

Marin Bonsai Club

Club meeting and demonstration Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm
Workshop Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm – by reservation –
RSVP at info@marinbonsai.org



President's Message

I wasn't able to attend the third repotting workshop on February 20, but heard from others everything went well. Repotting season continues into March for some species. Tropical species and Satsuki azaleas can be repotted as well as conifers and broadleaf evergreens if they aren't pushing too much new growth. The club could offer a fourth repotting workshop for March 20, if enough members RSVP and indicate a desire for repotting.

Thank you for supporting the Mammoth Auction and Sale fundraiser for the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt on the weekend of February 17 and 18. We had many club members shopping and also doing the hard work of helping to keep the events running smoothly. The fundraiser was certainly successful: 101 out of 103 items were sold at the auction, mostly bonsai, stands, pots, and one suiseki viewing stone from Japan. Business at the sale and vendors on the second day was also brisk and fun to attend. The pots donated by Marin Bonsai all sold with the proceeds going to support the Bonsai Garden.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next scheduled meeting on March 6 when landscape designer and bonsai professional Bill Castellon will be doing a presentation on the development of shohin bonsai. Bill has an impressive biography and you can read more about him [here](#). This is a program we haven't offered in many years and is sure to be full of insights. Don't miss it!

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.

Update on Fundraising for the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt

BGLM has reached 53% of its goal of raising \$100,000 for replacement and improvements. BGLM appreciates your generous support in its efforts to made 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 Garden Revitalization Opportunity (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.

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p.s. Be sure to check out the BABA (Bay Area Bonsai Associates) show on March 24 and 25 at the Garden Center in Oakland. Some of the best bonsai artists in the Bay Area will be showing trees. See the invitation at the end of this newsletter.



Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt

Special thanks to **Art Wasserman** and **David Eichhorn** who stepped in to handle extra docent duties at the Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt on February 24. They covered both shifts at the Gardens due to

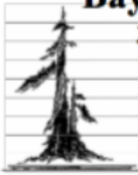


March 6 Program

Bonsai expert Bill Castellon will be presenting a program on shohin bonsai at our March meeting.

Bill is well known in the bonsai community and beyond as a master Aesthetic Pruner, landscape designer specializing in the placement of large stones, and as a bonsai artist who does wonders with very small trees. He will be working on a Chinese quince for the presentation, and has asked our own John Doig to put together a display of shohin bonsai for the evening. It is sure to be a visually inspiring evening as well as a chance to learn a great deal on a topic that we have not explored in detail in many years. It will be another great meeting and you don't want to miss it.

Meeting starts at 7:00PM



Bay Area Bonsai Associates 37th Annual Bonsai Exhibit

March 24 & 25, 2018

Lakeside Park Garden Center at Lake Merritt
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA

Exhibit Displays, Light Dinner, Demonstrations, Benefit Drawing, Plant Sales, and Doctor Bonsai

Demonstration by Bill Castellon, Gordon Deeg, and Jim Gremel

Saturday, March 24, 5:00PM – 9:00PM

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm: Exhibit and Plant Sale area open, followed by light dinner.

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm: Demonstration by club members, followed by a raffle of the demo trees (Winning ticket must be present).

Sunday, March 25, 12noon – 4:00PM

12:00 noon – 4:00 pm: Exhibit and Plant Sale

