

# Newsletter *from*



Marin Bonsai Club

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

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

Tue. **10/1**, 7-9:30 PM Meeting and the Lecture

"TJ" Thomason on Oaks Trees

Tue. **10/15**, 7-9:30 PM Workshop

[See Taskmaster on MBC website](#)

### **At Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland:**

Sat. **10/26** Docent Duty Aniko & Markus Mieritz

### **898 Coleman Ave, Menlo Park**

Sat and Sun. **10/5, 10am-4pm, 10/06, 10am-3pm**

### **San Francisco County Fair Building**

Friday. **11/1, 7:30pm**



## *President's Special Message*

Your Board is hard at work doing the club's business. Many changes have been discussed about the restructure of the MBC. A vice president and three new board member positions may be created as a result. The elections scheduled for the annual business meeting on January 7, 2020 will seat three officers and three board members. Committee chairs will be renewed for shows and web master; whereas there will be newly appointed chairs for programs, docent coordinator for Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt, librarian, and annual auction.

The best news is the 2020 officers and board will inherit 1) fiscal assets well in the black, 2) an approved 2020 schedule of programs, 3) models for four successful fund raisers, 4) the best bonsai club web site in the west, 5) monthly emailed newsletters and reminders, and 6) the rewrite of the bylaws.

On September 3, Jay McDonald performed a great Shimpaku juniper rock planting demonstration for the monthly meeting/demo. New member Diane Matzen won the demo rock planting to show that it is true the newest members win raffles. There is a wonderful write up by Candace Key on the club's web site blog – [www.marinbonsai.org](http://www.marinbonsai.org).

On October 1, John "JT" Thompson will provide a lecture and demonstration using oak bonsai. JT is an expert on California native oaks used for bonsai. If you have an oak bonsai in your collection be sure to bring it to the meeting.

I am very up beat about the status of MBC. The club has seen a recent increase in new and enthusiastic members. The 2019 schedule of programs has been educational and rewarding. As a result, the club is growing in size and viable as an organization.

Thanks to all the members who have participated in the scheduled club events and activities. None of the above would have taken place without your support.

-George

**RECAP: September Demo  
Rock Planting by Jay McDonald**

**Notes from Speaker:**

**10/1 Lecture and Demo on Oak Tree: TJ Tomopson**

*My program will be in two parts. First I will be passing out and going over my Bonsai Care and Development Considerations template. This is a graphic chart on how to recognize your particular tree, where it is in development, what operations you have to choose from and when they can be used. I'll concentrate on oaks but it can be utilized for any bonsai material. Second, work on a fairly simple 5 gallon oak for your raffle. I can analyze / critique and possibly work or suggest directions on some of the members oak trees with the time remaining.*

*I became interested in bonsai while serving in Okinawa in 1971. I actually started working on trees in the mid 70's and join Midori shortly thereafter.*

*Oak bonsai have been my passion from the beginning. Collecting, raising from seed, nursery material, private owners - I've had lots of sources. I have many other trees favorites including Chinese quince, Junipers, boxwoods, cypresses and a host of deciduous trees.*

*As a business "JT Bonsai", I offer demos, lectures, and workshops. I sell annealed copper wire for bonsai and an occasional tree. I work on clients' collections.*

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## Bonsai Events Near Us

Saturday and Sunday Oct 5th and 6th

Menlo Park

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John and Sandy  
Planting have been  
involved in Bonsai for  
over 60 years and are  
selling trees, pots, tools,  
scrolls, ikebana  
containers and much  
more!



October  
5th-6th

Sat: 10 am-4 pm Sun: 10 am-3 pm  
(no earlybirds)

898 Coleman Ave, Menlo Park  
(limited street parking)

Cash, Checks, and Credit cards accepted

Free stones, terra cotta pots. Bring your own wagon for transport  
Contact Lynne O'Dell for questions [lynnemo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynnemo@sbcglobal.net)

Hello Fellow Bonsai Enthusiasts,

John and Sandy Planting, long time members of Palo Alto's Kusamura Bonsai Club, are having a sale!

**EVERYTHING WILL BE PRICED TO GO by Gordon Deeg prior to this event.**

If you've ever been to the Plantings' home you know that John probably has exactly the pot you need for your tree - whether tiny shohin, Japanese signature pot or a huge growing pot. Over 2,000 bonsai pots will be offered which range in size from very large to shohin and smaller. There are probably 1,000 shohin pots alone. And John estimates that around 800-900 trees will be included in this sale - all priced by Gordon.

In addition to trees and pots, there will be soil components, tools, fabulous scrolls and other Japanese decorative items for the interior of your home, kimonos, ikebana containers, and much more. **AGAIN, everything will be priced to GO!!!**

Please pass the attached PDF along to your club's members. You have received this message because you were listed on the GSBF website as the contact person for your bonsai club.

On behalf of John and Sandy, THANK YOU for your assistance in helping advertise their sale.

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A number of Kusamura members will be helping John and Sandy with this sale throughout the weekend. The goal is for John and Sandy to be able to visit with you while you're there. **So even if you don't think you need anything, come by and visit with them.** They are both slowing down big time and I know they would love to see you.

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Have questions? Please email Lynne O'Dell at [lynnemo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynnemo@sbcglobal.net). Lynne is Kusamura's Past-President and has been instrumental in organizing and making this sale happen.

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Hope to see you there!  
Rita Curbow, Editor & Board Member  
Kusamura Bonsai Club

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Friday Nov 1st, 2019 SF Co Fair Bldg.  
Contact info:  
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# A special program with Jan Culeck from Czech Republic

Friday November 1st, 2019 , 7:30 pm, SF County Fair Building



Bonsai Society of San Francisco



Bonsai Society of San Francisco presents:

A talk and demonstration on stone plantings using one of Jan's own synthetic stone creations with small Kishu junipers grown for the purpose. Demo material to be raffled at the end of the program.

Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Date: Friday November 1st

Time: 7:30pm-10pm

Location: San Francisco County Fair Building, Hall of Flowers,  
9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, San Francisco

To see more about Jan, visit his website: [www.janculekbonsai.com](http://www.janculekbonsai.com)

For more about the Bonsai Society visit [www.bssf.org](http://www.bssf.org)

Contact: Eric Schrader | 415-823-7984 | [contact@bssf.org](mailto:contact@bssf.org)

## REMINDER

MBC Meeting and Workshops are conducted at  
**Terra Linda Community Center** [Direction](#)

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

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### Useful Links

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

Link to [Marin Bonsai Club](#)

- 1) *Subscribe to the blog:* Go to the link above, and look for the **Subscribe** section, like the image below, on the right pane, enter your email address.  
That's it, you will receive new posting on our website.

### Subscribe to our Blog

Enter your email address to subscribe to this blog and receive notifications of new posts by email.

- 2) *Read recap of Lecture, Demos and Workshop:* Go to Link above. Newest post on home page, and list of past posting is on the right pane.

*And more...Visit our [Website/Blog](#) today*

Other links you may be interested

[Bay Area Satuski Aikokai](#)



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 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 of us.

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

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

**October Docent Duty: Aniko & Markus Mieritz**

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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



## Special Thank You! to:

Docent volunteers at BGLM

Everyone who came to work on your bonsai and senior members who helped other members at workshop

All the enthusiasm / knowledge of members!



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