

Marin Bonsai Club

September 2016



August - a full month of bonsai activity

August is one of the busiest months on the bonsai calendar. We started the month with another great meeting with Peter Tea talking about the next stages of bonsai development. Our VP of Programs offers great notes and insights on the presentation in his article [online](#). Next up was our club action held for the first time at the San Rafael Corporate Center. While not the biggest auction we have ever held it proved a successful fundraiser for the Club - thanks in large part to generous donations from our members - and everyone had a great time. Photographs taken by George Haas are on our [website](#). We had barely caught our breath when the Beginners Workshop classes began. (*Roger Lion provides some basic bonsai information to the group in the photo above*) Again, thanks to George we had a waiting list for participants as a response to the excellent front page interview he did with PJ Bremier in the Marin IJ. The REBS bonsai show in Santa Rosa finished off the month with a flourish. It seems to get better every year as our Bay Area bonsai community becomes more experienced and skilled in working with their trees. Lots of good deals were to be found with the vendors and thanks go to REBS members for the huge effort to put on such a fantastic show.

Whew! So how about September!



Randall Lee

Come join us on September 6th at 7pm at the Marin Art & Garden Center to see a demonstration by Randall Lee. A certified Aesthetic Pruner, Randall has been working on bonsai for over 25 years. Randall will be working on a Twisted Hinoki Cypress (*Chamaecyparis obtusa* "Torulosa"), which he has been developing into a bonsai for five years.

After Randall has finished refining what sounds like a lovely little tree, it will be raffled and some lucky audience member will get to take it home.

So join us!



Club Auction

There are so many people to thank for their help in making our annual club auction a success we can't begin to name them all here. It truly took a village to pull off the logistics of setting up in a new venue, and just about every member contributed in large and small ways. What a fantastic group of people!

Hopefully we will be back at the Corporate Center next year with a refined room layout and bigger and better plant section. If you have ideas on how to make the auction even better please let us know.

Thanks to all who gave so generously.



Where's the Taskmaster???

Have you wondered why we don't have a Taskmaster column these days? The Taskmaster is not on vacation, rather he has moved up in the world and now writes the Season's Changes column in Golden Statements bonsai magazine, a fabulous publication.

If you aren't currently a subscriber hop on over to the GSBF [website](#) and sign up so you won't miss out on the pearls of wisdom dispensed by our own Taskmaster, and other great bonsai articles and photos.

You can also read past Taskmaster articles on our [website](#).

GSBF Bonsai Convention

The annual GSBF Bonsai Convention will be held in Sacramento this year which is not too far to drive for a terrific exhibit and the opportunity to take workshops and attend seminars from world renowned bonsai experts. Dates are October 27-30. Check it out and register on their website [here](#) and make sure you take advantage of this local opportunity to see some stellar bonsai, buy bonsai stuff and hang out with really nice people.