

Marin Bonsai Club

January 2017



Happy New Year Everyone!! Here we go again . . .

Another year and another repotting season. We start the year off right away on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 with a repotting program presented by bonsai professional Jonas Dupuich. Jonas will first lead us through the process to make sure our attention is focused on the tasks at hand. There are a number of common mistakes at each stage of the process and Jonas' careful instruction should help us avoid many of them.

Two lucky club members, George Haas and Adam Petras, winners of our lottery, will receive guidance in the repotting of their trees during the meeting. One tree will be going from a nursery container to a bonsai pot, and one repotted from a bonsai pot into another, giving us two different perspectives on the repotting process.

Jonas will guide George and Adam through the steps and alert them before they make the typical mistakes we are all prone to, with all of us learning throughout the process. They will have a selection of pots to review for their repotting projects which will give Jonas the opportunity to critique the choices and provide us all guidance as we make similar selections for ourselves.

Most of you know about Jonas' fantastic blog [Bonsai Tonight](#), but we want to specifically direct your attention to the excellent articles he has published on repotting. This is must-read material for anyone who wants to do it right. This link is about repotting a [trident maple](#), start to exquisite finish. Search for more on the website and sign up for his newsletters while you are there.

But that's not all folks! Keep reading . . .

***Special Meeting Alert –
Get there early to load up on repotting supplies !!***

The doors to the Multi-Purpose Room at MAGC will be open early, at 6:30, to allow members time to purchase **repotting supplies** from Jonas if they wish.

In 2016 Jonas evolved from being the author of one of the best bonsai blogs and websites on the planet to being a bonsai vendor as well. He imports premium bonsai soil mixes, tools, pots and other supplies from Japan and also sells bonsai he develops in his nursery.

You can see it all on his website [bonsaitonight.com](#), but here are just a few of the items he offers:

- Clay King deciduous mix (80% akadama) - the one Peter Tea uses - available in small and medium size, and the conifer mix (60% akadama) is available in the small size.
- Also available, straight akadama and kanuma in small, medium and large, as well as lots of pumice:
<https://store.bonsaitonight.com/pages/bag-bonsai-soil>

If you wish to purchase from Jonas, it is recommend you contact him in advance of the meeting to place your order. This will ensure he has enough for everyone who wants supplies.



Letter from our new president - George Haas

I am honored to be your club president in 2017. Marin Bonsai Club was started in 1958. Few clubs affiliated with the Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) are as old as MBC. Over the years, we have enjoyed wonderful programs with many of the best named bonsai artists and instructors performing demonstrations. We are known in the community for our presence at the annual Marin County Fair in July where our bonsai are on display.

As club president, I will do my best to follow tradition and provide a viable annual program of informative and instructional material. I would also like to explore different paths to bringing back the Fall Show which was very popular in the Bay Area bonsai community for a number of years. I will be open and responsive to your suggestions and comments as well. I look forward to seeing you all at the January meeting.

Here's to a terrific year in bonsai! Cheers!



Don't forget to check out our award winning Marin Bonsai Club [website](#). That's right, Sharon Bone has done it again, winning the Golden State Bonsai Federation award for best website in 2016. Sharon won for best newsletter about 5 years ago. We're lookin' good and it is in large part due to Sharon's talents and efforts.

You'll find lots more information about bonsai events, classes in the Bay Area, notes from our meeting presentations and lots of great photos of cats - no just kidding, bonsai! - than we can include in the newsletter, so please, go right now and explore a little!

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 later this winter. Thank you!!