

Marin Bonsai Club

June 2016



It's Marin County Fair Time!

This is where we get to share bonsai culture with the general public. It really is our highlight of the year, and if you've ever been a docent before then you know that it is a lot of fun. You get to answer really basic questions about bonsai and meet nice people who are interested in your hobby. It's also a great time to pick the brains of some members that you may not see all of the time.

We will have admission tickets for the docents and parking passes for those who pull multiple shifts. Jay will have tickets at the workshop on June 21. Set up is on June 29 and we need people from 9am for a couple of hours. Trees need to arrive no later than 11am to be sure to be included in the exhibit.

The fair is a lot of fun. You can wander the grounds and hear some great music before or after your shifts. Sign up early and often!

Bonsai!

DanO - The Prez

More Show Details

Please bring the trees you want to show to the June workshop and meeting so Jay knows what he has to work with in setting up the show. At the June workshop we will also help you get the trees in tip top shape. You can be doing weeding now and cleaning pots and polishing stands. We can always use accent plants if you are so inclined.

Make sure you mark out time to spend being a docent at our exhibit during the 5 day course of the Fair. It runs from June 30 - July 4 and there are 3 shifts each day. We need for all of them to be

fully staffed so we can make sure our trees are safe from curious fingers, well watered, and the public well informed about the glorious art of bonsai. There will be sign up lists at the June workshop and meeting, so check your calendars, confer with significant others, look at the Fair schedule for other events you might want to explore on the same day, and sign up for at least 2 shifts, or more if you can possibly manage it. We need all hands on deck at the Fair, and for set up and take down as well.

The Fair exhibit is a fund raiser for the Club and one of our best opportunities to reach out to the public and recruit new members. It's easy. It's fun. Your Club really needs you to help out.

Tree Name Tags

If you are showing a tree for the FIRST time, we need some information on it, i.e., common name, botanical name and age. Please email this data to info@marinbonsai.org as soon as possible so name tag(s) can be prepared. This information can also be passed along to Jay or Candace at the June meeting and workshop. Tags are prepared on labels printed on computer so we need this information several days prior to the setup of the show: SATURDAY, JUNE 23. This will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Memorial Service for Mark Lesley Mark David Lesley, beloved Chef and owner of Ambrosia Pizza, and devoted Marin Bonsai Club member, passed away on April 27, 2016 in Greenbrae CA. He is survived by his daughter Lisa Lesley and son Kevin Lesley.

Memorial Service will be at St. Johns Episcopal in Ross, CA June 4th 11:00 a.m. reception to follow.

Donations can be made to The Mark Lesley Trust P.O. Box 612 Novato, CA 94947.

- See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/marinij/obituary.aspx?pid=180141954#sthash.g5D2wMl8dpuf>

Does anyone need a name tag for the Fair? If you have lost yours or are a new member and need one please email us at info@marinbonsai.org by June 10.

Have you been arriving at our meetings lately to be surprised that they are already in progress at 7:30? Or maybe you have come to what you thought was a workshop on the first Tuesday and it was a meeting instead? There have been some changes in our schedules and timing this year, so just to be sure everyone is clear . . .

**Meetings are now on the first Tuesday of the month
and workshops on the third Tuesday. Both start at 7pm.**

This gives us a little more time for the programs we present, and to do a bit of club business as well.



Peter Tea reduces a Trident Maple to stubs, but that's a good thing! To learn why read the VP of Programs posting on the [website](#) . . . David has included lots of suggestions on making the most out of our workshops as well, so please check it out.



Jay McDonald, MBC VP of Shows, will be putting on a special presentation on carving for the June meeting on Tuesday June 7. Be there at 7:00 sharp to see Jay create a masterpiece with a bougainvillea which will be auctioned at the end of the demonstration.