection of tropical clumping bamboos. The maps on this page show the location of his garden at 4769 Live Oak Canyon Rd, La Verne, CA. You might want to use your own internet map search to obtain your estimated travel time and distance. The parking spaces are very limited. Suggest many carpool. Take Towne Av off ramp from 210 Fwy. Go north one block, turn left (west) to Live Oak Canyon Rd, turn right and carefully drive up the road. P. S. Suggest bring pot luck items to share, or maybe we'll call the pizza man for lunch items. See you there.



ABS SoCal Spring Sale 2006

By Carl Rowland

Once again we have had a productive and fun spring bamboo sale. I must say I was a little worried when I woke up the day of the sale to over-cast skies and rain. My concerns quickly began to drift away with the clouds as more and more people began to show up during the bamboo auction. By the time the actual sale was beginning we had a healthy crowd of bamboo enthusiasts ready to buy that new bamboo plant for their yard.

This year Gib Cooper honored us with a couple of very special donations. For those of you who don't know Gib, he is the President of Bamboo of the Americas aka BOTA. Gib overnighted us two *Chusquea glauca* and a set of 3 books regarding, of course, bamboo. When I opened the box containing the two *Chusqueas* I was stunned at the size of the leaves! I almost called Gib to enquire weather he had sent me *Dendrocalamus* plants or *Chusquea*. After reading his accompanying letter I learned that the two Rare *Chusquea glaucas* are thought to have the largest leaves of any *Chusquea*! Thank you Gib. This was indeed a rare treat. The three books donated by Gib now reside in the ABS SoCal library.

Martin Espino also graced our sale this year with stunning musical renditions composed entirely on bamboo instruments of his own making. From cool soothing melodies to sounds akin to whale song, Martin's music was indeed a unique and welcome addition to the sale. I am relatively sure many of the instruments he graced us with are one of kind. For my money, I hope to see him again at future sales. You can visit his website at <http://www.martinespino.com>. Thank you Martin!

After the sale this spring there was much discussion regarding moving the spring sale into May. Due to the late cold spell this year many bamboo growers did not bring plants to the sale citing that they did not look good as a result of the recent low temperatures. Also many members

voiced concerns over our proximity to Easter which happened to fall the day after the sale. Many plants that should have been shooting at sale time did not begin to shoot until well after the sale. For these reasons the ABS SoCal board is considering moving the spring bamboo sale into May barring any scheduling issues with Quail Botanical Gardens.

Much of the success of this year's sale rests firmly with those members who gave their time and effort to ensure a good turn out. From the Dimattia clan I would like to thank Bob, Vikki, Primo and Cheryl. Also in line for hearty thanks are, Brian (who shows up at every event and work party to help!), Kim, Mike, Pierre, Christian, Laura Swan, Jo Anne, Theo and Roy. Jill Thorburn went above and beyond for this year's sale with a Herculean advertising effort and some of the best food we have ever had at the sale! I would also like to extend a special thanks to Julian and Jason at Quail Botanical Garden whose help and support make our two annual sales possible.

All in all the numbers of this years spring sale confirm success. Even with rainy skies and fewer growers bringing plants due to a late cold spell, the number of bamboo plants purchased is inline with previous sales. As we move toward the fall sale in September, rain and cold should not be concerns for us lucky Southern Californians. We continue to encourage back yard growers to propagate their plants and make them available at our semi annual sales. It's fun to grow bamboos and fun to sell them, a little or a lot.



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1) Photo by M. Chazaro 1983



2) Photo by Gib Cooper 2004

Words about *Chusquea glauca*. By Gib Cooper

Probably the largest leaved *Chusquea*. It has a vine-like form in nature but grows upright without support. The original plants were collected near Buena Vista, Veracruz at 6000' elevation by Gib Cooper, Gilberto Cortés and Jesus Mora during the 1999 jointly funded ABS-Nor/So Cal collection expedition. Plants were sent to both the Quail quarantine greenhouse and the Nor Cal quarantine house at the San Francisco Zoo. The plants in So Cal did not survive quarantine. In Nor Cal they did. The plants flowered about a year out of quarantine resulting in these seedlings. Seedlings are growing outdoors in SW Coastal Oregon.

It likes about 1/2 day of sun or shade. Grows to about 10' tall with culms of 1/2" in diameter. It appears to be hardy to 25 F or lower. Lowest temperatures with no problems in Southern Oregon have been 28 F.

The Southern California Chapter of the American Bamboo Society
 Spring 2006 Bamboo Sale (April 15, 2006)

Pot Mark	Grower	Plants Sold	Gross w/ Tax	Sales Tax 7.75%	Gross w/out Tax	To Quail	To Chapter	To Grower
ABS-SoCal	ABS-SoCal	19	\$935.00	\$67.25	\$867.75	\$433.87	\$433.88	50%
QBG	Quail Bot. G.	8	\$280.00	\$20.14	\$259.86	\$129.93	\$129.93	
UNK	Unknown	1	\$35.00	\$2.52	\$32.48	\$16.24	\$16.24	
ABS-Nat'l	(Gib Cooper)	1	\$180.00	\$12.95	\$167.05	\$16.71	\$150.34	90%
BOTA	(Gib Cooper)	1	\$180.00	\$12.95	\$167.05	\$16.71	\$150.34	
BCD	Bob Dimattia	42	\$2,328.00	\$167.44	\$2,160.56	\$216.06	\$432.11	20%
BHQ	Ralph Evans	118	\$5,765.00	\$414.65	\$5,350.35	\$535.04	\$1,070.06	70%
BRL	Bob Ricci	13	\$910.00	\$65.45	\$844.55	\$84.46	\$168.90	
CLL	Christian Lydick	32	\$1,460.00	\$105.01	\$1,354.99	\$135.50	\$271.00	
CRR	Carl Rowland	5	\$465.00	\$33.45	\$431.55	\$43.16	\$86.30	
GIG	Eric Gigler	6	\$555.00	\$39.92	\$515.08	\$51.51	\$103.01	
JMR	Jim Rehor	19	\$1,715.00	\$123.35	\$1,591.65	\$159.17	\$318.32	
MBM	Mike Mullert	5	\$190.00	\$13.67	\$176.33	\$17.63	\$35.27	
MRB	Martin Brown	10	\$325.00	\$23.38	\$301.62	\$30.16	\$60.33	

Total Plants Sold 280

Credit Card Test	1	\$1.00	\$0.07	\$0.93	\$0.93
China Pens	1	\$7.50	\$0.54	\$6.96	\$6.96
Source Lists	22	\$66.00	\$4.75	\$61.25	\$61.25
T-Shirts	5	\$35.00	\$2.52	\$32.48	\$32.48
Totals	309	\$15,432.50	\$1,110.00	\$14,322.50	\$1,886.15
					\$3,226.97

Receipts:					
Cash	\$3,100.00		Memberships	6	\$185.00
Checks	\$6,020.90		Starter Cash	R. Wiersma	\$200.00 (pre-sale)
Credit	\$6,768.00		Vendor #1	10%	\$48.40
			Vendor #2	10%	\$12.00
			Vendor #3	10%	\$30.90 (post-sale)
			Vendor #4	10%	\$118.00 (estimated)
Totals	\$15,888.90				\$445.40
					\$15,443.50 actual
					\$15,432.50 expected
					\$11.50 surplus

Note: ABS-SoCal will pay the discount rates, transaction fees, etc. this sale.
 Roy Wiersma, Treasurer

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and The Southern California Chapter of the American Bamboo Society**

Renewal New

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Membership for 2006 is (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual: \$40 - ABS and ABS SoCal Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual: \$15 - ABS SoCal ONLY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime: \$600 - ABS Membership only | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting: \$60 - ABS and ABS SoCal Chapter |
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