

Marin Bonsai Club

August 2016



Here's what's happening in Marin Bonsai this August

First of all we would like to welcome new readers we met at the Marin County Fair in July. We hope you will join us for some of the activities you read about here and come to appreciate bonsai as much as Marin Bonsai Club members do. On August 2 we welcome widely respected bonsai professional Peter Tea to our club meeting who will continue his discussion of development techniques for bonsai. August 16 is our club auction, a fund raiser for the club and a wonderful opportunity to pick up a tree or two to start your collection. On August 18 and 25 the club offers Beginners' Bonsai Workshops which still have a few spaces open. If that isn't enough bonsai for you, our friends at Redwood Empire Bonsai in Santa Rosa host the best bonsai show in the state on August 20–21. You can read more about that [here](#). We hope to see you at some or all of these events.

Auction Time!

The Auction!

The Marin Bonsai Club Auction will be held on Tuesday August 16 at the Corporate Center, 750 Lindero Street, in downtown San Rafael. We are very excited about this new venue which offers lots of light and space in which to showcase all manner of bonsai and pre-bonsai material, tools, stands, books, pots and more. There will be a Sales area too and there are sure to be lots of bargains. Preview starts at 6:45 pm with the auction starting promptly at 7:30 pm. Sales are cash and check with local ID. No credit cards.

Auction Items!

A successful auction needs lots of trees and bonsai materials. Please dig deep and bring trees, pots, tools, stands, anything bonsai related which will either be in the auction or our Sales area. The club takes a 20% commission on all sales, or donations of 100% of the sale, and if you have friends in other clubs who would like to auction their items we welcome those contributions as well. Inventory Sheets to list your trees can be found on the club [website](#), and tags will be available at the August 2 meeting. Items for sale and auction need to be at the Corporate Center no later than 6:15 pm.

Auction Helpers!

We need plenty of helpers to make the auction run smoothly. It takes just about everyone in the club contributing in some way to make things run smoothly. Please contact Candace to volunteer your services if you haven't already heard from her. No contribution is too small.

As always, David Eichhorn, our VP of Programs, has written a fine account of recent programs at the Club meetings. Please see his latest installment on the [website](#).

There are still a few places open for our Beginners' Bonsai Workshop series on August 18 and 25. If you or anyone you know would like to participate please contact David Eichhorn through our [website](#) to sign up. Cost is \$70 for two trees and 5 hours of expert instruction. A bargain!!

Bonsai Scholarship

The Harry Hirao Annual Scholarship (HHAS) was created to provide a onetime grant of \$1,500.00 to a worthy bonsai enthusiast. This money must be used for educational purposes in the art of bonsai within one year of receiving the scholarship. The recipient cannot use these funds to acquire bonsai, pots, tools, books, or other physical items; it is to be used to further education in bonsai by studying with a recognized bonsai artist. Instructions on how to apply can be found here on the Golden State Bonsai Federation's website [here](#). If you are seriously interested in expanding your bonsai studies why not apply?



Our favorite bonsai teacher, Peter Tea will be featured at our **August 2** meeting at **7:00** in the Multi-Purpose Room at MAGC. He will bring the Trident Maple he worked on in the Spring to discuss the new growth and next steps. He will also be talking about juniper development, which we could all be working on right now. Please note that we suggest a \$5 donation for this program.