

Special Announcement from



- May 2020 -

--- No Meeting/Workshop this month ---

From George Haas:

President's Special Message

I certainly hope everyone is staying at home during the Covid-19 pandemic. Protect yourself or others, stay healthy and safe.

We have seen almost all bonsai club meetings, demonstrations and shows cancelled during April based on the Shelter in Place orders. The order is now extended to the end of May and Terra Linda Community Center will remain closed throughout this time.

During the month of April, several bonsai clubs conducted member meetings and demonstrations. MBC board members are in the process of using Zoom video conferencing for club meetings and demonstrations as well. It is early in the planning stages and the idea is to have club activities on scheduled Tuesday evenings. Stay tuned as the board works out the details.

As the editor of GSBF Golden Statements Magazine, I rely heavily on clubs' meetings, demonstrations and shows for content. When the cancellations of club activities were affecting the number of topics, I began searching for material. A number of bonsai artists, instructors and hobbyists responded to share their experiences with Shelter in Place bonsai projects. For an example, an enthusiast from South Africa is preparing an article on bonsai and psychology during the Pandemic. If you have a special bonsai project story to share with the magazine, please contact me at gwhaas@comcast.net. A write up of 500 words or less along with before and after photos would be great.

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. To subscribe, go to <https://www.gsbfbonsai.org> and click on Golden Statements menu.

GSBF Convention 43 is on schedule. It is held at Santa Nella Hotel De Oro October 30, 31 and November 1, 2020. The Santa Nella hotel is about a two-hour drive from the Bay Area on I-5. The site is used every two years for the Shohin Seminar with great success. It is affordable for the two nights stay or convenient if making a day trip. The headliners will be Yasuo Mitsuya of Japan, David Nguy and Kathy Shaner. Stay tuned for additional details.

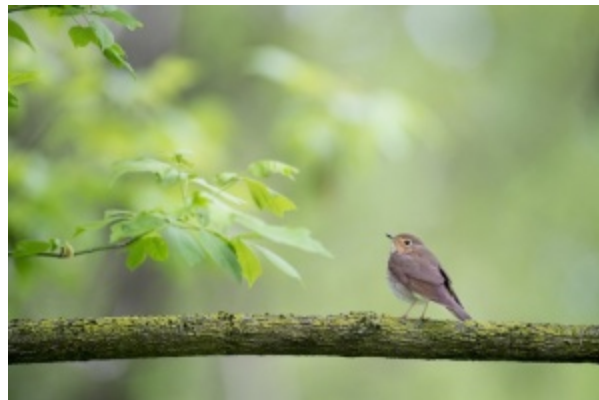
We also need to think about 2021. The schedule of programs and elections are on the rise. In June, programs and elections committees are appointed, and the election of new officers / board members takes place. This is a good opportunity to step up and take a more active part in the club operations. Contact me if you are interested in serving on a committee.

Lastly, if you have not paid your membership dues for 2020, please contact Marcia Summers at 650-464-3038 or msummers@pon.net.

While Shelter in Place
Join us on Newsletter for

"Ask the Task Master" --- A virtual Q and A ---

First and Third Tuesday of May



While Shelter in Place, many of us are feeling deprived of our club meetings and workshop. **Ask the Task Master** was born to restart our connection through email newsletter and keep us learning the art of bonsai.

Here is the outline:

On the **first Tuesday (MBC meeting time at 7pm)**, our monthly newsletter will be delivered to you with bonsai related article written by The Task Master - Chris Ross.

If you have a question about bonsai, you can send it following the direction on the newsletter coming up.

On **third Tue (MBC workshop time 7pm)**, The Task Master will answer your questions.

Bonsai Event Near Us

CALL FOR ENTRIES
CBS WORLD BONSAI DAY CELEBRATION EXHIBITION

EXHIBITION OPENS MAY 1
<https://bit.ly/cbs-wdc>

Deadline for Entries: May 9, 2020
For Submission Criteria and More Information:
CaliforniaBonsaiSociety.com

CALIFORNIA BONSAI SOCIETY

California Bonsai Society in celebration of World Bonsai Day is sponsoring a world wide Facebook Bonsai exhibition from May 1, 2020 through May 9, 2020 World Bonsai Day.

Since many of the bonsai artists around the world have been considered this spring we decided to conduct a world wide exhibit on the California Bonsai Society World Bonsai Day Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaBonsaiSociety>

Everyone is invited to post a photo of one or more of your show quality trees. If possible, bonsai should be displayed in front of a solid background. This is an exhibition so let's have the trees on display tables and with accent plants where practical. This may be the only chance this year to really show off our best bonsai.

This exhibit is open to anyone that wants to show a bonsai (photo or trees in a large enough location).

All submissions should be posted on the Facebook page by creating a new post for each tree. Posts should include one photo of the bonsai from the front with a solid background. Ideally use a display stand with accent plants where practical. Name of tree species and name and country of artist.

The top three entries will be determined by likes from page visitors will be featured on the CBS website, Facebook page and Instagram page.

Entries can be posted starting May 1 with out ending until May 9th participation. Any information entries will be deleted by admins.

Celebrate World Bonsai day,
May 9th,
with California Bonsai Society.

Open to anyone
Show your bonsai to worldwide audience

When: May 1st through May 9th (entry cut off May 9th)

Where: On Facebook and Instagram

How: Submit a photo of bonsai with solid background

Ideally on display stand with accent plant

ID with Tree species, name and contry of the artist

For submission and more information

Most recent COVID-19 updates in San Rafael

<https://www.cityofsanrafael.org/coronavirus/>

[Marin Health and Human Services](#)

<https://www.marinhhs.org/coronavirus>

COVID-19 Hotline (Marin Health and Human Services):
415-473-7191

Email questions to:
COVID-19@marincounty.org

While I load bags after bags of soil and tending to nursery plants, my trees are patiently waiting for their time. Majority of people who come to the store/nursery are on the edge. Many people want the result now.

I hope we will become more patient and down to earth nation in the process through this new normal.



Hope to see you all soon
on

Ask the Task Master

~ Lake

email MBC

