



Marin Bonsai Club

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

At Terra Linda Community Center:

[July and August MBC events are cancelled](#)

Sat. **11/7**, MBC Annual Auction(Date changed from August)

On Zoom

Tue. **08/04, 7-9:30 PM** Lecture/Demo by Peter Tea

At **Bonsai Garden** at **Lake Merritt**: [Google direction](#)

Sat. **07/04** docents are needed.

President's Special Message



I hope everyone is staying at home, if possible, during the Covid-19 outbreak. Protect yourself and stay healthy.

I have been in touch with our point of contact at the City of San Rafael regarding the availability of our club meetings and workshops at the Terra Linda Community Center. Due to Covid-19, there are restrictions in place requiring the maximum number of 12 members allowed for in person meetings and workshops. Our average of 20 members for any meeting prevents us from renting the facility. Our average of 10 to 12 members for any workshops would be allowable under strict RSVP by attendees. However, since Covid-19 poses risk to our membership, I have decided to cancelled the scheduled July and August in person meetings and workshops. The City of San Rafael appears to be taking steps to ease restrictions on a month to month basis. I will inform the membership as news becomes available.

The good news is that there will be a Zoom virtual meeting and presentation with Peter Tea on Tuesday evening, August 4, 2020, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The subject of the presentation will be forthcoming. Peter has performed a number of successful Zoom presentations for other bonsai clubs. Details on the Zoom meeting and presentation will be provided at a later date.

During a recent MBC Board Zoom Meeting on June 10, the 2021 programs committee was appointed to begin thinking about the 2021 schedule of programs. The committee is comprised of Craig Thompson (leader), Marcia Summers and Gwynessa Aetherwyn.

We need to appoint a 2021 elections committee of three members to identify and nominate officers, board members and appointees by November 2020. If you are interested in being a part of this important committee, contact me at gwhaas@comcast.net. If you would like to take a role as an officer, board member and/or appointees, please contact me by calling 707-762-9154 or email gwhaas@comcast.net.

By the way, if you have not subscribed to Golden Statements Magazine, it easier than ever. The free subscription allows you to receive a quarterly automatic email notification when the magazine is posted online. The summer issue is packed with bonsai information. The summer issue was posted online on June 26, 2020. To view and subscribe, go directly to <http://www.gsbfbonsai.org/Articles.asp?ID=291>.

New! Ask the Task Master July 2020

(First of the new series, send in your questions to Lakeipad@mail.com)



Q: from Robert Cameron, MBC member

Question is what to do with treating an infestation of white scale (insects?) on an Elm tree. I have been treating it with neem and using light pressure washing to first kill then remove them, but they are persistent. I hoped to avoid toxic chemicals but it would be OK if a natural alternative is not available.

A: by the Task Master

Hi, Robbie; Taking all your research and its implied advice seriously, thanks for including us in your email list.

In answer to your question:

Scale sometimes can be controlled with Ortho Max Malathion as a spray.

Cautions:

Follow dilution proportions precisely.

Cover the soil, newspaper works well.

Thoroughly spray every secret inch from the soil line up, from the bottom side first, tilt the pot way over, then from the top.

Spray very early in the morning, so it all dries before the sun can speed it up or heat it up.

Pick an only moderately infested spot, memorize or take a picture of it, mark it with string or something, and check in a week to ten days. The scale, if dead, will still be there but if still alive will likely have become more numerous and/or widespread. If so, or if you're in doubt, you can repeat the Malathion spray once more, maybe twice in another week or ten days if it looks like you're winning. After that, if they are still multiplying you probably need a systemic, like maybe a single application of Bayer Tree and Shrub Dual-Action drench. Stuff is potent. If it doesn't work, you can harm the tree with repeat applications.

Dead hard scale, usually white, is cemented to its fixation point, and only gradually disappears, if ever. It can be removed mechanically if necessary. Its juveniles, hardly visible, slide out from the dome, crawl to a new spot, and cement themselves and reproduce.

CR (aka Chris Ross)



Dead inactive scale still in place, three weeks after successful treatment with Ortho Max Malathion, then a Summer dilution of Horticultural Oil one week later.

August Demo and Lecture

-- On Zoom --

08/04/2020 7:00 - 9:30

Detail to follow

Available to MBC members Bonsai Library

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	YEAR	PUBLISHER
A Dwarfed Tree Manual for Westerners	Samuel Newsom	1966	Tokyo News Service, Ltd.
Bonkei: Tray Landscapes	Jozan Hirota	1970	Kodansha International, Ltd.
Bonsai	Kunio Kobayashi & Kazuhiko Tajima	2016	Pie Books
Bonsai for Pleasure	Keiji Murata and Murata Takeuehi	1969	Japan Publications, Inc.
Bonsai Gems	International Bonsai Digest	1974	International Bonsai Digest
Bonsai of the World II	World Bonsai Friendship Federation		World Bonsai Friendship Federation
Bonsai Techniques for Satsuki	John Naka, Richard K. Ota & Kenko Rokkaku	1979	Ota Bonsai Nursery
Bonsai: Culture and Care of Miniature Trees	Sunset Editorial Staff	1965	Lane Books
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Even Monkeys Fall Out of Trees	Nina Shire Ragle	1987	Nippon Art Forms
Floral Treasures of Japan: The Satsuki Azaleas	Alexander Kennedy	1997	Splatt Press
Forest, Rock Planting & Ezo Spruce Bonsai	Saburo Kato	2001	National Bonsai Foundation, Inc.
How To Series Bonsai Miniature Potted Trees	Kyuzo Murata	1964	Shufunotomo Co., Ltd
Ideas for Japanese Gardens	Sunset Editorial Staff	1975	Lane Books
Practical Bonsai for Beginners	Kunji Murata	1971	Japan Publications Trading Co.
Saieki: Living Landscapes in Miniature	Toshio Kawamoto	1967	Kodansha International, Ltd.
The Bonsai Art of Kimura	Katsuhito Onishi	1992	Stone Lantern Publishing Co.
The Creative Art of Bonsai	Isabelle & Remy Samson	1986	Ward Lock Limited London
The Japanese Art of Miniature Trees and Landscapes	Yuji Yoshimura & Giovanna M. Halford	1957	Charles E. Tuttle Co.
The Masters' Book of Bonsai	Directors of the Japan Bonsai Association	1967	Kodansha International, Ltd.
The Masters' Book of Bonsai	Directors of the Japan Bonsai Association	1983	Kodansha International, Ltd.

These books were recently donated to the club. The books are located at the Terra Linda Mini Storage locker the club rents. A sort of reservation system needs to be establish so the books can be retrieved from the locker when a member wants a titled book.

Bonsai Classes and Events

by

Lotus Bonsai Nursery & Gardens



Dear Friends in Bonsai,

The Covid 19 Pandemic has disturbed all of our activities. Bolet and I have been discussing how to proceed. Activity in the nursery has been high and many people are coming to visit, purchase bonsai and supplies, or simply enjoy the scenery. Our plan is to go ahead with a truncated schedule but continue to provide our clients with a high-quality bonsai experience.

Thank you for your patience during these trying times of ours. We are now ready to share our Class and Event Schedule for 2020-2021.

The schedule is not as extensive as in previous years but there are opportunities, both educational and recreational, for all. Our classes will be set up for physical distancing. We expect everyone to have their masks on or available during class. As always, we will provide most of what is needed for

the class, unless otherwise indicated (i.e., Better Bonsai Workshop). We expect you to bring your own tools. Otherwise, we have loaner tools.

For our digging trips, we request that you let us know as soon as possible if you are interested. These events fill quickly.

We look forward to seeing you soon at the nursery, for a class or just to visit.

Call or email us for appointment.

Scott Chadd

c/o Bolet Salvador

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REMINDER

MBC in-person-Meeting/Workshops for July and August at
Terra Linda Community Center

ARE CANCELLED

STAY TUNED FOR

Peter Tea on ZOOM 8/4

[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](#)

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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.

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Other links you may be interested

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

[Redwood Empire Bonsai Society.](#)



We have a special request from John Mekisich-Docent Scheduler here.

BGLM Volunteers & Docents,

Greetings everyone and welcome to July. We are in need of PM docent(s) for this coming Saturday July 4th. If you are available and can help please let me know.

July docent calendar is on our website and we have open shifts, please take a look if you have some free time and let me know if you are available.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation and for all you do at BGLM,

Happy 4th;

John Mekisich

Docent Scheduler

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**Do you have an interesting story, news, findings?
Do you love writing little blurbs about your experience?
How about photos you want to share and tell 1000 words with pictures**

Send your ideas, inquiry to

Lakeipad@mail.com

GSBF Best Club Newsletter Contest: You can participate in sharing idea for better newsletter!

Entries July 1, 2020 through September 1, 2020

Winners to be announced October 1, 2020 in the Golden Statements Magazine

Select three of the best newsletters from the last 12 months in PDF format and submit via email to the Competition Committee.

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

Special Thank You! to:

Robert Cameron for sending in the first question for the "Ask the Task Master"

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!

