

# *Southern California Bamboo*

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## **Spring Bamboo Sale**

ABS SoCal is holding a spring bamboo plant sale at San Diego Botanic Garden on April 21, 2018. This date and event are confirmed with Sam Beukema of SDBG. Sale will be held rain or shine from 11 am to 2 pm. Individual growers are encouraged to bring healthy well-rooted plants. Supplier codes will be issued for each grower. Final price per pot to be written on each pot. Rarest bamboos to be sold by auction. After sales tax is backed out, 10% will go to SDBG, 20% will go to ABS SoCal and the rest (about 62.5%) will go to the supplier. Admission will be charged by SDBG (\$14 for adult) for all except vendors.

## **Re-organization Meeting**

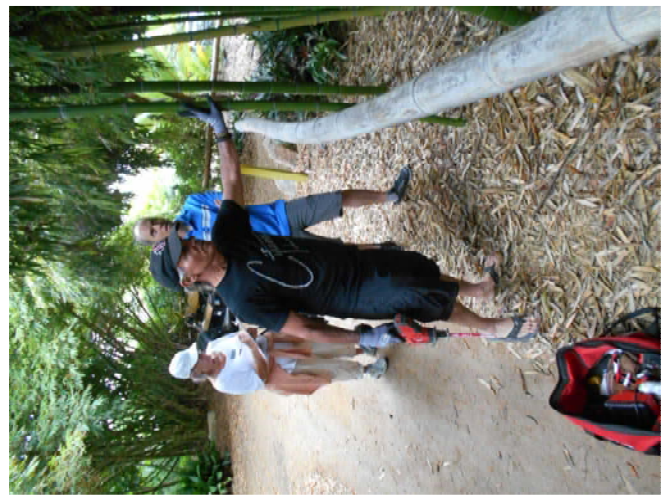
On Dec. 17, 2017, the ABS SoCal Board held a meeting at the home of Gerard Minakawa in Landers, CA. Those in attendance included Gerard Minakawa, Dany Ramos, Adam Graves, Cassandra Graves, Brandon, Roy Wiersma, and Landy Banks. Past-President Kevin Rowell resigned last summer and Gerard agreed to be our new President with the full support of the Board. Gerard already has designed a new website and logo for us. One of our priorities was to draw up a calendar of events:

January 20, 2018 – no meeting scheduled  
February 17, 2018 – meeting at San Diego Botanic Garden  
March 17, 2018 – meeting at Gerard Minakawa's place in Landers, CA, for a bamboo construction demonstration and workshop

April 21, 2018 – ABS SoCal Spring Bamboo Sale at San Diego Botanic Garden  
May 2018 – Eco Fair booth hosting in San Juan Capistrano  
June 2018 – ZooBoo tour at the San Diego Zoo  
July 21, 2018 – meeting at San Diego Botanic Garden  
August 2018 – no meeting because of World Bamboo Congress in Jalapa, Mexico  
September 15, 2018 – Fall Bamboo Sale at San Diego Botanic Garden  
October 20, 2018 – Bamboo Spider construction event at Huntington Library  
November 17, 2018 – Food event to feature bamboo inspired dishes in honor of Thanksgiving – location yet to be determined  
December 2018 – no meeting

## **Bamboo Cultivation Event**

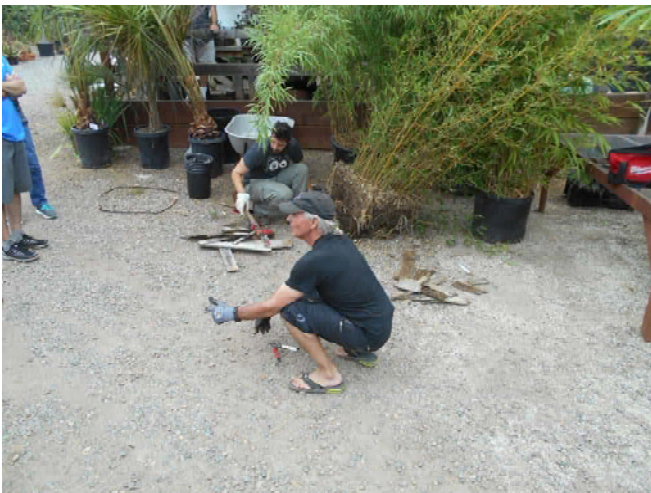
On September 16, 2017, Dany Ramos and Adam Graves led a presentation at San Diego Botanic Garden on the cultivation of bamboo. Much of the talk was given at the *Phyllostachys vivax* grove where Dany and Adam showed proper culm thinning techniques. One important tip in cutting culms is to leave no cups for mosquitoes to breed in. Adam told how bamboo is used at the San Diego Zoo for enrichment of animals. For example, peanut butter is placed inside culms. Some bamboo species are known at the Zoo as Panda Candy. *Bambusa vulgaris* 'Vittata' and *Bambusa beecheyana* are two such species. Speaking of *B. v.* 'Vittata' Dany showed how to propagate it via culm cuttings. Adam spoke of how seaweed extract is used to combat the insect pest scale.



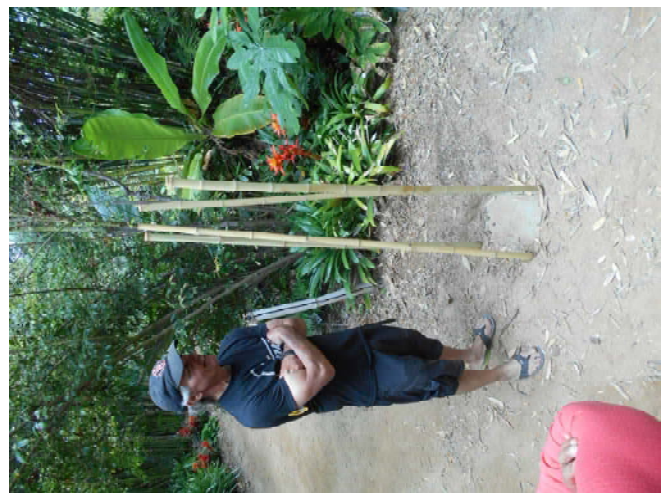








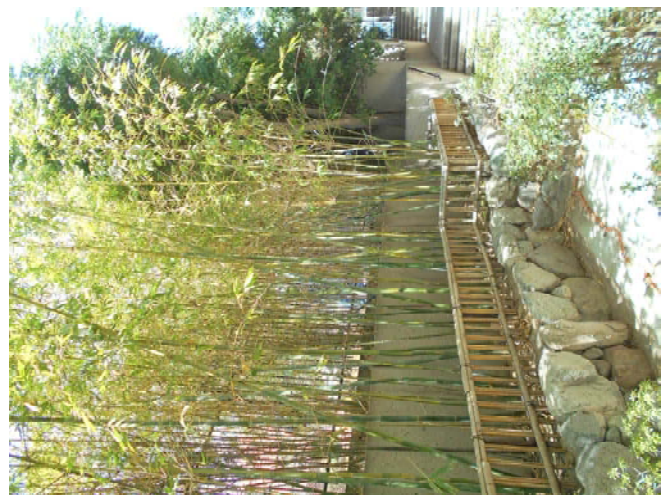
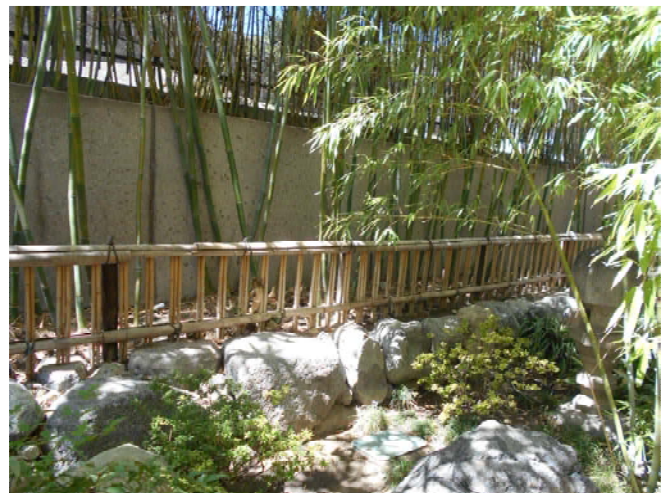
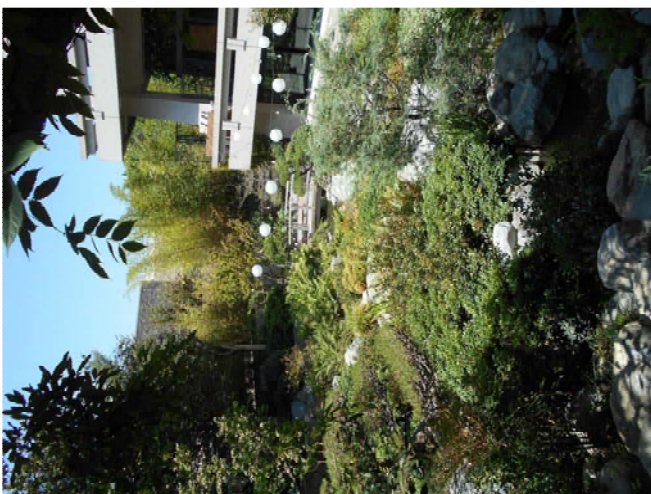




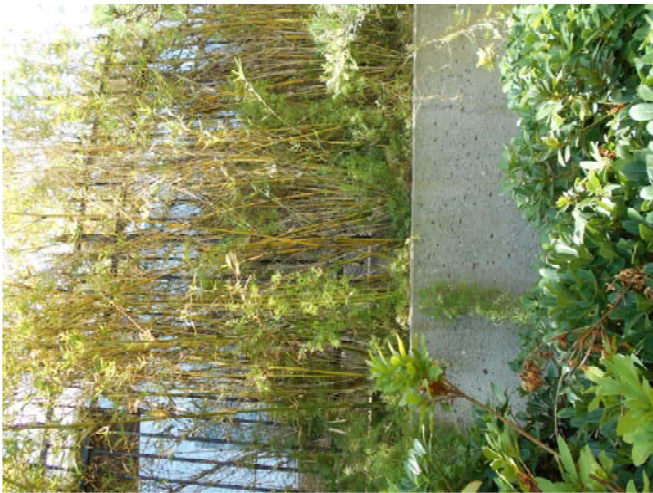


## Visit to James Irvine Japanese Garden

In May 2017 Roy Wiersma Ph.D. visited this downtown Los Angeles garden featuring bamboo.













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