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

MBC Annual Fundraising Sales

Sat. **11/07, 10AM – 3PM**

At TLCC

See details on the bottom of this Newsletter

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



President's Special Message

Here we are at November 2020 already with lower temperatures and shorter days. I hope everyone is taking health precautions, staying at home when possible to avoid Covid-19.

Our latest Zoom meeting/demonstration featuring Eric Schrader of the Bonsai Society of San Francisco was a wonderful success. Eric provided valuable information on the growing and developing bonsai for Monterey Cypress. I have a bunjin style Monterey Cypress bonsai in my collection. The tree was collected about 40 years ago from Pebble Beach on the Monterey Peninsula by Sensei Katsumi Kinoshita of Monterey, CA. I obtained the tree from a GSBF convention workshop in 2010. It now measures 40 inches in height with a four inch trunk.



We normally have election nominations for new officers and board members in November. Please consider taking an active role in the club's business; submit your name for one of the open positions – president, vice president, treasurer, board

member.

I want to thank all who purchased bonsai and pots from me recently. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, with over 100 bonsai and too many pots, I am actively trying to reduce my collection by half. I will again take appointments to further reduce my collection after the new year begins. If interested, contact me at 707-762-9154 or by 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 fall issue is now posted online. To view and subscribe, go directly to <http://www.gsbfbonsai.org/Articles.asp?ID=291>.

I invite you all to the MBC fundraising sale at Terra Linda Community Center outdoors basketball court on November 7. **There will be 18 members and one professional vendor** offering bonsai and other related items for sale. Weather permitting, the sale should be fun and a wonderful shopping event.

- George

Task Master

(send in your questions for Task Master to Lakeipad@mail.com)



What does the Task Master Say about November?

Winter is a good time to take pictures of some of your trees and try to imagine a new

angle, a new pot, a new style or shape. Now, in November, before everything changes, take some photos and then take the same ones after Christmas or New Year's for a revealing comparison. You'll enjoy this.

Move all the trees out into full sun....Pull your friends in close, find some love wherever you can, watch the stars and the phases of the moon as they track across the Autumn sky.

– The Taskmaster

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

[Ask the Task Master here](#)

Let's meet at the Sale !

Dear Marin Bonsai Club Members,

The board has approved a fundraising sale to be held on November 7, 2020. It will be located at the outdoors basketball court behind the Terra Linda Community Center, San Rafael. The purpose of the sale is to raise funds for the club's educational programs in 2021 and to provide an opportunity for members to sell their pre-bonsai, bonsai, pots, books, tools, and other bonsai related items. The club will make a 20% commission per sale item.

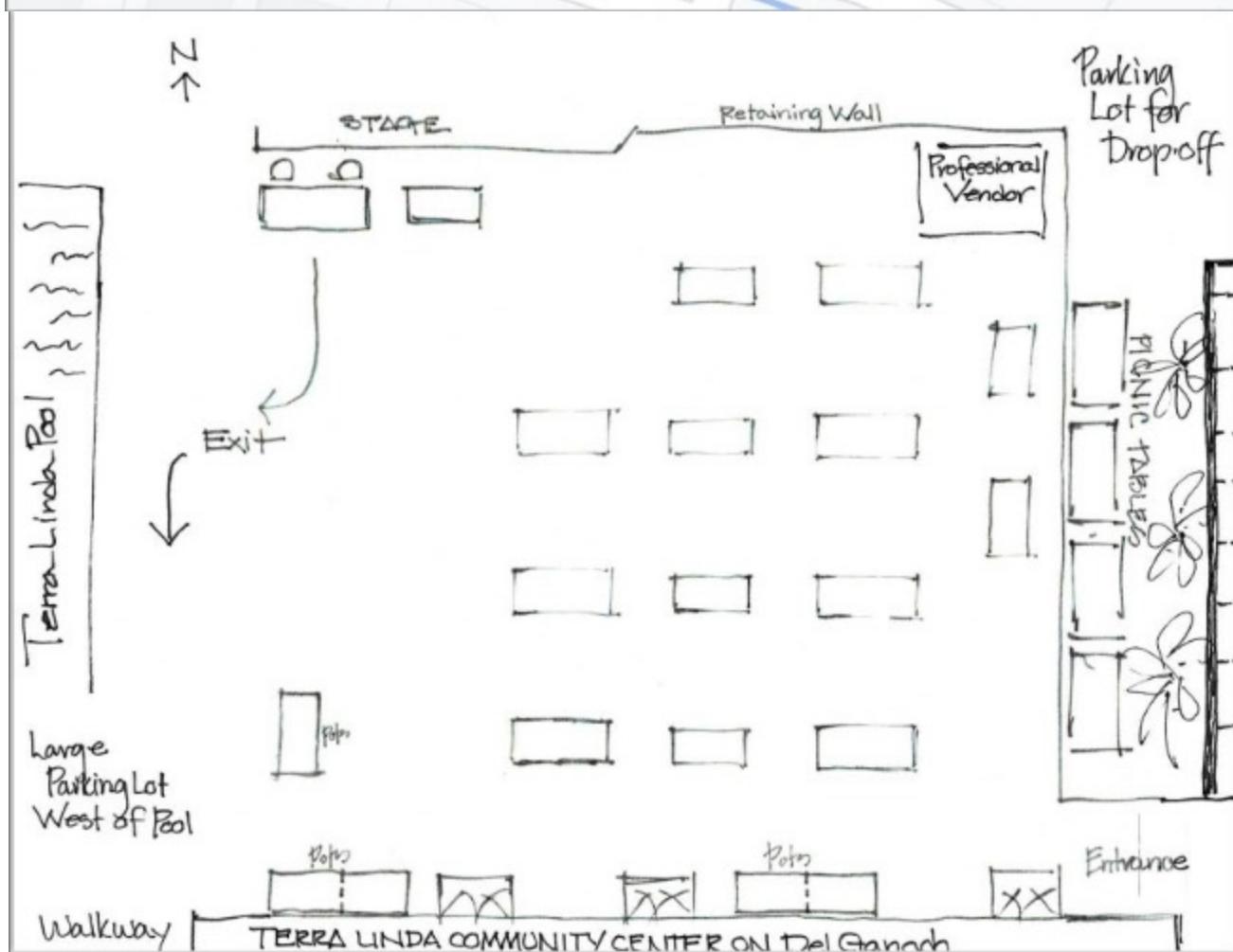
The club will need your full support and participation. Like in the annual auction and sale, a number of volunteer are needed for setting up the sale site, conduct the business of selling, tearing down and cleaning the site at closing. Bonsai and related items are needed and seller's form/price tags filled prior to the sale date. Member who wish to sell should request the seller's form and price tags. Please make the request to George Has at 707-762-9154 or email gwhaas@comcast.net ASAP. The seller's form and price tags will be mailed to you upon request. Affix the price tags to each sale item or bundle of sale items prior to bringing the items to the sale site on November 7.

Due to Covid-19, the club has prepared for everyone's safety a Site-Specific Protection Plan (SPP), approved by the City of San Rafael. Health protocols will be used throughout the event. A copy of the SPP will be provided with the seller's form and price tags. Volunteer will be given a copy of the SPP as well.

Success in conducting the sale will depend spreading the word to other bonsai clubs in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Details of the sale have been posted to Marin Bonsai Club's web site <http://marinbonsai.org/>.

If you have any questions or concerns about safety precautions, contact me at 707-762-9154.

- George



Marin Bonsai Club

Club Fundraising Sale

The Marin Bonsai Club is hosting an outdoors bonsai fundraising sale at the Terra Linda Community Center, 670 Del Ganado Road, San Rafael. We would like to extend an invitation to the entire bonsai community within the greater San Francisco/Bay Area.

Date/Time: Saturday, November 7, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will be on sale pre-bonsai, bonsai, pots galore, tools, and more. A collection of pots, mostly smaller ones, from a long time high end pot collector. Pay with cash, checks and Venmo only.

To keep everyone safe, masks are required and we will be following 6-feet social distancing protocols.

See our club web site for further details <http://marinbonsai.org/>

UPDATE: Matthew Walker will be our pro vendor for the sale event selling trees, wire, soil, and pots.



MBC Holiday Party

The programs committee (Craig Thompson, Marcia Summers and Gwynessar Aetherwyn) are busy planning the programs for 2021.

the city of San Rafael has reached the next tier for Covid-19. The club maybe able to resume meetings for up to 25 persons by renting two rooms at TLCC in 2021. Workshops can be in one room with up to 12 persons (no observers) by RSVP basis.
We will be updating the status.

-- **Holiday party is cancelled** --

REMINDER

MBC in-person-Meeting/Workshops for 2021
Terra Linda Community Center
TBA

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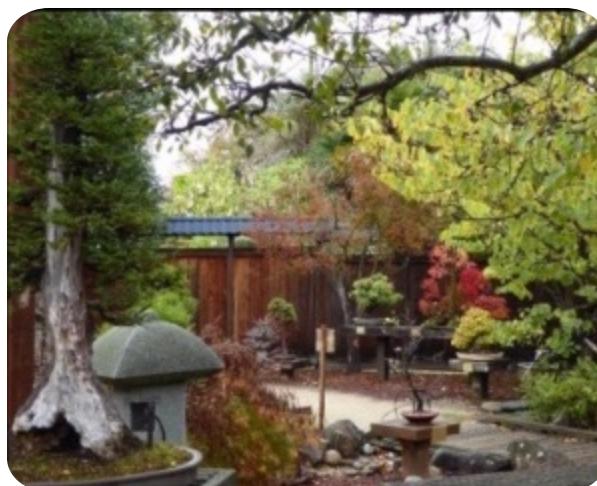
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[Golden Statements Magazine – Free digital access!](#)

[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.

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:

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!

