

Newsletter *from*

Marin Bonsai Club

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

At Marin Art and Garden Center:

Tue. **2/05** & **2/19**, 7-9:30 PM Honda Pot sale & Repotting Workshop

At Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland:

Wed. **2/13**, 7:30 PM East Bay Bonsai Club meeting with guest artist David DeGroot

Sat. **2/16** & Sun **2/17** Mammoth Auction

At Terra Linda Community Center:

Tue. **3/5**, 7-9:30 PM First Meeting at new location



President's Special Message

A special thanks to Jonas Dupuich for his rich and instructional demonstration "Carving Deadwood" on January 8, 2019. His theme was to add physical character and interest to bonsai trees. Look for a write up by David Eichhorn on the MBC website soon.

MBC members showed up in great numbers for the first of three repotting workshops on January 15, 2019. Many senior MBC members helped other members in their repotting tasks. Workshops are a great way to learn or practice hands-on bonsai maintenance tasks. MBC offers workshops throughout the year for this purpose. At the workshops, the club provides free aluminum wire and drainage screen material. Bonsai soil mix is provided for a nominal fee based on size of the bonsai. It is important that all MBC members come with their own tools which are marked for identification. If you borrow someone's tool, **be sure to ask permission, use it properly, and return the tool to its owner immediately after use.**

We have two more repotting workshops scheduled for February 5 and 19 at the MAGC Multi-Purpose Room. Please reserve your seat by [RSVP here](#) so we know how many members are expected.

We begin meeting at the Terra Linda Community Center (TLCC) on March 5. TLCC will be our monthly meeting and workshop location. I am confident that MBC members will enjoy the space and location. The MBC schedule of programs for

2019 is complete featuring a variety of subjects and guest demonstrators. On March 5, Jonas Dupuich returns with a demonstration on exposed root Japanese Black Pine. Jonas will provide a number of JBP exposed root kits for purchase.

Also on March 5, MBC will conduct its first board meeting of the year. The board meeting will meet at 6:00 p.m. prior to the monthly meeting at TLCC. All MBC members are welcome to observe and offer comments. See the bottom of this email for the Board member and appointments for 2019.

The 2019 membership dues can be paid in person at the meeting or mailed to the club address

George

Recap:
Tuesday 1/8 Demonstration
by Jonas Dupuich of [Bonsai Tonight](#)

Jonas Dupuich's lecture and demonstration on the when, where and how of creating deadwood features on conifer bonsai was full of useful information. Jonas also discussed the possibilities of creating jin and shari on deciduous trees, and why this is often not done. You can read more about his presentation online on our [website](#) in MBC VP of Program's excellent article.



REMINDER

Location Change!

Starting **3/5**, MBC Meeting and Workshops are conducted at
Terra Linda Community Center [Direction](#)

[Membership Dues are due. If overlooked, mail in the check today!](#)

Marin Bonsai Club
P.O. Box 1461
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Storage Shed at the MAGC

It is in good condition
can be inspected by appointment or at workshops 2/5 & 2/19

Interested in taking possession?
Contact George Haas (gwhaas@comcast.net) or
David Eichhorn (david@doeichhorn.com) for details.



Mammoth Auction and Sale [See details](#)

--- largest of its kind in California by Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF)

Where: [Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt in Oakland](#)

When: **2/16(Sat) - 02/17(Sun)**

What: **2/16(Sat): 12 PM**, Auction preview

1 PM, Auction begins 100+ bonsai to be auctioned off

2/17(Sun): 9 AM, Vendor sales begin

Bonsai, tools, wire, soil mixes, and other bonsai essentials,

10 AM, Bonsai and pot sales

1 PM, Demonstration

A great opportunity to purchase your bonsai needs.

For more information,

email George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net

Repot for Tree Health

Two Repotting workshops, [02/05](#) and [02/19](#) at MAGC
Free workshop for members who are current with their dues

BRING:

Your tools and mark them with your ID.
(root scissors, root rake, chopstick, pliers, wire cutter)

Your own soil if you prefer it to what the club offers.

AND container to take home used soil.

NOTES:

Honda Pots available for sale – come early for good selection.

Soil mix available for \$5, \$10

Limit 2 small or 1 large tree. Finish by 9:15 for clean up.

Screens and wires provided if needed.

Unless chair is needed, please refrain from using. Soil on chairs cost us extra cleaning time.

Don't miss out!

[See printable details](#)



Honda Bonsai Pot Sale

At Repotting WS (see above).
10~15 used Japanese bonsai pots from a former
MBC member.

20% of the sale supports MBC.

25+ years old, no chips.

Payment by check or cash.

~ George ~

2019 Board Members and Appointments

Board Members:

- President - George Haas
- VP of Programs - David Eichhorn
- VP of Shows - Jay McDonald
- Treasurer - Art Wasserman
- Secretaries - Marcie Summers and Dan Keller
- Webmaster - Sharon Borne



--On Docent Duty-- at BGLM

Many thanks to reliable Members on this duty: for 2019, Art has signed up for 3 shifts, willing to take new members to guide them; David often steps in at the last minute as well as his scheduled sign-up; Don is a new member who enjoyed this duty in 2018 (and would go again if someone else was driving); Craig and Dennis are great in volunteering every year without being asked.

Candace and Chris who volunteered as docents in December noted that was a fun time at the Gardens with people in a merry mood. They described the educational value of the opportunity to see bonsai trees in winter silhouette, making it easier to observe fine ramification of branches.

Roger Lion and Candace Key have shared the job of Docent Coordinator over the last few years. This year we welcome Dennis Plaut who has stepped up as Docent Coordinator.

Winter in the garden has another special bonus. It is likely that docents will run into Curator Kathy Shaner at the Gardens. Docents will have a chance to observe her teaching and helping garden assistants perform seasonal work on the magnificent trees in the collection. Please

email info@marinbonsai.org if you like to take this amazing opportunity. You can't take on the duty for February? Other months on our website waiting for you. [click here](#).

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

[email MBC](#)

Special Thank You! to:

Board members for their time and thoughts

Docent volunteers at BGLM

Jonas Dupuich for demonstration

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All the enthusiasm / knowledge of members!

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