

Marin Bonsai Club

February 2017



Jonas Dupuich supervises Adam Petra's root combing technique at our January meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

REPOTTING WORKSHOPS

On January 17, 2017, we had a great repotting workshop. We will have two more coming up on February 7 and 21, 2017. I hope you will take advantage of them and the experienced bonsai "repotters" on hand. And check out David Eichhorn's excellent notes from Jonas Dupuich's January presentation on repotting on our [website](#).

*A complete **yearly program** has been worked out and posted to our website <http://marinbonsai.org>.*

FALL SHOW 2017

We established a committee of David Eichhorn, Jay McDonald and myself to look into the opportunity to bring back our fall bonsai show in November. As the committee makes progress, we will publish updates. The goals of having a bonsai show include – show off club members' bonsai in a formal display setting, promote the club and, if possible, raise money to pay for club operations, workshops and guest artists.

MAMMOTH EVENTS

I have to admit that I moonlight; that is, I serve on the board of the GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt and I am the appointed marketing manager for the Garden. In the past year, I have learned a lot about social media and publication of ads. Part of my duties include proofreading announcements made by the Garden's Chairman. I enjoy sharing these announcements when made available with you.

The biggest ever Mammoth Auction & Sale will take place on **February 18 and 19, 2017**. There are scheduled pre-auction activities at the Garden – dedication of a new companion display area, unveiling a century-old Atlas cedar from the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, and preview of newly installed benches and display stands. Preview of the auction items will be at the Lakeside Park Garden Center starting at 12:00 PM, and the auction will begin at 1:00 PM. The plant and pot sale is on Sunday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Vendor sales are from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There will be 27 vendors and 59 tables this year. In addition, Kathy Shaner will be performing styling demonstrations from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Another exciting event is coming on **March 4, 2017** with the repotting and re-styling of a Rocky Mountain Juniper by Ryan Neil from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, at the Lake Merritt Sailboat Boathouse. Seats are limited. Donation of \$35 reserves your seat. All proceeds go to support the Garden Revitalization Opportunity (GRO), a \$100,000 upgrade project for benches, display stands, watering systems, and pavers for the pathways.

I hope to see you at our next gathering,

George

MBC SERVICE DAY AT BGLM

It is a time honored tradition at Marin Bonsai Club to support the Mammoth Fundraising events George mentions by doing a service day at the Gardens the week before; weeding, cleaning up, whatever is required to make the Gardens sparkle for visitors coming from all over the area and beyond. This date is Saturday February 11, from 10:00-1:00. Roger Lion is heading up the effort. Please respond to him by phone or email through our website if you can help for a few hours. Many hands make light work, as the saying goes, and we would like to have a large group to show our support.



WORKSHOP NOTE

Going forward, starting with our February 21 workshop, we need to have members RSVP that they want to attend the workshops. Rent is expensive and sometimes we don't have enough participants to make holding the workshops practical.

Please let us know if you plan to attend our February 21 repotting workshop at our February 7 meeting, or by email at info@marinbonsai.org, and encourage other members/friends to attend as well to make sure we have enough people to hold the scheduled date.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Dues are Due

2017 club dues are the same as last year, \$45 for individuals and \$65 for families and they are due now.

Please make our Treasurer's day and bring your check or cash to the meeting.

Please note, current membership is **required for participation in repotting workshops** this winter.

Thank you!!

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