

Newsletter *from*



Marin Bonsai Club

- January 2019 -

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Important Dates

At Marin Art and Garden Center:

Tue 01/08, 7–9:30 PM Meeting and Demo (Jonas Dupich)

Tue 01/15, 7–9:30 PM Repotting Workshop

Tue 02/05, 7–9:30 PM Monthly Meeting

Tue 02/19, 7–9:30 PM Repotting Workshop

At Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland:

Wed 02/13, 7:30 East Bay Bonsai Club meeting with guest artist David DeGroot

At Terra Linda Community Center:

Tue 03/05, 7–9:30 PM First Meeting at new location

President's Special Message

On November 30, 2018, MBC received an email from the executive director of the Marin Art & Garden Center (MAGC), Antonia Adezio. It addressed several issues impacting directly on MBC's continuance of having its monthly meetings and workshops at MAGC.

First, effective January 1, 2019, the Multi-Purpose Room would no longer be available for rent by MBC due to planned renovation of administration office space. Secondly, the rental of the Livermore Pavilion, instead of Multi-Purpose Room, on a Tuesday night is \$140 per hour for November – March and \$205 for April – October. It is a considerable increase over rental cost for our use. And finally, MBC was required to remove its storage shed by the end of February 2019.

MBC has enjoyed some 15 years of using the MAGC facilities in Ross. Memories of past fall shows, summer auctions, monthly meetings and workshops are all that remains. The Board members were left with the heavy decision to take actions in locating suitable new facilities. A number of suggestions were circulated; however, MBC's past two years' experience with conducting the summer auctions at the [Tera Linda Community Center \(TLCC\)](#) helped substantially in narrowing the focus and ultimate selection.

After a series of conversations, we were granted permission to use the **MAGC Multi-Purpose Room for the meetings and repotting workshops scheduled on January 8, 15, February 5 and 19.** For the repotting workshops, please RSVP as usual so that we can be prepared to handle everyone's needs. Please limit your repotting to two small to medium or one large bonsai per session. Soil is available for purchase, or you may bring your own.

On **January 8, 2019**, MBC will conduct its meeting at the MAGC Multi-Purpose Room. The program will feature Jonas Dupuich ([bonsaitonight.com](#)) discussing deadwood features in bonsai and demonstrating some carving techniques. Come join us for the start of the new year's scheduled programs.

Effectively **March 5**, MBC will conduct all its meetings, workshops, beginners' workshop one and two, and summer auction at the TLCC location - 670 Del Ganado Road, San Rafael. Those members who participated in the summer auctions for the past two years will be familiar with the space.

We have completed a new and exciting schedule of programs for 2019. All together there will be 18 dates at TLCC, this includes meetings, workshops, beginners' workshops one and two, and the August auction. Refer to the MBC website for posted events at <http://marinbonsaiclub.org>

George



~ **Special Thank You! to Dan and Susan Keller** ~

Our gracious hosts for the Holiday Party
Gorgeous Day, Beautiful Place, and Much Fun

**Repotting Season is Upon Us
Are you Ready?**

Repotting workshops begin on January 15. Need soil, pumice, tools, pots or wire? Line up your repotting supplies. Check with Jonas Dupuich, Peter Tea or Bob Shimon.



Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt

Many thanks to Candace Key and Chris Ross who were our club docents in December. It was a fun time at the Gardens with people in a merry mood. It is also educational to see the bonsai in winter silhouette, making it easier to observe fine ramification of branches.



Honda Bonsai Pot Sale

01/8 and 01/15 at MBC meeting and Repotting Workshop
10 to 15 used Japanese bonsai pots belonging to a former member of the MBC
20% of the sale price supports MBC programs
Pots are priced to sell
25+ years old, no chips.
Payment by check or cash

We need 2 docents for our scheduled date on January 26. It is likely Curator Kathy Shaner will be at the gardens that day and docents will have a chance to observe her teaching and helping garden assistants perform seasonal work on the magnificent trees in the collection. Please contact

~ George ~

Note from (new) editor

Hi Everyone,
Long time trusted, super organizer Candace is handing her baton to me for the MBC Newsletter. Big shoes to fill, but I will do my best.

I never imagined I would be falling in love with Bonsai. While growing up in Japan, I thought "Bonsai is a cruel hobby for an old retired rich man" and had no respect for it as an art. Such a narrow minded prejudice! It took many years and many miles to straighten me out.

Thanks to Chris, I was inspired to look at bonsai in a brand new light. I am in it for just 1 year.

Learning that Bonsai involves many aspects of our lives, respecting the art more each day.

Thank you for your help and patience in advance while I get up to speed.

~ Lake Hanyu

Candace or Art at info@marinbonsai.org if you can help out. If you can't take on the duty for January you can sign up for another month on our website [here](#).

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



January 8 Meeting with Jonas Dupuich

Discussion of deadwood features on bonsai and how to successfully create them

Jonas is a club favorite and this should be an excellent presentation on a topic not formally addressed in a long time

This is a program you won't want to miss

