

Club meeting and demonstration Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm
Workshop Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 pm - by reservation -
RSVP at info@marinbonsai.org



Marin Bonsai presenters Chris Ross, Candace Key and George Haas at the Macy's bonsai class held during their Flower Show extravaganza. Also, new bonsai hobbyist, Tanya, and marketing consultant Gabe.

President's Message

Marin Bonsai Club members enjoyed three scheduled repotting workshops in January and February of this year, and we saw some repotting at the March workshop as well. However, it is now time to move on to other tasks, like styling and wiring which will be the focus of our workshops through the Spring.

This is bonsai club show season and with that there is a local bonsai club show almost every weekend. If you don't subscribe to Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) Golden Statements Magazine, you can look up the schedule of events on the GSBF website <http://gsbf.org> for up-coming bonsai shows and other events.

The next show is the Cherry Blossom Festival in Japantown in San Francisco. Our club shares the stage with 3 other bonsai clubs and the San Francisco Suiseki Kai. This is a very fun show; lots of people to talk to about bonsai with, a chance to meet individuals from the broader bonsai community, explore the festive events, food and vendors celebrating Japanese culture, and enjoy a splendid exhibit curated by Jay MacDonald. We need 2 docents for Saturday afternoon and 2 for Sunday. Please contact Jay or Candace if you can help out. You'll have a great time - we promise!

Candace Key and Chris Ross, along with myself, participated in promoting bonsai as a hobby at the Macy's San Francisco Store Flower Show on March 24 and 25. A select group of guests were given small bonsai trees provided by Lone Pine Gardens & Nursery. In addition, Suzhou Bonsai Garden of China and the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt were the promotional hosts for the hour-long workshop. The events staff at Macy's were exceptional individuals to work with in making the workshops successful.

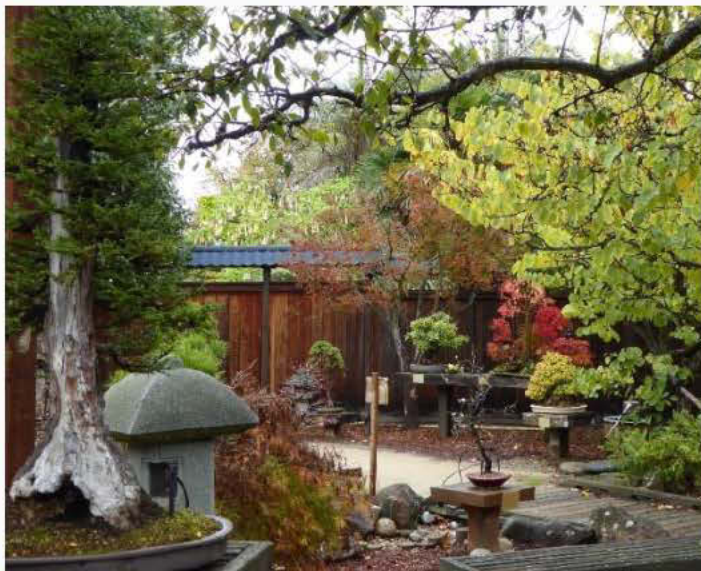
Our next meeting will be on April 3, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Marin Art and Garden Center, featuring a demonstration by John Doig and Chris Ross on creating a bonsai - tree to be raffled at the conclusion of the presentation. Please arrive on time.

George

Please visit our club's website <http://marinbonsai.org/events/> for the 2018 schedule of programs. If you have not signed up for automatic post notifications via email, it is never too late to do so.

Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt - GRO Initiative

Update on Fundraising for the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM). BGLM started over one year ago raising funds to help pay for the Garden Revitalization Opportunity (GRO) projects. To date, there has been a lot of replacements and improvements made at BGLM. New display benches and stands are almost complete. A new overhead watering system was installed and cement pavers replaced the dirt pathways. BGLM appreciates your generous support in its efforts to make these improvements. If you have not had the chance to donate, there is no better time than now. There are two ways for members to contribute to the fundraising in support of the GRO Project. You can donate any amount or purchase a personalized engraved commemorative brick for \$150, \$250 or \$500. Help by making a donation today. For complete information visit the BGLM website by clicking [Here](#). Scroll down until you see the GRO Project and click on Commemorative Brick or You Caring.



Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt

Our thanks to Roger Lion and Marlene Philley who kindly handled the docent duties the Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt on March 24. It was a beautiful day at the Gardens - refreshed by our recent rains, and there were lots of visitors delighted and impressed with the bonsai collection there.

We need docents - hopefully two - for our next date of April 28. The shift is from 10:00 - 1:00 and even if you haven't been doing bonsai for long you are sure to know more about bonsai than 99% of the visitors, and it is a great place to learn about the trees and their care. Please let Candace or Roger know if you can help us out this month.

We hope more members will step up and support the bonsai community by taking a docent shift or two at the Gardens. It is time well and pleasantly spent and your contributions are greatly appreciated. Please contact Roger Lion or Candace Key or visit our club [website](#) to see which months need docents.

We would like to bring some of our newer members into the docent program for an orientation on both the bonsai and docenting. Please step up and let us know when you can help out. Thank you!!

New Members

A hearty bonsai welcome to new members Betty Jennings and the Mieritz family, Marcus and his mother Aniko. We look forward to getting to know them and sharing our knowledge and love of bonsai.



April 3 Program

Our favorite bonsai duo, Chris Ross - aka The Taskmaster, and John Doig - aka The Wire Guy, will be our guest demonstrators at the April meeting. These guys always present an interesting program, no matter what tree material they are working on. Although they study with the same teacher they often take different approaches to developing and styling trees making the give and take between the two informative, thought provoking and often quite amusing. This is one of our favorite programs of the year and you won't want to miss it or the chance to win the demo tree.

Meeting starts at 7:00PM
Please be prompt



Some of the color and colorful people who show up at
the Cherry Blossom Festival,
April 21-22, Japantown
San Francisco, CA

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