

## Newsletter *from*



Marin Bonsai Club

- January 2020 -

**Happy New Year**

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

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

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

Jonas Dupuich on Shohin bonsai and raffle

Tue. **1/21**, 7–9:30 PM Repotting Workshop

[See Taskmaster on MBC website](#)

## **Hotel Mission De Oro, Santa Nella, CA 95322**

Fri.–Sun. **1/31 – 2/2** [17th Biennial Shohin Seminar](#)

### **Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt**

Sat **1/25, 10am–1pm Docent Duty to be filled**

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

Hello MBC members,

I wish you all a Happy New Year.

The 2020 schedule of programs is posted to the MBC web site by Sharon Bone. It is a full and exciting schedule with something for everyone. Please refer to the web site for dates, times and details.

It is that time again when we ask for your MBC membership dues to be paid up as soon as possible. You can print off the web site a membership renewal form. Complete the entire form and mail it with your check payable to Marin Bonsai Club to the following address: Marin Bonsai Club, PO Box 1461, Ross, CA 94957-1461. Or else bring your membership form and check to the next meeting on January 7.

For the January 7 meeting and demonstration, featuring Jonas Dupuich on shohin bonsai and displays, bring your shohin bonsai. Jonas will use the shohin bonsai in the display portion of his demonstration. Shohin bonsai are 8 inches or less in height.

It is repotting season! There will be three repotting workshops, January 21, February 4 and 18. Aluminum wire will be furnished by the club. Bonsai soil mix will be available for a small fee: \$5 for small – medium tree and \$10 for large tree. Please bring one or two trees to be repotted during the time allowed.

Finally, Dennis Plaut is the coordinator for scheduling our members to serve as docents in support of the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt in Oakland. Please contact Dennis at [deplaut@comcast.net](mailto:deplaut@comcast.net) to sign up for docent service. A yearly schedule must be completed. If you never served as docent at BGLM, there are opportunities to serve with experienced MBC members. The BGLM docent schedule can be found on the web site.

Regards,



## 2019 Holiday Potluck Dinner December 7th

Holiday Potluck Dinner on 12/7 was a great event. Thanks to **Craig Thompson and Amy Ewing** for hosting the event at their beautiful home. Delicious food, fine bonsai on display, Bonsai decorating contest accompanied by fun conversation made this party very special.

Here is Dan at turkey carving with Diane for support.

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[MBC 2020 Schedule of Programs](#)

- Jan** 7 Jonas Dupuich - Shohin Bonsai and Raffle  
21 Board Meeting/Repotting Workshop
- Feb** 4 Repotting Workshop  
18 Repotting Workshop
- Mar** 3 Bob Shimon – Demo Redwood & Raffle  
17 Workshop
- Apr** 7 Sam Adina – Demo Olive & Raffle  
21 Workshop
- May** 5 Peter Tea - Members' Bonsai Evaluation (10 bonsai)  
19 Workshop
- Jun** 2 Jay McDonald - Trident Maple and Raffle  
16 Board Meeting/Workshop
- Jul** 1-5 MCF show  
14 Beginners' Workshop #1  
21 Beginners' Workshop #2
- Aug** 4 Auction & Sale  
18 Workshop
- Sep** 1 Jerry Carpenter - Tropical (Indoors/Outdoors) and Raffle  
15 Board Meeting/Workshop
- Oct** 6 Eric Schrader - Monterey Cypress and Raffle  
20 Board Meeting/Workshop
- Nov** 3 Bill Castellon – Demo Princess Persimmon & Raffle
- Dec** Potluck dinner

**Tuesday 1/7**

**Annual business meeting**

**Lecture, demo and raffle on Shohin bonsai by Jonas Dupuich**

During the annual business meeting, we will elect three officers and three board members. The Elections Nominating Committee of Candace Key, Marcia Summers and Dan Keller are working on recruiting members for these important positions. Your participation in all club activities is greatly appreciated.

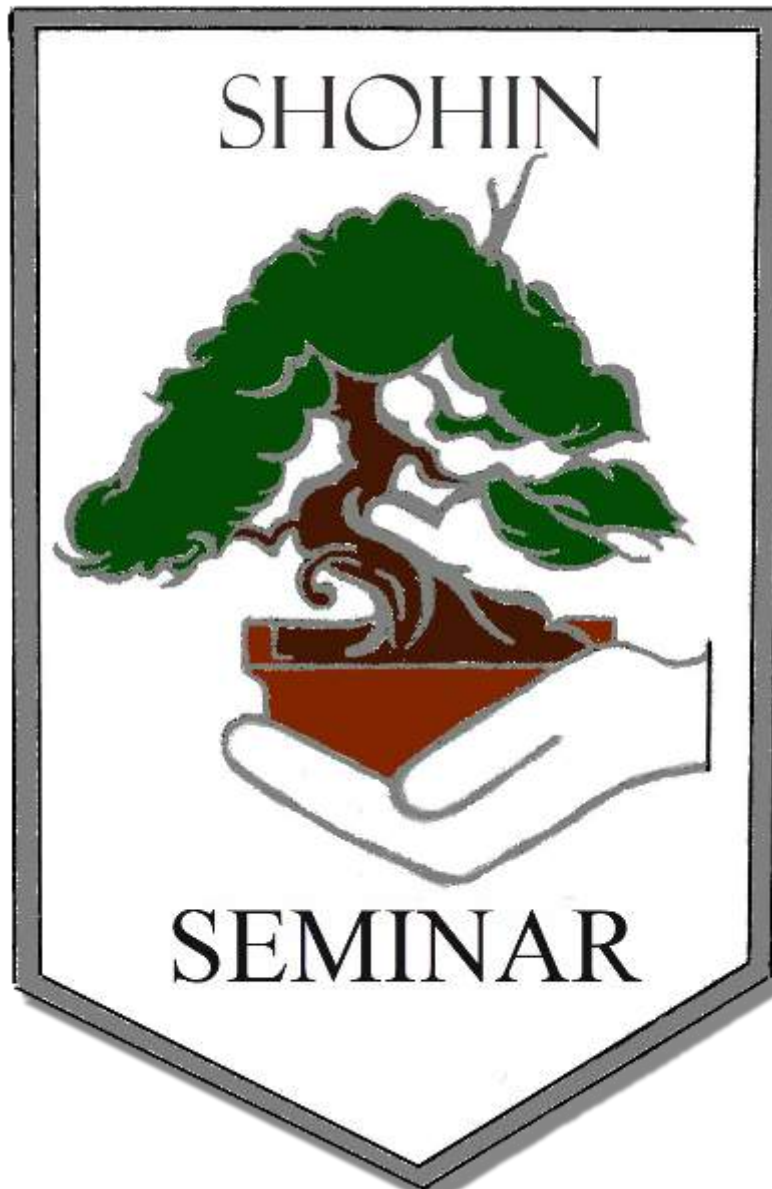
**RECAP: 2019 Demos and Lectures**

[Read it on MBC website](#)

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## Bonsai Events Near Us

CALIFORNIA SHOHIN SOCIETY SEMINAR 2020  
Hotel de Oro Conference Center, Santa Nella, California  
JANUARY 31, FEBRUARY 1-2, 2020



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Dear Bonsai Enthusiast!

Shohin time is here once again. We are accepting registrations starting today, October 25th and will be able to accommodate the first 275 people for full registration on a first come first served basis. There are 203 workshop openings available. Workshop registrations must be postmarked by December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to be a part of the lottery for workshops. Be sure to list several

choices so we can best accommodate your wishes. You will be notified of your workshops no later than the second week in January 2020.

We will also benefit from the knowledge of several illuminati of the America Bonsai world. There will be multiple demonstrations over the three days of the seminar. This is the best gathering of America Bonsai experts and please remember they are donating their time to keep your costs down.

If you plan to attend the hospitality suite either Friday or Saturday please consider bringing some liquid refreshment and/or a treat to share.

Reservations for the Hotel de Oro should be made soon. Filling hotel rooms helps keep the overall Seminar costs within reach. Please mention the Shohin Seminar when you are making your reservations.

- 2020 Seminar Chairperson: Janice & Bob Hale & Fred Miyahara
- 2020 Vendor Chairperson: Bob Shimon
- 2020 Auction & Raffle Chairpersons: Doyle & Jason Saito
- 2020 Workshop Chairperson: Bill Castellon
- 2020 Hospitality Chairpersons: Cary & Steve Valentine

This is the first year we are using an email service. Let me know what works and what doesn't work. If the registration forms do not make it through to you, copies of the registration and workshop forms can also be found on our website <http://www.calshohin.org/register/>. They will be in PDF downloadable format there.

Thank you for your interest and support,  
Randi Keppeler, Registrar

Mail Registration forms and payment to: 1041 Rosewood Ave, San Carlos, CA 94070

For questions, concerns, or to obtain more registration forms, email Randi at [calshohin@yahoo.com](mailto:calshohin@yahoo.com)

There is more information on our website. [www.calshohin.org](http://www.calshohin.org)

P.S. If you already received this, please pass it on to another interested bonsai enthusiast.

**CALIFORNIA SHOHIN SOCIETY SEMINAR 2020**  
**Hotel Mission de Oro Conference Center, Santa Nella, California**  
**JANUARY 31, FEBRUARY 1-2, 2020**  
**Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Seminar Registration \$175 Per Person**    **No. of People** \_\_\_\_\_ **Registration Subtotal \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Full Registration covers access to Lectures, Demonstrations, Saturday Buffet Lunch, Saturday Buffet Dinner, Sunday Buffet Breakfast, Two Coffee Breaks, Hospitality Suite, Exhibit, Vendor Areas, and Raffle area.*

**Single Day Walk-In Reg \$45 Per Person**    **No. of People** \_\_\_\_\_ **Walk-In Subtotal \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Single Day Walk-In Registration covers access to: Lectures, Demonstrations, Exhibit, Vendor Areas, and Bazaar*

**Workshop Total** include cost of most expensive workshop for each person, or  
 most expensive 2 workshops if requesting more than 1 workshop    **Workshop Subtotal \$** \_\_\_\_\_

	Small	Medium	Large	XL	2XL	3XL
Black Pine TShirt \$25	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$27 _____	_____
Logo Polo Shirt \$25	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$27 _____	_____
Logo Sweatshirt \$27	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$30 _____	_____
Baseball Cap \$20	quantity: _____					
					<b>Logo Items Subtotal \$</b> _____	
					<b>Total Enclosed \$</b> _____	

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is a fundraising event for our GSBF Bonsai Collections. Please purchase a Day Pass even if you choose only to view the Exhibit and Shop in the Vendor Area. Thank You for supporting the whole Bonsai eco-system!

Make checks payable to: California Shohin Society.

**All monies must be received with this form for registration to be complete.**  
**Registration forms must be postmarked by December 14th 2019 to be a part of the lottery for workshops.**

Mail To: Randi Keppeler, 1041 Rosewood Ave, San Carlos, CA 94070

Complete the registration/workshop forms and return them, with your check or money order. If you are signing up for one workshop, please send in money for the most expensive workshop. If you wish to participate in more than one workshop, please send in money for the two most expensive workshops.

**REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 26, 2019**

Refunds for workshop cancellations received after the assignment of workshops is completed will be made only after a replacement applicant has accepted. Except in extreme circumstances, refunds of any portion of Seminar fees will not be made after January 5, 2020 unless a replacement applicant has accepted.

Please make your reservation at the Hotel Mission de Oro, Santa Nella CA (209)826-4444. We need to fill hotel rooms so that we are not charged extra for the workshop and exhibit areas. Thanks very much for this!

**Please Mention that you're with the California Shohin Society.**

# CALIFORNIA SHOHIN SOCIETY SEMINAR 2020

## Workshop Preferences Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd person \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Workshops are all on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Please bring your own tools. Wire is available if needed.

**Session A: 9:00 am - 11:45 am;**

Session	Presenter	Workshop	Max participants	Price	Order of Preference**	
					1 <sup>st</sup> person	2 <sup>nd</sup> person
A1	Steve Da Silva	Contorted ficus	10	\$80		
A2	Frank Mihalic	Jewelry Pendant	8	\$130		
A3	David Knittle	Build your own Bonsai stand	5	\$370		
A4	Randall Lee	Hinoki Cypress	6	\$50		
A5	Darren Wong	Azalea	5	\$215		
A6	Pauline Muth	Chojubai	8	\$330		
A7	Bill Valavanis	Sekke Dwarf Hinoki Cypress	15	\$60		
A8	Lucy Judd	Accent Planting	15	\$60		
A9	Peter Macasieb	Twisted Black Pine	6	\$205		
A10	Valerie Monroe	Miniature Privet	6	\$145		
A11	Ted Matson	Dwarf Eugenia	10	\$40		
A12	Sam Adina	Olive	10	\$155		
A13	Bob Hilvers	Itoigawa	6	\$105		
A14**	Kathy Shaner	Bring your own bonsai	8 **	\$60 **		

NOTES: \*\* Attend both Kathy Shaner Sessions A and B Sessions for \$110. Preference given to those requesting both.

**Session B: 2:00 pm - 4:45 pm**

Session	Presenter	Workshop	Max participants	Price	Preferences continued**	
					1 <sup>st</sup> person	2 <sup>nd</sup> person
B1**	Kathy Shaner	Bring your own bonsai	8 **	\$60 **		
B2	Dennis Makishima	Pine Omoshiroi style	8	\$55		
B3	Frank Mihalic	Exposed root Pyrocanthus	9	\$205		
B4	David Knittle	Build your own Shohin stand	5	\$370		
B5	Pauline Muth	Exposed root Black Pine	8	\$480		
B6	Bill Valavanis	Sekke Dwarf Hinoki Cypress	8	\$60		
B7	Lucy Judd	Accent Planting Plants, pots soil etc	15	\$60		
B8	Bob Shimon	Redwood	10	\$90		
B9	Kathy Benson	Juniper procumbens	8	\$80		
B10	Vince Owyong	Olive	6	\$70		
B11	Jonas Dupuich	Azaleas 3 Koharu 2 Hanabin	5	\$605(1)h \$505(1)h \$455(3)k		
B12	John Thompson	Hinoki Cypress	8	\$40		
B13	Tak Shimazu	Itoigawa \$200	5	\$205		
B14	Eric Schrader	Mame Shimpaku 1 -3 year pretrained 1-wipe	10	\$155		

I would like to be entered in the raffle for 2 workshops: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop payment made at time of registration must cover your most expensive choice (or your 2 most expensive choices if you are requesting a second workshop). ALL workshops are determined by lottery. Please rank your choices next to the workshops in order of preference.

Registration must be postmarked by December 14th, 2019 to be a part of the workshop lottery.

**\*\* PLEASE SPECIFY A SINGLE ORDER OF PREFERENCE FOR ALL WORKSHOPS**

IE: Morning and Afternoon sessions are NOT separate. Do NOT specify choices 1, 2, 3 for the morning and 1, 2, 3 for the afternoon as this causes confusion during the lottery. We make sure all participants have a chance for 1 workshop before we draw workshops for those who have requested a second workshop. Preference is given to Full Registrants before Single Day Participants.

## REMINDER

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

**Membership Dues are due**  
*Bring it to the meeting or mail in the check today!*

Membership dues are \$45 per single, \$65 per family and \$25 per student

[Download Membership application here](#)



P.O. Box 1461  
Ross, CA 94957

### 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](#)

[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.

### January Docent Duty: Open



Note from editor on recent docent experience:

I had been to the Garden several times, but never participated in docent duty till past November. As you know Art Wasserman fills in whenever it needed, he's a trooper! I joined him on a beautiful November day to be trained. Deciduous trees in full color like this photo got my first attention; a forest of Japanese Maples. Standing in front of it, I felt as though I was a small person just fit to wonder around in the forest. In addition to a visual stimulus like this, I learned thing or two about the trees on display. Retaining all new information sometime is a task in itself, but I believe that if I am exposed to it often enough, it would eventually stick with me. I have many years in learning - for the rest of my life. So I just watched Art in action, talked with visitors, and sat quietly in the corner of the garden for a moment. 3hrs flew by and I was looking forward to come back for an another opportunity,



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On December 28th, right after the Christmas rush recovering from the nasty cold thing, I decided to visit December docents at the garden. What a difference one month makes! Spring started making its appearance.

This time Chris and Candace were on duty. Anytime I can be in the range of

influence of the "elders", it is a good thing. Many people wondered in the garden; families with kids, out of state visitors, locals and couples on stroll. All had something in common. People spoke softly and walked slowly. slight smiles are on their faces and sparkles in their eyes. I have a feeling that visiting the garden gave them inspirations and rejuvenating moment in their day. Beside this wonderful feeling of being among the trees that are cared for for many years by bonsai artists, you may encounter the dedicated teachers and contributor of the art. By watching what they do, or lucky enough to have a conversation, you may be rewarded by the experiences only offered at the garden.

It's an easy way to support Bonsai Community and an enjoyable experience that benefit yourself.

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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

Please send notes, photo, event info and stories that our member may be interested.

I love to publish on our newsletter.

Thank you, Lake Hanyu

Lakeipad@mail.com

### 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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