

# Marin Bonsai Club

- October 2020 -

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

### **Date, and Location TBA**

Sat. **11/07, 10 AM-3 PM**

MBC Annual Fundraising Sales,

See George's note on the bottom of this Newsletter

### **MBC on Zoom** (REBS members are also invited)

Tue. **10/06, 7-9:30 PM**

Lecture/Demo by **Eric Schrader**

### **East Bay Bonsai Society on Facebook Live**

Wed. **10/14, 7PM**

Headliner **Tony Tickle**

Presenting "Bonsai Around the World"

# **Aptos Grange, Santa Cruz**

Sun. **10/08, 10 AM-3 PM** Bonsai Fundraising Sale

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

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## **President's Special Message**

Another month and again I hope everyone is staying at home, if possible, during the Covid-19 outbreak. Protect yourself and stay healthy. on Tuesday evening, October 6, 2020 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The first 30 min will be spent for business meeting covering budget issues, elections in November and programs for 2021. At 7:30 p.m. Eric Schrader of the Bonsai Society of San Francisco begins his presentation "Monterey Cypress bonsai".

Eric has much first hand experience with growing Monterey Cypress from seed, developing and maturing the species as bonsai. A Q&A session will conclude the presentation.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of selecting a new president for MBC. In 2021, I will no longer be president of MBC. I believe it is time to allow some other member to take charge. If you would like to take a role as an officer, board member and/or appointee, please contact me by calling 707-762-9154 or email [gwhaas@comcast.net](mailto:gwhaas@comcast.net).

On a personal note, I have been involved in bonsai for nearly 20 years now. I have accumulated a rather large number of bonsai and bonsai pots for my collection. I need to reduce my collection by more than half. In order to do so, I am offering a reduction sale by appointment only. Due to Covid 19, an appointment is required. Call or email me at 707-762-9154, [gwhaas@comcast.net](mailto:gwhaas@comcast.net). I will be selling JBP, maples, oaks, junipers, elms, deciduous, and accent plants; priced \$75 and up. Pots will be \$5, 10, 20 and up. Photos available upon request.

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>.

- George

### *Autumn Haiku* by Task Master

Autumn passes through.  
Summer burns in the treetops  
For a few more days.

(send in your questions for Task Master to [Lakeipad@mail.com](mailto:Lakeipad@mail.com))



What does the Task Master Say about September?

Watch out for trees whose drainage is slowing down and mark them for special care regarding water until repotting can be done. Summer growth of trees, especially in smaller pots, will fill the pot with roots as surely as they filled the air with leaves, and failure to thrive, dying twigs or branches, or root rot are likely to be next.

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And watch out for signs of love in your life, of closeness and connectedness to each other, and to all our fellow creatures great and small with whom we live and move and have our being.

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

[Ask the Task Master here](#)

**Let's meet on line !**

**October Club meeting, Demo and Lecture**

-- Invitation to Zoom --

**by Eric Schrader**

**10/06/2020 7:00 - 9:30**

**on Monterey Cypress Trees**

*First 30min will be important Club Business,  
so please tune in*

**Cost: Free**

**How to Join Zoom Meeting:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89010825581?  
pwd=Q3VWQWZ0WnV6RDNpbU83R2pxRTVDZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89010825581?pwd=Q3VWQWZ0WnV6RDNpbU83R2pxRTVDZz09)

**Meeting ID: 890 1082 5581**

**Passcode: 155315**

*Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS) members are invited to join*

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***Bonsai Event Near US***

**On Web and In Santa Cruz**

by East Bay Bonsai Society

October Zoom Webnir. **See Poster Below**

East Bay Bonsai Society is opening up our October webinar, featuring Tony Tickle from the UK, to local bonsai hobbyists. See the attached for webinar details.

Tony Tickle began working with bonsai in 1983 when a neighbor with a small collection gave Tony an oak tree sapling. Like most of us, Tony had to find out how to take care of the tree and joined a bonsai club. And like all of us, Tony was hooked.

Since that time, Tony has had enumerable achievements. He is a current member of the Association of British Bonsai Artists and worked as a Director of Bonsai Clubs International from 2003 – 2005. In addition, he writes a regular column for “Bonsai Focus”, a widespread circulation magazine as well as periodic specialty magazines.

As a Royal Horticultural Society Judge, Tony has judged competitions in the United Kingdom, China and Australia.

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# FIRST VIRTUAL ANNUAL SHOW



east bay  
**Bonsai**  
society

Headliner  
**TONY TICKLE**  
presenting  
"BONSAI AROUND  
THE WORLD"



Wednesday,  
October 14<sup>th</sup> 2020  
7:00 PM

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This year the annual EBBS show goes virtual!  
The headliner Tony Tickle will be presenting via video chat from his home base in Great Britain. The presentation "Bonsai Around the World" will include trees from different countries, and is open to all bay area clubs. The second part of the show will showcase the trees of the club members.

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SANTA CRUZ



BONSAI KAI



Dear bonsai friends,

The Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai is hosting an outdoor bonsai fundraiser sale and we would like to extend an invitation to the wider bonsai community. We would love it if you could take the time to share this information with your clubs and anyone who you think might be interested.

**Bonsai Fundraising Sale:** Sunday October 18, 10am - 3pm Aptos Grange, Santa Cruz

Fuel your bonsai passion while giving back to the community!

Many of our club members were impacted by the CZU lightening complex fire and we would like to show our support by raising money to help. A minimum of 50% of the sale proceeds will be donated to fire related charities (Sempervirens Fund and Santa Cruz Community Foundation).

There will be bonsai and related items for sale including pre-bonsai, pots, wire and more. Scott Chadd from Lotus Bonsai Nursery will be vending, so this is a great time to stock up on supplies, repotting season is just around the corner.

We will accept cash, check, venmo and credit card (with 3% service fee for digital payments). To keep everyone safe, masks are required and we will be following 6ft social distancing rules.

See website for further details <https://www.santacruzbonsaikai.com/post/bonsai-fundraising-sale>

Enjoy your trees and stay safe!

Best,

Sarah Tiller

President, Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai

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The September zoom (**10 things I wish I knew as a beginner** by [Jonas Dupuich](#)) was a great presentation. However, note I took was not complete, and here comes George to the rescue. He had notes from same lecture which he attended in recent past. Jonas gave us a list and closeup demo, packed with information to help us make right decisions for our trees. I am sure it's reminder to the experienced artists as well as educational to a beginner like myself. More detailed notes can be available upon request.

Thank you George!

~Lake

Here is his very informative list:

### **"The Ten Things I Wish I Had Known When I Started Bonsai."**

1. Don't overwork your trees and only do certain tasks when it is healthy.
2. Understand why/when to use extreme solutions.

3. Keep up with the seasonal work on your trees.
4. Buy the best available tree you can afford when you see it because you don't know if you'll see the same quality of material down the road.
5. Value the young trees you have
6. Put in all the necessary amount of effort needed to improve the trunk
7. Respect the trees climate needs.
8. Create good habits for watering and fertilizing.
9. Don't be afraid to use chemicals when necessary.
10. When buying trees, make sure they are healthy.

### ***Six Things Beginners Should Know***

1. Pay attention to the health of your tree. If you're not getting the growth you want to see, try something different. Figure out if it needs more shade, more sun, less water, etc.
2. Learn by doing/practicing. If you're interested in trying a new technique, just do it. For example, practice grafting on branches you don't plan to keep in the long run. Carving is another example. Practice further out on a branch before creating the desired jin on the same branch.
3. Grow trees in batches - This is the cheapest way to learn. Observing the growth on lots of trees of the same species will enable you to better understand how that species grows.
4. Purchase good trees. You don't have to start with twigs or young trees. Having trees further developed means you can start wiring, styling, improving branch ramification, etc immediately. So purchase the best trees you can afford.
5. Handle trees with more care. Use tweezers when pulling pine needles and don't press against the tips of the remaining needles. Learn to "feel" the pressure on that branch when you bend it.
6. Don't be afraid to be more aggressive in your design goals. As you "feel" the pressure on a branch when you bend it, aim for more aggressive results. I find this works best if I make an initial bend, pause for a few seconds, bend it some more,



and then repeat these steps until I get the desired result. Put fun movements in your branches, especially on junipers.

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## *~ Remembering David Stern ~*

### *by MBC members*

I am very sad to hear that David Stern has passed away. So I was glad that I had checked in with him by phone a month ago or so. He told me he was doing fine, and that he had completely disposed of all his bonsai plants and paraphernalia, and was now enjoying other things, such as attending a stimulating lecture series at Dominican College. Doing bonsai, we agreed could be hard physical work, and not doable indefinitely as we aged.

During our conversation it came out that he was not originally from Britain, as I had always thought, but from Germany. My knowledge of David was limited as I only saw him at bonsai club events where I always enjoyed his "vibe," his humor, and appreciating the excellent bonsai's that he had styled over the years.

- Dan Keller

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It seemed like I had known David Stern forever, so it was a shock to learn that he passed away this summer. I hadn't really known him forever, just since the beginning of my time as a student of bonsai and member of the Marin Bonsai Club in 2001. David was always around with inspiration and encouragement, showing up at workshops with the most beautiful trees and sometimes ingenious tools he'd made with which to work on them. He always had time to explain what he was doing, or take a look at a new student's work, and really he was just a pleasant person to be around. I wasn't the only one David drew into his orbit as evidenced by the many chairs pulled close to his and his companion June Rubin's at club picnics and parties. They were known for their tamale pie entrée and it just wouldn't have been a party without David, June and the tamale pie.

David was also one of the most generous bonsai people I knew, always happy to share his knowledge with club members, going out into the community to introduce people to the joys of bonsai, and taking extra docent shifts at the Marin County Fair, thoroughly enjoying his conversations about bonsai with the public.

As it became more difficult for David to attend the evening MBC meetings Chris and I happily got to see him and June at the Marin Symphony. Music

was just another one of David's many loves. He and I had connected on textiles by chance when I used thread on a weaving spindle to tie auction tags onto trees. I wish we had talked more about his early life in textiles, and that I had known about his interest in calligraphy, which I share. He was a man of many interests and talents.

David took excellent care of his trees, and when he found he couldn't keep up with their maintenance he sold them to club members. If you have a W. David Stern tree you are indeed blessed. We would love to see David's trees when we can finally meet in person again. Until then, keep them healthy and growing strong in loving memory of the kind man who nurtured and cherished them.

– Candace Key



See his botuary on IJ

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/marinij/obituary.aspx?n=w-david-stern&pid=196692679>

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**ON MBC Bonsai Sale**

**Would you support having an outdoors bonsai sale  
on November 7, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.?**

---Weather permitting---

**Please do share your thoughts by emailing George Haas  
at [gwhaas@comcast.net](mailto:gwhaas@comcast.net), no later than October 7.**

The Inquiry to TLLC to rent the portion of playground in the back to have MBC Bonsai sale. A nursery in Fairfax is also offering a space. These are the candidate for the location.

**The purpose of the MBC bonsai sale**

To raise funds: for the club and provide members the opportunity.

To offer: for sale pre-bonsai, bonsai, pots, tools, books, and other bonsai related items.

To get back in bonsai mode and touch with other member.

**A chair will be**

organizing the event,

recruiting volunteers for various duties

and

in charge on the day of the event.

(--Currently several members are stepping up to volunteer at the event)

The bonsai sale would be much like past auction and sale events, though **NO AUCTION**. MBC will promote the event so that other local club members can attend. .

Commission for the club will be set at 25% on all items sold. Members wanting to sell items would be required to complete paperwork and price tags. Any items not sold must be collected by the owners at the close or otherwise be considered as a donation to the club.

Regards,

George

**REMINDER**

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

**ARE CANCELLED**

Join the Zoom Demo and Lecture  
with Jonas Dupuich on 9/1

[Membership](#) *Dues are due. If overlooked, mail in the check today!*

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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](#) or [click here to email Dennis](#)

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

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## 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!



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