

Club meeting and demonstration Tuesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm

# Marin Bonsai Club Newsletter



## President's Message

In September, the club held a sit-down board meeting to discuss some “significant club topics”. First and foremost, Art Wasserman will be retiring from his long-standing, six-year position as club treasurer at the end of this calendar year. Art has done a superb job of keeping fiscal control and the bookkeeping for the club. We are in good financial shape as a direct result of Art’s expertise and efforts. If you have some experience or no experience in bookkeeping, but want to help the club keep its house in order, please contact me. Secondly, Candace Key will also be retiring from her outstanding roles as secretary/board member. She has been my right arm the past two years. I can’t say enough about Candace’s experience and tireless efforts in all organizational matters, hosting board meetings, setting up agenda items, and bringing on new members to fill vital positions like the one she is leaving. She is a club treasure for almost every activity taken on by the club. Finally, I will end my tour of duty as club president at the end of this year. I found out being president is the best job of them all. Before I leave as MBC’s president, I want to complete a new and exciting schedule of programs for 2019 by the end of this November, programs that use a balance of internal expertise and seek outside professional artists and instructors who will broaden everyone’s knowledge and education in the living art form of bonsai.\* I request that all members consider taking on a more active role in the club’s future endeavors. Consider one of the above positions and participate as a volunteer in other various club’s roles. Thank you for your support.

Editor’ note: If you would like to know what is involved in the various board positions and leadership roles please click [here](#) to see a detailed description of the responsibilities.

\* We would love to hear from our members about what they would like to see for club programs. Please take the survey at the end of this newsletter and share your thoughts.

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## GSBF Convention in Sacramento

Register now! October 24 – 28, GSBF Convention 41 will be held at the McClellan Conference Center in Sacramento, featuring great headliners, workshops, vendors, great banquets with awards, auctions, raffles, and more. Day passes are available. Put together a carpool and come for the day. You're sure to have a great time and learn lots.

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November 1<sup>st</sup> has been selected for submitting the initial order for production of commemorative bricks with installation at the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM) to take place soon afterwards. Now is the time to order your own personalized engraved commemorative brick and support the BGLM. Come on, we only need 38 bricks to be sold between now and November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Update on fundraising for the BGLM. BGLM is within *32% of making its 100 commemorative brick drive*. 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



### Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt

Thank you to David Eichhorn and Cheryl Redmond for taking on the docent duties at the Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt in September.



### John Doig & Chris Ross October 2, 7:00 PM

The dynamic duo of John Doig and Chris Ross will do a presentation at our October 2 meeting. Their topic is the

Cheryl, who is a new member, got a great education on the garden history and trees from David, a seasoned pro to the Gardens after all these years. It is great to see some of our newbies experiencing the joys of being among the bonsai for a few hours and we hope all members, old and new will take a docent shift this year. We need docents for the last three months of the year, so please check the [calendar](#) on the website and choose your date. We greatly appreciate your help and support.

For our regular shift we need docents – hopefully two – for our next date of October 27.

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, plus 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.

**Thank you**

development of a juniper from nursery stock. Some of you will recognize the material as similar to what was used in the Beginning Bonsai Workshops, but in this presentation you will see two pros in action, challenging the audience and each other as they decide the style of the tree, what to keep and what to jettison to the compost heap. We know they will be entertaining, but they also dispense sound bonsai development advice, passing along many lessons learned from their teachers Peter Tea and Kathy Shaner. As usual, this is a meeting you won't want to miss.



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## Bonsai Bonsai Bonsai

Fall is a busy time in the bonsai world with lots of opportunities to see gorgeous trees and internationally renown artists showing off their skills. Please take note of a couple of the opportunities below, and check the calendar on the Golden State Bonsai Federation [website](#) for more in California.

**East Bay Bonsai Society 57th Annual Exhibit**

## October 13 –14 Oakland, California

The East Bay Bonsai Society hosts their 57th Annual Show at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Lake Merritt.

Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM on Saturday and 11 AM – 4 PM on Sunday.

Headliner is bonsai artist, Jonas Dupuich, who will be doing a styling demonstrations on both Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 – 3:30 PM.

The show will feature over 50 tree varieties and ages and will also feature a plant sale and raffle.

This is always a beautiful show with lots of fall color.  
You don't want to miss it.

### **Bjorn Bjorholm Demonstration – Friday November 9th at 7pm**

The Bonsai Society of San Francisco is hosting Japanese-trained bonsai professional Bjorn Bjorholm for a demonstration and talk. (Demo tree, a Rocky-Mountain juniper, to be raffled.) We encourage you to invite your bonsai friends and expect a full house!

Check out Bjorn's website including his newly opened nursery  
at <http://www.bjornbjorholm.com/>

### **What programs would you like to see the Marin Bonsai Club present next year?**

We are inviting our members to weigh in on programs for 2019. Please click on the link below and let us know if any of the programs we have suggested appeal to you. These would be in addition to our Peter Tea lecture series, programs with Jonas Dupuich, an oak demonstration with John Thompson and a Japanese Black Pine demonstration with Bill Castellon which are already booked.

[Take our survey.](#)

