

# Marin Bonsai Club

- August 2019 -

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## Important Dates [Click for MBC Event page](#)

### **At Terra Linda Community Center:**

Tue. **8/6**, 7–9:30 PM MBC Annual Auction and Sales

Tue. **8/20**, 7–9:30 PM Meeting and Demo

[See Taskmaster on MBC website](#)



### ***President's Special Message***

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The **Annual Auction & Sale on August 6**, will be from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the TLCC. The following schedule will be followed:

5:30 to 7:00 p.m. – Set up chairs, tables, prepare auction paperwork, etc.

7:00 to 7:30 p.m. – Preview of auction and sale items.  
7:30 to 9:15 p.m. – Live auction, silent auction and sales.  
9:15 to 9:30 p.m. – Clean up.

I encourage every member to examine their bonsai and related items (pots, books, tools, etc.) and decide what quality items you can part with for donation and/or consignment in the live auction and silent auction.

All proceeds go towards the club's operations and yearly schedule of programs.

I will email the donation/consignment forms in advance so that you can prepare these prior to arriving at the TLCC. You'll still need to prepare item tags upon your arrival. ***Please print and be sure the forms and tags are legible.***

There are numerous bonsai pots and magazines which have been donated to the club. A separate sales table will display these items at very reasonable prices.

No consignment items will be accepted for the sales table.  
Please use ***checks and cash (small bills) only***. Pizza will be served to volunteers from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Thank you.

--George  
707-762-9154

**This Event is open to public.** A Wide range of bonsai related items such as bonsai, seedlings, pots, tools, books are offered at terrific value. A silent auction goes on along with live auction. Bring your friends, family, bonsai lovers, cash or check to take advantage of this once a year opportunity!

### **List of Volunteers**

#### Set-up - Everyone

Sellers' Paperwork – **Candace Key, Chris Ross**

Reception and Bid Number sign up – **Peter Makepeace**

Refreshment Hosts – **Marlene Philley, Cheryl Redmond**

Auctioneers – **Jay McDonald, Adam Petras**

Floor Manager – **Roger Lion, John Doig**

Runners – **Dennis Plaut, James Phelan, Morris Dailey, Dan Keller,**

**Craig Thompson**

Accounting Accountant/Table – **TJ Williams, Candace Key, Marcia Summers,**

**Ben Wasserman**

Master sold list – **Sharon Bone**

Mark Tags of Sold Items – **Belinda Lee**

Impound for sold items – **Alan Voigt, Chris Ross**

Silent Auction table – **Michaele Jaffe,**

Sales table – **Lake Hanyu, Michael Murtaugh**

Security & Crowd Control – **Dan Keller**

#### Clean-up - Everyone

*Beginners's Workshop Recap*



## Recap of Beginners' Workshops by George Hass

On July 16 and 23, at the Terra Linda Community Center, San Rafael, California, Marin Bonsai Club (MBC) conducted its annual beginners' workshops. This year there were two workshops, one with 10 students and the other with 11 students, all learning the living art form referred to as bonsai. Each student worked with a senior member of MBC on creating a bonsai from nursery stock. The trees were Prostrada junipers, roughly five years old and having been repotted by the Calaveras Nursery, Inc., located in Sunol, California. The junipers were repotted in five-gallon nursery containers about two and a half years ago and had well developed root systems.

[Continue reading and see more images posted on MBC's Blog here](#)

## *Recap of Marin County Fair*

We had another very successful show at the Marin County Fair last month. There are many "Ahhh"s, "Wooo"s and wow"s

Webmaster invites you to check out images online [2019 Marin County Fair](#) and [Visuals](#) page on our blog.



Photos: courtesy of Craig Thompson, Dan Keller and Sharon Bone

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## Viewer's Take: The Inaugural Bay Area Shohin and Suiseki Show 6/29-30, 2019



### On Suiseki

The Inaugural Bay Area Suiseki and Shohin Show was held during the last weekend in June 2019 at the Lake Merritt Garden Center in Oakland. On Sunday, there was an introductory lecture and slide show by Janet Roth. She introduced the basics of rock viewing, the philosophy, origins, styles and its history in California.

For those of us new to the art form, it was revelatory, as deep as bonsai but without the watering! It came to Japan from China in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, where the style is the philosopher stone version with more manipulated forms. With more manipulated forms, where as the Japanese tradition is based in Shinto and Zen ideas of reverence for the spiritual in nature and meditation. The stones are as found, sometimes whole (ideally) or cut to present a miniature landscape such as a mountain, waterfall, or plateau, etc.

Jesse Collins, the first practitioner in the U.S. and possibly the Western Hemisphere, "donated a prized Suiseki from Sensei Yukikichi Hirotsu's collection to

*the Lake Side Garden Center on behalf of his family and Kashu Suiseki Kai of Palo Alto* (explanation by Collins, thank you Lisa Harper of California Shohin Society for providing the quote.) Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt will begin exhibiting stones on going with its famous bonsai collection.

The stones were displayed beautifully on their various stands or trays of sand (but would have benefited from better lighting) and included stones by our club's Chris Ross. His "Glacier" stone struck me particularly, together with a lovely assortment of Shohin bonsai from various artists including our own John Doig. His works continue to awe visitors with his microscopic trees and plants. "Tiny trees in tiny pots on tiny stands... so much tininess!" said a visitor in my imagination.

There was a dealers' room with plants, pots, stands and stones for sale. Prices varied from bargain to 'not today'.

The show seemed a success, and hopefully it will be an annual event, proving to *skeptics that the rock viewer and the bonsai master can be friends\**.

Peter Makepeace  
Member, MBC

*\* inspired by musical **Oklahoma***

## REMINDER

August MBC Meeting/Demo is on Tuesday **08/20** at  
**Terra Linda Community Center** [Direction](#)  
Peter Tea returns to share his knowledge on Juniper

**--- There will be no Workshop nor Docent Duty this month ---**

### Useful Links

[Some of what you will find on Marin Bonsai Club Website/Blog](#)

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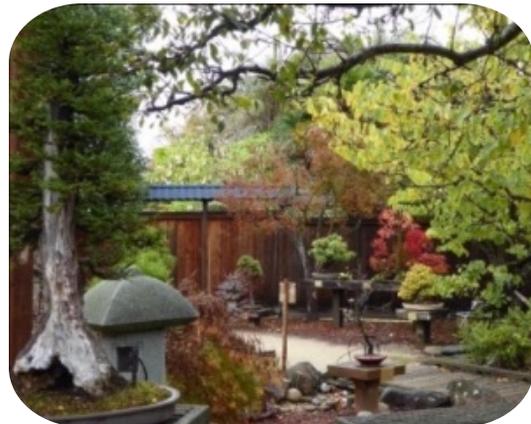
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### Travel Note from Editor

On the way to Bonsai Society in Tokyo, I visited a Mophead hydrangea plant I have been seeing for many years growing near the platform at local streetcar stop. High humidity gives me an illusion that I am in South West Asia somewhere. Everything is green now, supported by rainy season before the summer heat. The hydrangea is at least 8



### On Docent Duty at BGLM will continue in September

Dennis Plaut is the MBC Docent Coordinator for the Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt, in Oakland. MBC is committed to

feet tall growing in the narrow raised bed. Leaves are glossy dark green and as large as my face.

Plants are lush everywhere though there is hardly any soil. Every entry way has plants, they have the looks of bonsai in training, They are in tiny pots, in baskets and planters. This thick balmy green patches throughout the city helps city dwellers to get through this almost intolerable heat. I am beginning to get used to it, better yet, I am starting to love it. Of course, I know that there is air an conditioned cafe around corner wherever I am in the city.

providing docent support every fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt opened its gate to the public in November 1999. The Bonsai Garden was built entirely by volunteers of GSBF club members. Today, it continues to be cared for by all volunteers. MBC support role is a long-term commitment honored and enjoyed by many.

[sign up here](#) or [email Dennis](#)

Thank you in advance for your support of the Gardens and our Bonsai community.

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Images from from bonsai shop near museum that hosts **Kokufu-Ten** Bonsai exhibit



A tiny beneficial on tiny Tree, Japanese name translation "tree of silver flower", about \$27



I chose this Satsuki Shohin to pruning practice while in Japan, about \$23

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## 2019 Board Members and Appointments

### Board Members:

- President - George Haas
- VP of Programs - David Eichhorn
- VP of Shows - Jay McDonald
- Treasurer - Art Wasserman
- Secretary - Marcie Summers
- Secretary - Dan Keller
- Webmaster - Sharon Bone
- Newsletter Editor - Lake Hanyu

### Appointments

- BGLM Docent Coordinator - Dennis Plaut
- [Membership \(Hospitality\) - Open](#)
- Librarian - Roger Lion

email MBC

## Special Thank You! to:

Auction/Sales organizers and volunteers  
Everyone who came to Beginner's Workshops to give it a try  
Senior members who helped the beginners  
Peter Makepeace for his thoughts on Suiseki lecture he attended  
Lisa Harper to provide information on Suiseki lecture

All the enthusiasm / knowledge of members!



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