

Marin Bonsai Club

July 2016



Another Great Show at the Marin County Fair

Once again our exhibit at the Marin County Fair was a crowd pleaser. Hundreds of people came by to admire our trees in the spectacular display orchestrated by Jay McDonald, John Doig and Jeanette Arnold. There was a good representation of club members showing trees, although we always want more, and many people stepped up taking multiple docent shifts to make sure our trees were secure and the public duly informed about the wonders of bonsai. Rookie of the year award goes to Marcia Summers, and special thanks to Craig, Jay, John, Jeanette and others who put in extra time and effort. The show wouldn't have been nearly so successful without everyone's willingness to do whatever needed to be done.

Thank you!!

No meetings in July, but there is plenty to do for and with your bonsai . . .

If you haven't decandled your Japanese black pines yet you are running out of time. Check out [Bonsai Tonight](#) for great advice, and Eric Schrader at Bonsai Society of San Francisco has an excellent article with an in depth discussion of when and if to decandle on his website [here](#). Well worth the time to read.

If you have forgotten what trees you can work on this summer and what to do with them check out our VP of Programs' detailed write ups of Peter Tea lectures and other programs to refresh your memory. You'll find them on our most excellent [website](#).

You could be preparing your trees for our annual fundraising auction on August 16. We need everyone to dig deep this year and bring lots of trees, pots, tools, books, anything you think will sell to help the club raise the money needed to keep up our excellent programming. More on logistical details in the August newsletter, but for now please look at your collections with the intent of moving some trees along to new homes. They sell best when they are healthy and look well cared for. Get busy!

Mark your calendar for our August dates:

August 2 – Peter Tea lecture and demonstration – Marin Art and Garden Center, Multi-Purpose Room

August 16 – Annual Auction – location TBA

August 18 and 25 – Beginners' Workshops – We'll need helpers to work with our students