

Don't forget to RSVP for the Holiday Party December 9 from
2:00–6:00

. . . and it isn't too early to start working on your entry to
the decorated bonsai contest

Marin Bonsai Club Newsletter



President's Message

Whether you stayed close to home or travelled afar, I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Holiday. It seems November came and was over so soon.

The Marin Bonsai Club was treated to a wonderful presentation on Japanese Black Pines by Jonas Dupuich on November 6. Look for David Eichhorn's excellent review on our [website](#). Candace Key and Chris Ross travelled to Japan this month to attend the 38th Nippon Taikan-ten Bonsai Exhibition – one of Japan's leading bonsai exhibitions, held in Kyoto every November.

Your president and board have been busy working on significant club topics, as mentioned in the October's newsletter. As it stands, I am willing to serve another year as your president. Art Wasserman will remain as the club treasurer. Candace Key will be retiring from her outstanding roles as secretary/board member/newsletter editor. Marcia Summers will share the role of secretary with Dan Keller. Lake Hanyu will be our newsletter editor. Dennis Plaut will be Docent Coordinator. David Eichhorn and Jay McDonald will remain as VP of Programs and VP of Shows, respectively. We are looking for someone to take charge of the Hospitality role, which is likely to be renamed 'Membership'. Having someone making sure all members feel welcome and that their bonsai needs are satisfied is key to membership sustainability and growth. Elections will be held by ballot at the meeting on January 8.

We have almost completed a new and exciting schedule of programs for 2019. We expect to finish the roster of guest demonstrators by the beginning of the year.

Refer to the MBC website for posted events at <http://marinbonsaiclub.org>.

Looking forward to next month, MBC will have its Holiday Potluck Dinner on December 9 from 2:00–6:00 PM. This gathering is a real treat with time to socialize and bring the year to a close. Our gracious hosts are Dan and Susan Keller. I encourage everyone to join in the festive time together. You can RSVP to info@marinbonsai.org if you are planning to attend and let us know what you will bring for the potluck dinner. Another email with more details will arrive in your email box in a few days.

GSBF Convention 41 was held at the McClellan Conference Center, in Sacramento, October 24 – 28. It was a great success, featuring talented headliners, workshops, vendors, delicious banquets with awards, auctions, raffles, and more. The winter issue of *Golden Statements Magazine* will be mailed out by January 1, 2019, and will cover the convention in great detail.

Update on fundraising for the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM): BGLM achieved 80% of its goal for 100 engraved bricks and ordered its initial production of commemorative bricks on November 19. BGLM started over one year ago raising funds to help pay for the Garden Revitalization Opportunity (GRO) projects. To date, there have 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. You can still 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 at <http://BonsaiLakeMerritt.com>. You can also contact me for more information and help with your donations.

George



Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt

Many thanks to Art Wasserman who once again shouldered the duties at the bonsai gardens. Art has been a life saver several times this year and we hope to have more members help out next year so as not to tax our regulars so much.

Candace Key and Chris Ross will be

Repotting Season will be Upon Us in No Time, Are you Ready?

As a club we will begin repotting workshops on January 15. If you will need soil, pumice, tools, pots or wire for your own use, right now would be an excellent time to line up your repotting supplies. Check with Jonas Dupuich, Peter Tea or Bob Shimon.

our docents for December. This is always a fun time at the Gardens with people in a merry mood. It is also educational to see the bonsai in winter silhouette, making it easier to observe fine ramification of branches. If anyone would like to join them as an introduction to docent duties at the Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt please contact Candace atinfo@marinbonsai.org.



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