

Southern California Bamboo

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2021 In Review

Two tours of private residences were held over the summer. The first was at the Coops' place in Temecula (July) and the second was at Jim Rehor's place in Valley Center (August). Both properties showcased extensive collections of in-ground bamboos. Both tours were ably led by experienced *bambuseros*. What follows in this newsletter are photos of those collections.

A virtual Bamboo Thanksgiving was presented on Facebook by Landy Banks in November. Landy has held this event at her place in Garden Grove for a couple of years. This event shows many ways that bamboo is used in a culinary sense.

Board meetings were held on Zoom. We will be holding a paper election soon for Directors. According to our bylaws (included in newsletter) Directors are voted in for 3 year terms by members. Officers are then selected by the Directors. In spite of worldwide illness scares, ABS SoCal remains a viable non-profit charitable corporation.

2022

We are reviving longstanding ties with the San Diego Botanical Garden and expect to see great results of that collaboration in this upcoming year. Plans are to promote bamboo heavily resulting in workshops and plant sales. Those of you who have been members since the early 1990s know that most of bamboo plantings there resulted from ABS SoCal efforts.



Figure 1 Bamboo Water collection method (see article on p. 13). Photo courtesy of Dave Modijefsky of EBS-Netherlands courtesy of Sakie Fujita

July 2021 Meeting at the Coops Residence

Members met in Temecula for tour of Coops' bamboos.

(Editor took pictures on subsequent visit to propagate bamboos for upcoming ABS SoCal sales).



Figure 2 Actively dividing 'Golden Goddess' *B. multiplex*



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6 Nursery area



Figure 8



Figure 7



Figure 9



Figure 10 'Hitam' *D. asper* still in recovery from winter cold!



Figure 12



Figure 11



Figure 13

August 2021 Meeting at Jim Rehor's Place

Members gathered at Jim's place in Valley Center to see his large collection of bamboos and to propagate bamboos for future sales. Inverted 15-gallon pots with bottoms cut out are used by Jim to protect bamboos from rabbit damage. Jim enjoys associative/cooperative planting to test varieties. For example he has "Green" Thai *asper* growing next to "Black" Thai *asper* to compare

characteristics of these two variants of *Dendrocalamus*. Testing of various clones of *Bambusa textilis* especially for hedging is also underway. Identifying tags list plant supplier's name in addition to taxon. Among other things Jim told us that *Bambusa maculata* splotches appear only after the culm has dried out. Regarding running bamboos Jim reminded us, "Bamboo sleeps, creeps, then leaps."



Figure 14 Nursery area right side



Figure 15 Nursery area left side



Figure 16 Backyard with bamboos and pool



Figure 17 Jim explaining something in nursery area



Figure 18 "Black" Thai *D. asper*



Figure 20 Dwarf *B. textilis*



Figure 19 "Green" Thai *D. asper*



Figure 21 Clump of *B. textilis* (left)



Figure 22 Pond for humidity



Figure 23 Digging for divisions of *B. textilis*



Figure 24 Large division of *B. textilis* ready for subdivision



Figure 25 Tailgating at Jim's



Figure 26 Use of inverted 15-gal pot to protect from rabbits



Figure 27 Jim admiring *B. eutoldoides*



Figure 28



Figure 30 *D. giganteus*



Figure 29 *D. sinicus*



Figure 31



Figure 32



Figure 34 *B. lako*



Figure 35



Figure 33



Figure 36 *B. membranaceus*