

## Newsletter *from*



- March 2021 -

### In This Edition...

- First zoom of the year coming up on 03/02
- MBC 2021 Program
- **You may know Mike Page?**

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

Please note that scheduled events are subject to change

#### March Zoom Meeting and Demo

**Tue. 03/02/2021 7:00 – 9:30 pm**

Bonsai Tool Care and Maintenance

by Gordon Deeg

#### Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt:

Alameda County's new Shelter in Place Order closes the garden to the public effective Monday December 7th until further notice. City of Oakland...

#### Zoom Meeting and Demo

**Tue. 03/02/2021 7:00 - 9:30 pm**

Bonsai Tool Care and Maintenance

by Gordon Deeg

The first of four scheduled Zoom presentations hosted by MBC 2021, the presentation will feature Gordon Deeg lecture and demonstration on bonsai tool care and maintenance. Gordon is the director for the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt, in Oakland. He is an active member of several local SF/Bay Area bonsai clubs. He is also a key player in the bi-annual Shohin Seminar held in Santa Nella. Gordon will cover beginners tool basics. He will cover subjects of care, sharpening, maintenance, and repair. This presentation is for all skill levels of bonsai.

[About Gordon Deeg on BGLM website](#)  
[About Gordon Deeg posted on Bonsai tonight](#)

### MBC 2021 PROGRAM

- **Mar 2 Zoom Mtg/Demo by Gordon Deeg on tool care & maintenance**
  - **Apr 6 Zoom Mtg/Demo by John “JT” Thompson**
  - **May 4 Zoom Mtg/Demo by Jonas Dupuich on TBD**
  - **Jun 1 Zoom Mtg/Demo by Bill Castellon on black pines**
  
  - \*Jul 1-5 MCF Show**
  - \*Jul 20 Beginners’ Workshop #1**
  - \*Jul 27 Beginners’ Workshop #2**
  - \*\*Aug 3 Mtg/Demo by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_**
  - \*Aug 17 Workshop**
  - \*Sep 7 Mtg/Demo by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_**
  - \*Sep 21 Workshop**
  - \*Oct 5 Mtg/Demo by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_**
  - \* Oct 19 Workshop**
  - \*Nov 2 Auction & Sale**
  - \*Dec 5 Holiday Potluck**
- \* subject to change depending on the Pandemic restriction**

### **Asking the Task Master**

A question from Mike from Fairfax, who recently got the bonsai bug after visiting Lone Pine Nursery.

While working at the nursery I met Mike wondering among the maple trees we had. He bought out a question about his Japanese Maple bonsai.

"During construction outside where the Maple was kept, he brought the tree indoor to protect it. As the construction dragged on longer than expected, the tree lived in the house where it was warmer and it leafed out. It seems too early, Is it going to be ok?"

**See photo below**

This is the question for Task Master this month. Answer will be posted or perhaps given at the Zoom meeting coming Tuesday.



The maple tree that leafed out early



Close up of leaves

### **Does anyone know Mike Page?**

Mike has an "uncle" who was a "big bonsai guy" as Mike says. He lost contact years ago, and thinks he may no longer with us. I believe someone in the bonsai community knows him. His name is **Mike Page**.

Here is a link for some photo of him and trees.

<http://www.steelrabbit.com/Bonsai/stuff/MikePage/index.html>

**If you have information about Mike Page, please email**

[Lakeipad@mail.com](mailto:Lakeipad@mail.com)

**Mike would love to find out more about him**



### ***What does the Task Master Say about March?***

Spring is the big work time, a regular beast of demands on the bonsai artist. Gird up for battle and get out there.

...feel your heart begin to beat in harmony with the cycle of life that all our ancient ancestors knew and loved and marveled at.

Fertilizing is a Springtime question, isn't it? Here's the scoop: In most cases, for young or youngish trees fertilizer of any kind before the first flush of new growth emerges and begins to harden off means faster growth and longer internodes...

...Nature has a different, slower more patient way that is healthier.

To get rid of wet green moss growing on (and rotting) the trunks and exposed roots of trees in pots, spray the moss with a light to medium spray of rubbing alcohol a couple of times over a few days and avoid getting water on it when watering. When it dries up and dies, brush it off gently but persistently with a denture brush from the drug store. Otherwise, the wet fragile bark will be

damaged or removed and may take years to grow back.

**Read the whole post on our Website here**  
<https://marinbonsai.org/the-taskmaster-march/>

[Ask the Task Master here](#)

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## REMINDERS

*[Membership Dues are due](#)*

\$45 per single, \$65 per family and \$25 per student

Click [here](#) for membership form  
Please make your check payable to  
Marin Bonsai Club

**Marin Bonsai Club**  
**P.O. Box 1461 Ross, CA**  
**94957**

**\_\_\_You are wanted as a Board Member / President\_\_\_**  
***Reply to this email, contact any member, you can do this!***

### 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

[Bay Area Satuski Aikokai](#)

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

Keep in mind the Garden is currently closed on weekends.

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

Do you have photos or stories from 2020 MBC experience?  
If so please send to [Lakeipad@mail.com](mailto:Lakeipad@mail.com)



Editor's Personal Note:

Blossoms on Almond branch  
Morning of Valentine's Day 02/14/21

Just amazing how nature paints

Lake

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# We need President and new board members

### Board Members:

- President - Open
- 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:

Docent volunteers at BGLM

Everyone who came to bonsai sale and volunteers who helped the event a success

Mark Powell for sending in a question

All the enthusiasm / knowledge of members!

