

Club meeting and demonstration Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm
Right after Labor Day!



President's Message

At our August 7 meeting the club saw the return of Peter Tea whose topic was styling junipers. Shimpaku is a Japanese term which means juniper – and Peter brought two types, Kishu and Itoigawa, for discussion. Junipers are the most common bonsai around the world and styling them can include many different bonsai techniques, including aging methods such as creating jin and shari effects. As Peter explained, a jin is a bare-stripped part of the branch, whereas a shari is a barkless part of the trunk. If you missed this presentation by Peter visit the [MBC's website](#) for a detailed write up by Candace Key.

On August 21 the club held its annual auction fundraiser. Sharon Bone chaired the auction this year and many members helped with the various activities. I'd like to thank all the members who assisted Sharon in making the auction a success. We tried something new this year with a silent auction replacing the member sales table. Treasurer, Art Wasserman will soon let us know if this change provided an increase in revenues. Be sure to provide feedback to your board members on the manner in which the club conducted the auction, so that improvements can be considered for next year.

Register now! October 24 – 28, GSBF Convention 41 will be held at the McClellan Conference Center, featuring great headliners, workshops, vendors, great banquets with awards, auctions, raffles, and more. Day passes are available. Details [here](#).

November 1st 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 1st.

Update on fundraising for the BGLM. BGLM is within **35% 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

Congratulations on a great auction, and THANK YOU!

It was another wild and crazy auction night on August 21, but with the help of an army of volunteers and conscripts, auction Wrangler Sharon Bone produced an entertaining and profitable event.

As a fundraiser the auction is important in helping to pay for all the great programs the Marin Bonsai Club presents each year. We deeply appreciate the time and effort that went into staging this important event, plus your support in bringing trees to auction and buying new bonsai treasures.

Thank you so much!!!

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.



Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt

Our club enjoyed a month off from docent duties at the Bonsai Gardens so we could attend the REBS show in Santa Rosa, and many of us did! For the rest of the year we are back to our usual schedule of staffing the gardens from 10-1 on the 4th Saturday of the month. We also received a notice that they are short staffed on several Sunday shifts in September, so if you can help out your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

For our regular shift we need docents – hopefully two – for our next date of September 22. 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.

We would like to bring some of our newer members into the docent program for an orientation on both



Jay McDonald - September 4, 7:00 PM

Our September 4 meeting will feature MBC's own bonsai artist, Jay McDonald who will create a rock planting out of some truly exceptional materials. You can see the beautiful lace rock foundation and Hollywood juniper on our [website](#) if you want a preview. (pictured above is his composition from last year - sweet!) And, as you would expect from Jay, he has miles of 'Silverback' moss to fill in around the trees and accessory plantings to make a truly stunning work of art.

Jay's presentations are always entertaining as well as informative and you will have a chance to win his creation in the raffle held at the end of the presentation. Free to everyone, so bring a friend!

the bonsai and docenting. Please step up and let us know when you can help out. Thank you!!



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