

Marin Bonsai Club

March 2017



Chinese Quince at the Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt - November 2016

President's Message

In January and February, we completed one Jonas Dupuich demonstration and three club workshops on the subject of repotting bonsai. The turn-out was great and the repotting went smoothly with several experienced bonsai "repotters" on hand. I believe we learned a lot from Jonas' demonstration and the steps to be taken for a successful repotting session.

I would like to remind members that you're responsible for bringing the appropriate tools and materials and trees to scheduled workshops. For the repotting workshops, we followed-up on Jonas' demonstration and written handout for steps in repotting. That worked very well. We would like to do the same with other scheduled demonstrations throughout the year.

On March 7, 2017, we'll have MBC club member Chris Ross and a mystery guest bonsai artist/instructor do styling on a juniper. **Chris' tree will be raffled at the end of the demonstration so don't forget your wallet!** Members are encouraged to follow-up on the March 21 workshop with a similar tree for styling.

A complete yearly schedule of events was sent by email to everyone. The schedule is also posted to our website <http://marinbonsai.org>. We will also have a few paper copies at the March meeting.

There is no word yet on bringing back our fall bonsai show in November. As the committee makes progress, we will publish updates.

I hope to see you at our next gathering,
George



WORKSHOP NOTE

For the March workshop we will take our cues from Chris Ross' demonstration on pruning and wiring of a juniper tree. This month you can be cutting back and wiring conifers and broad leaf evergreen trees like olives, boxwoods and oaks. It is also OK to repot these varieties into March, however potting soil is limited at the club workshop here at the end of the season.

Deciduous trees should be left alone to grow, bud out and new growth harden off before being worked on. If the tree has leafed out you have missed your opportunity to safely repot this year.

Please RSVP for the March 21 workshop no later than March 17 morning. You can sign up at the meeting or by email at info@marinbonsai.org. We need a minimum of five members commit to the workshops to rent the MAGC Multi-Purpose Room.



BONSAI GARDEN AT LAKE MERRITT NEWS

The biggest ever Mammoth Auction & Sale took place on weekend of February 18 and 19, 2017. It was a great success from the chatter we heard from the auction and sale goers. Proceeds totals aren't available yet, but the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM) board meeting will be held March 4 and George, who is a board member, will report at a later time.

There is still time to purchase your tickets to observe on March 4, 2017 the repotting and restyling of a Rock Mountain Juniper by Ryan Neil from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, at the Lake Merritt Sailboat Boathouse. 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.

BGLM is using crowd funding to help in raising the \$100,000 for the GRO project. I'm pleased to report that BGLM has raised 27% of the goal, to date. There is a way to go yet. Please support this effort and share with your friends. This is the first major project at the BGLM since it opened its gates in 1999.

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