

Marin Bonsai Club

August 2017



President's Message

What more can I say about this year's annual auction? It is a major fund-raiser for the club, the proceeds are used to pay for great demonstrators, talented artists and instructors like Peter Tea, and Jonas Dupuich, and to purchase prime raffle material. Next year's calendar of events largely depends on the amount of money we can raise from having the annual auction which is scheduled for **August 17 at 7:00PM, at the Terra Linda Community Center, 670 Del Ganado Road, San Rafael, + [Google Map](#)**. Everyone's participation is needed for this annual fund-raising event to be successful. Look over your collection of bonsai and pots and make choices. What can you donate to the club's auction? Please no garage sale items. Items should have a minimum bid value of \$10, I would like to see that actual minimum bid go for a much higher value.

New this year: We are posting photos of auction items on our website to help advertise the auction and quality of material for sale. Please send your photos to our Webmaster, Sharon Bone at info@marinbonsai.org.

If you have any questions, contact Candace Key at mckassoc@yahoo.com or me at gwhaas@comcast.net. One final word, please invite others to attend, get the word out about our auction and that it is going to be GREAT. Preview will begin at 7:00pm and the auction will start at 7:30pm. Terrific deals on bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, stands, tools, books and other bonsai related items. Payment by Check or Cash - no Credit Cards. New this year, Jerry Braswell will be offering his wonderful bonsai stands in the auction, and Eric Schrader of the Bonsai Society of San Francisco (BSSF) will also be selling a few items.

I hope to see most of you at the auction. I hope if you are not selling, then you are buying or helping.

George

PS: You should have by now discovered the award winning Marin Bonsai Club website <http://marinbonsai.org/> and subscribed to receive automatic new posts, so that you keep up-to-date on club activities.

Marin Bonsai Club Auction August 17

Hello Folks, It is that time of year again and the club auction is back, bigger and better than ever. We have a new location in **Terra Linda** where we have a bright, open space to view the trees; a new day of the week, **Thursday**; and we are showing some of the notable bonsai for auction on our **website** to bring in more buyers. We've also opened the auction to non-members which should increase the number and quality of items we have for sale.

As always, dear members, you will play a large part in the success of our auction. We need you to help with the production of the auction by running items to the auctioneer and keeping track of the sales to make the process run smoothly. Several long-time helpers will be out of town this year, so we need to **add to our team**. Please let George or myself know you, spouses, children or pets are willing to help. Set up starts at 5:30 and the club provides a pizza dinner for volunteers. Don't worry! It isn't hard, and you will be able to fully participate in the auction activities while you are helping out.

Please dig deep for good items to place in the auction, trees you don't have time for, or have moved past, pots you won't use, books you can pass along. We will have a **sales table** this year, so if your items will be priced under our \$10 auction limit you can sell them outright at our sales table.

Trees and items for auction/sale need to be there no later than 6:30pm.

You will need to tag and list your auction items so we can track them and send you the proper commission, which is 80% if you are not donating the items outright to the club. Tags and inventory sheets can be picked up at the August 1 meeting, and inventory sheets will be available online at our website. If you can't list and tag your trees before the auction date just come early, like 6:15, to take care of those chores.

We look forward to seeing you all, whether you are buying or selling, or just need a good night of entertainment. If you want to come early to avoid the traffic there are plenty of **good dinner options** across the street from the Community Center: Thai, Mexican, Italian, Japanese and Scotty's for deli selections.



Beginning Bonsai Workshop a Big Success

The classes were packed for our yearly Beginning Bonsai Workshop and the participants really got their money's worth, with excellent instruction from Chris Ross, John Doig, Roger Lion and their merry band of helpers. The trees were beautiful and full and branches were flying all night long. Lots of wonderful potential bonsai came out of this year's class and we hope to see these fledgling bonsai artists join the club to learn more over the years. Thanks to everyone for their participation and support.

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society Annual Show!!

Be sure you have the August 26-27 dates for the REBS Annual Bonsai Show on your calendar. It is perhaps the best show of bonsai in the state - curated by bonsai master Kathy Shaner, and this year the San Francisco Suiseki Club will present an exhibit of viewing stones as well. Vendors, member sales, silent auction, demonstrations and the world famous Bonsai Cafe are all part of the program. You would be crazy to miss it.



Peter Tea - August 1, 7:00 pm

We welcome bonsai artist Peter Tea who will be talking about juniper development this time. He will bring examples of trees that have been refined and those that are in development to discuss. He will also show trees that have been recently worked on to illustrate the process. Topics to be discussed include choosing the front of the tree, initial styling of collected material, and what's important today vs tomorrow concepts in development. Peter will then move on to discuss wiring and developing initial pads. The opportunity to see in detail the caliber of work Peter does on his own trees and learn from his instruction is priceless, but we request only a **\$5 voluntary donation** for this program. Don't miss it!!