

Newsletter *from*



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

At Terra Linda Community Center:

Tue. **3/3, 7-9:30 PM Meeting and the Demo/Lecture**
"Demonstration on California Coast Redwood" by Bob Shimon

Tue. **3/17, 7-9:30 PM Workshop**
[See Taskmaster on MBC website](#)

[Sei Boku Bonsai Kai](#)

Wed. 3/11, 7 PM

Notification via Marcia Summers

[San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club:](#)

Sat, Sun **3/28, 29**

Notification via George Hass



President's Special Message

We have just completed the club's three repotting workshops. I am happy so many members took advantage of repotting assistance offered by the club. Some repotting can be continued in early March. We have Clay King pre-mixed, potting soil from Japan available for \$40 per bag. Contact me if you are interested.

Let's move on to having general meetings and demonstrations. This coming Tuesday, March 3rd, we welcome Bob Shimon, a professional bonsai artist and instructor, from Point Arena as our guest speaker. He is an owner / operator of Mendocino Coast Bonsai, a full service bonsai vendor who is often seen at shows such as Nor Cal Bonsai shows, Biennial California Shohin Seminars and Annual Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) Conventions. His specialties are in native redwoods, oaks, and Mendocino pygmy cypresses. For our meeting, he will demonstrate work on a California Coast Redwood. A redwood tree will be raffled after the demo. If you have a redwood in your bonsai collection, I encourage you to bring one to the demo. Bob will be offering his expertise on your redwood bonsai.

Scheduled on March 17th is a workshop for redwoods and other species. We will work on styling and pruning. Please remember to RSVP online (see details below) so that we can make necessary arrangements with senior members for assistance.

February 15th and 16th, GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt in Oakland held its annual Mammoth Auction and Sale Fundraiser. 114 live auction items were sold on Saturday, and hundreds of trees and pots consignment sales on Sunday. Thank you to all who volunteered. It was the largest event of its kind. The combined effort of local bonsai clubs made such an event a success.

Many bonsai shows by local club are occurring now through the summer months. Please see **Bonsai Event Near Us** section.

March Demo and Lecture

**Tue. 3/3/2020, Bob Shimon on California Coast Redwood bonsai
- a Redwood bonsai will be raffled off -**

Bob Shimon, our guest demonstrator, will be working on California Coast Redwood. Members are invited to bring to the meeting and demonstration a California Coast Redwood from their bonsai collection for Bob to critique after the demonstration. Bob will offer his help with styling and pruning redwoods.

RECAP: 2020 Repotting Workshops
[on MBC website](#)

1. Demonstration at [Sei Boku Bonsai Kai](#)

3/11/2020 San Mateo, California

Notification via Marcia Summers

2. 49th Annual Spring Exhibit at [San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club](#)

3/28, 29/2020 San Jose, California

Notification via George Hass

1. Demonstration at Sei Boku Bonsai Kai:

Carving techniques on a California Buckeye by Will Baddeley

Wed. 03/11/2020 7:30 pm (Door opens at 7:00 pm)

San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA - [See Google map here](#)

<http://www.sanmateogardencenter.org/>

[SBBK](#) hopes to see each of you as well as your club members on the

11th to enjoy this special event together.

Kind Regards,

Marsha Mekisich

Will Baddeley

Award winning bonsai stylist from the UK

As long as I remember, I have always had a huge appreciation of nature. My love affair with trees was there long before I came across Bonsai.

My first tree came from a Petrol station back in 1997. It didn't last long. But in the mean time I bought a book by Colin Lewis and was hooked by the idea of using native trees to make Bonsai. I then went about collecting as many different species of tree as possible, bought as many books as I could afford and joined a local club. In 2001 my club entered me in the New Talent Competition. I won the UK heats and represented my Country in Trevarez, France in 2002 and came third. I am self taught if there is such a thing. Observant and committed would be another way of putting it as I soak up information like a sponge. My main influences have come from the likes of Colin Lewis and his passion for natives and in particular *Ulmus minor*. Also Kevin Willson and his work with wild material and deadwood work with power tools.





California Buckeye bonsai

2. 49th Annual Spring Exhibit at [San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club](#)

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 North Fifth Street.

Hours are 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday and Noon – 4:00 PM Sunday.

Demonstration at 1:00 PM

Sat. David Nguy

Sun. a club member

Club sales of plants and pots.

Vendor sales include West America (June and David Nguy) and Bonsai Fusion.

Call Bob Shatsky (408) 353-3239

or

Susan Yea (408) 464-7340.

Bonsai for sale

A rock planting cascade or semi cascade bonsai (see photos below). The owner wants a fair price. Please contact George for more information.

George Haas

707-762-9154 or gwhaas@comcast.net



Lost and Found

On the January 21 Repotting Workshop, someone left behind a medium size, brown rectangle, unglazed bonsai pot. To claim your bonsai pot, please contact

George Haas

707-762-9154 or gwhaas@comcast.net

REMINDER

Membership Dues are due.
Bring a check to the meeting or send in the mail today!

Marin Bonsai Club
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](#)

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Other links you may be interested

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[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](#)

Docent Positions are wide open for March, April, and May. Art Wasserman signed up for April. Two docents are ideal for the shift. There can be many visitors especially during the fantastic weather we enjoyed last several weeks. Volunteer to help Bonsai community and educate visitors, get new knowledge in return. if you love bonsai - (that is why you belong to the MBC!) you will love the process! if you never done it, signing up with Art is recommended. He is a wonderful mentor for the docent duty.

[click here to email Dennis](#)

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

March Docent Duty: TBD

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

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

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!



