

Newsletter *from*

**Marin Bonsai Club**

- December 2020 -

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

Please note that scheduled events are subject to change

March Zoom Meeting and Demo

**Tue. 03/02/2020**

At Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt is open!: [Direction](#)



## President's Special Message

I wish to mention the very sad news of Peter Makepeace's passing a few days ago. Peter was a member of the Marin Bonsai Club for a relative short time, only 2yrs. He was willing to take on any task given him. Peter participated in club meetings and workshops on a regular basis. He will be missed.

Rest in Peace.

With December comes the Holiday Season and closing of the books on 2020. It is supposed to be a merry and cheerful time of the year. It can be if we focus on the positive things that surround us.

I hope everyone is healthy and safe from the coronavirus pandemic of 2020. Hope is on my mind for 2021 and for the lifting of the pandemic restrictions that plagued us throughout this year.

On November 7, Marin Bonsai Club conducted its fundraising sale at the outdoors basketball court behind the Terra Linda Community Center. The weather was perfect for our event. A total of 18 members and one professional vendor (Matthew Walker) sold items that included: bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots galore, soil, wire, tools, and more. A new member to the club (Mikel Edward) sold his new, hand-crafted line of bonsai pots. The fundraiser occurred from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and grossed \$4,070, of which the club earned \$1,661. Suggestions were made that next year the club should invite other Bay Area bonsai clubs to participate in the sale, thus increasing the number of buyers as members from the other clubs would be present. A special thanks to all the sellers, volunteer helpers, buyers, and supporters who made the fundraising event a success.

The 2021 MBC programs committee (Craig Thompson, Marcia Summers and Gwynessa Aetherwyn) have been busy the past couple of months working on scheduling professional instructors for bonsai presentations. Because COVID-19 pandemic will continue to be with us for months to come, it was important to schedule instructors capable of doing Zoom meetings/presentations. Additionally, only the first six months in 2021 were scheduled due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. Here is a sneak preview of next year's proposed MBC programs:

### **MBC 2021 PROGRAMS**

**(Striked through are historically scheduled events that are not on 2021 schedule)**

- ~~Jan 5 Workshop Repotting; RSVP first eight members~~
- ~~Jan 19 Workshop Repotting; RSVP first eight members~~
- ~~Feb 2 Workshop Repotting; RSVP first eight members~~
- ~~Feb 16 Workshop Repotting; RSVP first eight members~~
- **Mar 2 Zoom Mtg/Demo by Gordon Deegon tool care & maintenance**
- ~~Mar 16 Workshop; RSVP first eight members~~
- **Apr 6 Zoom Mtg/Demo by John "JT" Thompson on oaks**
- ~~Apr 20 Workshop; RSVP first eight members~~
- **May 4 Zoom Mtg/Demo by Jonas Dupuichon TBD**
- ~~May 18 Workshop; RSVP first eight members~~

- **Jun 1 Zoom Mtg/Demo by Bill Castellon on black pines**
- ~~Jun 15 Workshop; RSVP first eight members~~

- Jul 1-5 MCF Show**
- Jul 20 Beginners' Workshop #1**
- Jul 27 Beginners' Workshop #2**
- Aug 3 Mtg/Demo by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_**
- Aug 17 Workshop**
- Sep 7 Mtg/Demo by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_**
- Sep 21 Workshop**
- Oct 5 Mtg/Demo by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_**
- Oct 19 Workshop**
- Nov 2 Auction & Sale**
- Dec 5 Holiday Potluck**

*A poll of member instructors showed a reluctance to attend the workshops consisting of 12 persons (eight members and four instructors) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, it does not appear likely any workshops will be taken place during the first six months of 2021.*

For the final time, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of selecting a new president for MBC. In 2021, I will no longer be president of MBC. I believe it is time to allow some other member to take charge. If you would like to take a role as an officer, board member and/or appointee, please contact me by calling 707-762-9154 or email [gwhaas@comcast.net](mailto:gwhaas@comcast.net).

### **Membership Dues**

Just a reminder that membership dues are an important revenue source for the club. Please renew your membership during the month of January 2021 by submitting a check payable to Marin Bonsai Club and mailed to Marin Bonsai Club, PO Box 1461, Ross, CA 94957-1461. Annual dues: \$45 per individual, \$65 per family and \$25 per student. A membership application form can be found at the website [www.marinbonsai.org](http://www.marinbonsai.org).

The winter issue of Golden Statements Magazine will be due out by January 1, 2021. If you have not subscribed to Golden Statements Magazine, it is easier than ever. The free subscription allows you to receive a quarterly automatic email notification when the magazine is posted online. To view and subscribe, go directly to <http://www.gsbfbonsai.org/Articles.asp?ID=291>.

- George

P.S.: Gene Lynch is a charter or founding member of Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS). He has been involved in bonsai for over 40 years. His bonsai are shown every year in the REBS annual show. This is a rare opportunity to purchase quality, mature bonsai.

**From the desk of Gene Lynch:** Unfortunately, I am not longer able to care for the bonsai trees in my collection. I have nearly 80 trees, many of which are show quality. Among the trees that I will be selling are collected junipers, oaks, grove plantings, and many other trees both deciduous and evergreen. Trees will be shown by appointment only. Call me at 707-763-7504 or email me at [erlynch@aol.com](mailto:erlynch@aol.com)



## Task Master

(send in your questions for Task Master to [Lakeipad@mail.com](mailto:Lakeipad@mail.com))



What does the Task Master Say about November?

When frost comes, or freezing below 36° for too many hours, put the pots under the eaves of the house or under their benches and protect from wind. Tropicals and the smaller pots and tender plants need protection when the temperature goes below 40°. But some trees fruit better or flower

better if they get a light frost now and then, so just keep a close eye on the actual weather, not just the weather report.

– The Taskmaster

[Read the whole post on our Website here](#)

[Ask the Task Master here](#)

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## **The passing of Peter Makepeace**

Dear Marin Bonsai Club Members,

It's with a broken and grieving heart I announce the passing of my partner, Peter Harper Makepeace. Peter died surrounded by loved ones early in the morning on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at home in Fairfax.

Peter was born in Washington DC on October 6, 1964. The son of a diplomat working in the Foreign Service, Peter spent his early childhood living abroad in Turkey and India. He went to school at the Potomac School and Middlesex on the east coast. Peter came to California to start his college career and started a family here and never left. He attended UC Berkeley, then graduated from the Art Institute of San Francisco with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1988.

Peter was a sweet, gentle, funny soul who loved talking about history, politics and film. Peter inherited his artistic gifts from his mother and was a talented and passionate filmmaker, artist and keeper of bonsais. Peter joined the Marin Bonsai Club when we moved to Fairfax in 2018. He and his bonsais escaped the wind and fog of San Francisco and his bonsai collection grew and thrived in the sunshine in Marin. Excited about a Tuesday night meeting, he would make up silly songs about 'bonsai night'. Peter's bonsai skills grew under the mentorship of expert club members and he cherished the friendships he made there. When I got terrible news from the hospital, I called bonsai friend Lake. She took my car keys and drove us to the hospital. She stood by me during my shock and anguish and comforted Peter-a true friend to Peter and I for which I'll always be grateful.

When Peter became gravely ill, his son, daughter and sister flew in from as far away as NY and Japan. Their care for him in his final days was a beautiful testament to their love for him. When Peter came home from the hospital, we still held on to some hope for his recovery, but this hope faded too quickly.

For several days, Peter was fully conscious-talking, joking, staying up late watching a movie with his kids, zooming and visiting friends. I'm grateful that we all had this time to be with Peter, but so pained that his time with us healthy and enjoying life was too short.

Peter is survived by his partner, Michelle of Fairfax, CA; daughter Hanako of Tokyo, Japan; son Will of Brooklyn, NY; ex-wife and dear friend Hiromi of Honolulu, HI; sister Anne of London/NY; brother Tim of Washington, DC; four

nieces and nephews; and many cousins and extended family. He will also be mourned by the many friends he made in every season of his life. We'll keep him in our hearts and feel his spirit amongst the trees.

- Michelle Rhode

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## MBC Holiday Party

*-- Holiday in-person party is cancelled this year,  
Stay safe and healthy for 2021 busy schedule! -*

## REMINDER

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](#)

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Other links you may be interested

[Bay Area Satuski Aikokai](#)

[Golden Statements Magazine – Free digital access!](#)

[Redwood Empire Bonsai Society](#)



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.

Editor's Personal Note:

I called Peter "the Peacemaker", fit for a son o a diplomat. He was very easy to talk to, smart and kind boy-like person who loved plants. We shared rides to the club, often nudged by him when I wanted to skip the meeting on Tuesday night exhausted from week of working. I feel that I lost a little brother I din't know I had. Just getting to know him and reminded again that life is precious and can be so short.

Peter, rest in (Make)Peace ~

Lake

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## 2019 Board Members and Appointments

### Board Members:

- President - George Haas
- Vice President - Open
- Secretary - Marcie Summers
- Treasurer - Open

Board Members:  
George Haas  
Marcia Summers  
Diane Matzen  
Gwynessa Aetherwyn  
Lake Hanyu

### Appointments

- BGLM Docent Coordinator - Dennis Plaut
- Librarian - Roger Lion
- Program Chair - David Eichhorn
- Show Chair - Jay McDonald
- Membership - Dan Keller
- Webmaster - Sharon Bone
- Newsletter - Lake Hanyu

email MBC

### Special Thank You! to:

Docent volunteers at BGLM

Everyone who came to bonsai sale and volunteers who helped the event a success

All the enthusiasm / knowledge of members!





