



President's Message

June already! I am so ready for repotting of my *Ficus retusa* and Hawaiian Umbrella Tree in early June. It's the right time for repotting the tropicals and I most want to replace the current pot for my *Ficus* with a beautiful Senkoen Tokoname pot.

This past May 15 workshop was exciting. We managed to work on a lot of trees. Thanks to everyone who participated in the workshop by bringing your trees to work on. And, I want to thank Alan, Dan, David, and Jay for lending a hand in guiding the work.

The Sei Boku Bonsai Kai is hosting their 35th annual show from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday at the San Mateo Garden Center. Jonas Dupuich will be demonstrating Saturday at noon and leading an open view workshop on Sunday, also at noon. The demo will feature work on a shohin black pine that will be raffled at the conclusion of the event. This is always a wonderful bonsai show to attend each year. *(We always go to this show! Great trees, wonderful people, good vendors in a very pleasant setting. If you make the effort to get there you won't be disappointed. - ed.)*

This is bonsai club show season and with that there is a local bonsai club show almost every weekend. You don't have to travel far to see great bonsai on display. 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.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 5, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Marin Arts and Garden Center, featuring yours truly on collecting and growing bonsai material. I will be covering my own experiences with collecting from wild and urban environments and growing bonsai material. We have lots to talk about before I begin, so please be on time.

We need everyone to focus on the July 4th Marin County Fair (MCF) bonsai exhibition. Sign-up sheets will be available at the June 5 meeting. Can we ask everyone to take part in this annual event by signing up for one to three shifts? Docenting at the MCF is a lot of fun and means so much to the Marin Bonsai Club. Greeting fair goers and handing out club information and getting people to sign-up for the beginners' classes is really simple and requires no preparation on your part. 😊😊😊

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.

George

It's Fair Time!!

This really is the highlight of our bonsai year, and if you've ever been a docent before then you know how much fun it is. You will get to answer really basic questions about bonsai and meet nice people who are interested in your hobby. It's also a fun time to hang out with fellow club members and share bonsai experiences.

The Fair runs from June 30 - July 4 and there are 3 shifts each day. We need for all of them to be fully staffed so we can insure our trees are safe from curious fingers, well watered, and the public well informed about the glorious art of bonsai, which will require multiple shifts by all club members. There will be sign up lists at the June workshop and meeting, so check your calendars, confer with significant others, look at the Fair schedule for other events you might want to explore on the same day, and sign up for as many shifts you can possibly manage.

We need all hands on deck at the Fair, and for set up and take down as well. The Fair exhibit is a fund raiser for the Club and one of our best opportunities to reach out to the public and recruit new members. It's easy. It's fun. Your Club really needs you to help out and even if you can't take extra shifts there are other ways to help make this another successful exhibit for the club:

- Could you help us by making labels for the trees? Most are done, but there are always new trees that need identification. A quick and easy task for someone with even moderate computer skills.
- Could you help us by being the contact person for the Beginning Bonsai Workshops? This involves having your name and a phone number on the flyers we hand out at the Fair, getting back to people with details of the classes, collecting the payments and coordinating with our Treasurer to make sure all is in order, another easy task, but it does require a longer term commitment.

We will have admission tickets for docents and parking passes for those who pull multiple shifts at the June 19 workshop. Sign up sheets will be at the June 5 meeting and can be viewed online at our [website](#).

Set up starts the evening of June 28 at 6:30 for papering the tables.
Trees can be brought in then as well.

June 29 all trees need to arrive between 8:30 and 10:30 to be included in the show. The display needs to be totally spiffed out before the 3:00 Gala event opening the show. If you have trouble getting your trees there within that window please discuss options with Jay.

More Show Details

Please bring the trees you want to show to the June workshop and meeting so Jay knows what he has to work with in setting up the show. At the June workshop we will also help you get the trees in tip top shape. You can be doing weeding now and cleaning pots and polishing stands. We really need accent plants this year so don't be shy in bringing them.

Tree Name Tags

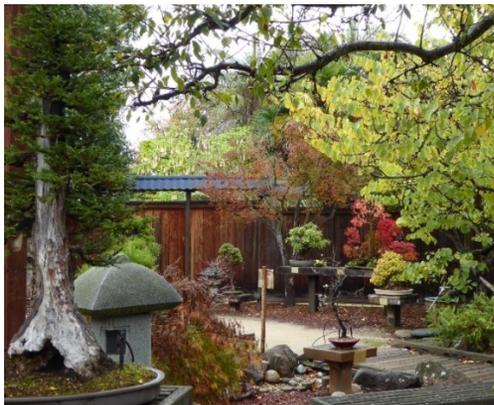
If you are showing a tree for the FIRST time, we need some information on it, i.e., common name, botanical name and age. Please email this data to info@marinbonsai.org as soon as possible so name tag(s) can be prepared. This information can also be passed along to Jay at the June meeting and workshop. Tags are prepared on labels printed by computer so we need this information by **MONDAY, JUNE 25.**

This will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

May meeting recap: Peter Tea provides a demonstration on thread grafting and shows progress on deciduous tree development

It was a full house at our May 1 meeting with Peter Tea. The largest crowd in memory was fascinated as Peter described and illustrated the best grafting techniques for adding branches to a trident maple. David Eichhorn will have one of his beautifully detailed reports on the meeting posted on our website soon so members can refer to all the great tips and advice offered.

Peter also brought in the trident maple tree and Seiju elm he has been reviewing with the club over the last few demonstrations. Although this part of the program went quickly because of the extended discussion on grafting, it was very helpful to see when and where Peter cut the trees at their next stage of development. Again, there are more details in David's article on our [website](#). Be sure to check it out! and sign up for notifications when this and other articles are posted.



Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt

Many thanks to Craig Thompson, just back from another exotic trip, and Dennis Plaut for their time and energy on our May docent day at the Bonsai Gardens. They did a totally novel thing - they came to *me* to set up their yearly date at the Gardens. No begging, pleading, cajoling on anyone's part was necessary. Please, could we have more of that? This is an important contribution our club makes to the vibrant bonsai community in the Bay Area and we need everyone to take part.

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 Gardens and would like to learn the ropes, or visit our club [website](#) to see which months need docents. Thank you!!

Does anyone need a name tag for the Fair? If you have lost yours or are a new member and need one please email us at info@marinbonsai.org by June 8. Cost is about \$8

Please visit our club's website <http://marinbonsai.org/event> [s/](#) 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.



June 5 Program-George Haas Presentation

For a long while now our president, George Haas, has had an idea about a presentation for the club on collecting bonsai. This is a topic that many are curious about, but few have the experience or know the details about how to find, collect and then keep these trees alive. Whether you are collecting in the High Sierra, or your neighbor's front yard George's advice will serve you well. It will be a fun meeting, and George's first demonstration, so please come out to show your support and maybe learn something new.

There will also be a raffle - another possibility for acquiring good bonsai.

Meeting starts at 7:00PM

We will also have Fair sign up sheets at the meeting and Jay will discuss details for the Marin County Fair Show - all the more reason to **BE THERE!**