

Marin Bonsai Club

July 2017

Marin County Fair Exhibit a blazing success!



President's Message

The Marin County Fair bonsai exhibit was really something to see. Even if you did not get a chance to visit the Fair, I think you would be very proud of the effort and artistry assembled for the occasion – 4th of July 2017. I want to thank all the members who did shifts as docents. This is so important to the club and to promoting the living art of bonsai. Special thanks to Jay McDonald, Jeanette Arnold and John Doig for their roles in setting up the bonsai display and pulling long shifts during the Fair. Special thanks to all the members who displayed their bonsai.

During the five-day fair, as a club we answered questions about bonsai horticulture, techniques and art. We also handed out printed materials about up-coming auctions by the East Bay Bonsai Society and Marin Bonsai Club, the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society annual show, and bonsai care. We signed up a large number of folks who were interested in the Beginners' Bonsai workshops offered later this month.

All said, the Marin County Fair bonsai exhibit was a great success and we should all be very proud of the effort.

Coming up: the club will offer Beginners' Bonsai workshops on **July 18** and **25**. If you would like to participate in the workshops please contact David Eichhorn at david@doeichhorn.com. Deadline for payment is **July 14**. The \$70 fee includes the two classes, two trees and pots for them, and excellent instruction by Chris Ross and John Doig. We would also like to have long time club members assist our instructors, so please join us for one or both of the workshops.

The annual auction is scheduled for **August 17 @ 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. Please look over your collection of bonsai and pots and make choices. What can you donate to the club's auction? Items should have a minimum bid value of at least \$10. If you have something really special to auction send us a picture and we will give it notice on our website to entice bidders. If you have any questions, contact Candace Key at mckassoc@yahoo.com or me at gwhaas@comcast.net.

One final word, and that's spread the word about our auction. Please mention it at other clubs you may be members of, and post on social media if you are so inclined. There are sure to be terrific deals on bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, stands, tools, books and other bonsai related items and we need lots of people to make the event fun and profitable. I hope to see all of you at our next gathering,

George

It's Auction Time!! or almost

As George mentioned above, we have a new venue and date for our annual club auction. Due to availability of our preferred location the date is a THURSDAY instead of Tuesday, August 17. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. We will need everyone's participation in one way or the other to make our auction successful. The Terra Linda Community Center is easy to get to and provides a large, open space with good lighting to see the trees for auction. If you come early to avoid traffic there are terrific food options across the street with just about any flavor you would want, including Three Twins Ice Cream!!

If you have helped with the auction in the past you can be certain I, as the Auction Wrangler, will be calling on you to help again this year. If you are new to the club please contact me and I will find a way for you to help. All helpers get to bid and watch the auction. No tasks are all consuming to take you away from the action. Thanks in advance for your support.

- Candace



Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt

Thanks in advance to Craig Thompson and Dennis Plaut for volunteering to staff the Bonsai Gardens on our July dates. Attendance has been surging at the Gardens and they are sure to be kept busy.

If you would like to join them for an introduction to docenting, or on another date with one of our club members, please contact us through the website. We would love to have your help and you will be richly rewarded with a beautiful morning among amazing trees.

You can visit our club [website](#) to see which months need docents. Thank you!!



Schweet!! June 6 Program

Jay McDonald did a wonderful demonstration at our June meeting, keeping the crowd riveted and in stitches.

Read about the program on our website and find out who won the tree. marinbonsai.org