



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 2018. 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 and John Doig for their roles in setting up the bonsai displays, and to them and others for pulling long shifts during the Fair. Special thanks to all the members who displayed their bonsai and to new members who jumped right in to take docent shifts and help with the tree labels. Along with answering questions about bonsai horticulture, techniques and art, we handed out flyers about up-coming auctions by the East Bay Bonsai Society and Marin Bonsai Club, the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society annual show, and the Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt. We also signed up a class full of students for 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 17** and **24**. If you would like to participate in the workshops please contact Marcia Summers at 650.464.3038. Deadline for payment is **July 13**. The \$75 fee includes the two classes, two trees and excellent instruction by Chris Ross and John Doig. The classes are almost full so act fast if you or someone you know would like to be included. Update: the class is now **full**, but we will keep an alternates list in case someone has to drop out last minute.

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 club auction is scheduled for **August 21 @ 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 \$20. 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 Sharon Bone at info@marinbonsai.org or me at gwhaas@comcast.net.

One final word, and that's to 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

Update on fundraising for the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM). BGLM is within **38% of making its \$100,000 goal**. 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](#). You can also contact me for more information and help with your donations.

It's Auction Time!! or almost

As George mentioned above, we will be back at the **Terra Linda Community Center** for our club auction on August 21. 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 novice Auction Wrangler Sharon Bone, will be calling on you to help again this year. We hope you will all pitch in and support Sharon in her inaugural effort and once again make the Marin Bonsai Club auction a big success.

If you are new to the club please contact Sharon and she 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.

Terrific Bonsai Acquisition Opportunity, this week!

The East Bay Bonsai Society hosts their yearly auction of bonsai trees, pots, stands, books, etc. this Wednesday, July 11 at 7:00 at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland. This is the same place we go for lots of local bonsai shows. It is a great way to add to your collections and support our friends in the East Bay. Hope lots of you can make the event. Find out more at their website, eastbaybonsai.org.



Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt

It was heartening to hear members we encountered at the Marin County Fair talk about their intent and desire to docent at the Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt. The word seems to be getting out that the task is not difficult, the time commitment not onerous and the morning very pleasantly spent among bonsai and admirers of bonsai.

Long time members Dan Keller and Art Wasserman have indicated they would be happy to guide newer members through their first docent experience and we are hoping that can happen as early as this month when we need people for **July 28 from 10:00-1:00 PM**. Please contact us through the website to volunteer. You can see the schedule for the year [there](#) under the "Volunteer" tab and choose your dates if this July isn't right for you.

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 if you are new to the



June 5 Program-George Haas Presentation

The club enjoyed a terrific program by our president, George Haas, on collecting bonsai at our June meeting. This was a more complex topic than some anticipated, but George was prepared with excellent hand-outs, personal experiences to relate, and many examples of urban and wilderness collected specimens. He discussed ethical considerations, collecting techniques and the ever important after care to insure the collected trees live through the experience. You will find more details on our [website](#) and a few photos. Check it out!

Gardens and would like to learn the ropes.
Thank you!!

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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.



August 7 Meeting

Peter Tea will once again join us for his continuing series of lectures on bonsai development. His focus will be on Juniper styling for this meeting and we'll have more details for you next month, but for now, **SAVE THE DATE**, You won't want to miss it.
