

MARIN BONSAI CLUB

October Newsletter – 2021

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY GEORGE HAAS

Hello MBC members,

I am proud to have served as your club's president. I can't remember if it has been four or five years now. I refer to myself as the president ad hoc this year for good reason. We skipped over having elections of club officers and appointments of chairpersons last November 2020. We can't afford to do the same this year.

I decided to withdraw from all MBC activities in the coming new year. I am reducing my bonsai activities to the roles I perform for the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS) and the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt in Oakland. I started with REBS almost 20 years ago. I'll be reducing my bonsai collection as well. My wife and I plan on doing more travelling as the pandemic will allow us.

For MBC, there is precious time remaining this year to elect new club officers and make appropriate appointments to carry on. A 2022 programs committee has been chosen to research and plan a new schedule of activities, consisting of Marcia Summers, Craig Thompson and Brendan Crotty. Tung Dao will take on the position of MBC Newsletter Editor effective immediately. Tung is a new member coming to us from the Midori Bonsai Club. Brendan is also a new member and will be joining as a board member.

MBC has a successful yearly program formula, consisting of eight in-person meetings/demonstrations, eight member workshops, Marin County Fair Show, two beginners' workshops, auction/sale, holiday dinner. The club should regain all revenue sources in 2022 — membership dues, fair show, beginners' workshops, and auction/sale. The club has roughly \$5,000 on hand to budget its programs. Past yearly revenues are about \$3,500 – \$4,500. To save on expenses, the club will be closing out its rental storage unit this year. ■

OCTOBER 5TH IN-PERSON MEETING

PLANT-TO-BONSAI BASICS

with JONAS DUPUICH
of BONSAI TONIGHT

Jonas is a full service bonsai professional and author of *The Little Book of Bonsai*. He won an award for his Yaupon Holly bonsai at the September 11 and 12, 2021 7th US National Bonsai Exhibition held in Rochester, New York. He is always a special



Jonas Dupuich will be leading the October 5th meeting on the basics of bonsai creation.

GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous 2021

Mission de Oro
Santa Nella, California
October 2 and 3, 2021



Join us for the love of bonsai! Go to www.gsbfbonsai.org and click on RENDEZVOUS for complete program and schedule.

guest demonstrator at MBC meetings. You will not want to miss this special in-person presentation. ■

MBC PROGRAM SCHEDULE OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2021

- **October 19**
7:00 to 9:30 p.m., Room #4, TLCC Workshop RSVP Limit eight members
- **November 6 (first Saturday)**
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Outdoors Basketball Court, TLCC, Sale and Silent Auctions. Details will be forthcoming. If you have not signed up to sell or help out, please contact George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net.
- **December 4**
Holiday Dinner at Local Restaurant **CANCELLED** ■

2021 GSBF BONSAI RENDEZVOUS

OCTOBER 2 AND 3, 2021

Get ready and plan for attending the 2021 GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous. The event theme is *Bonsai Rendezvous*. A two-day event for renewal and celebration for the love of bonsai. No registration fee. Open to the public. Free bonsai demonstrations both days. Free professional bonsai critiques, *Bring Your Own Bonsai* and *Do It Yourself*

Bonsai settings. Vendors from Northern and Southern California in one huge location. There will be silent auctions for quality bonsai and related items. There will be no banquet dinners. Additional information and schedule of activities forthcoming shortly. Stay tuned to GSBF website [GSBF - Rendezvous](http://www.gsbfbonsai.org).

For further information or if you want to take an active role as a volunteer for the event, contact Rich Guillen at richguillen@att.net or call 831-233-1612.

The event will be held at the [Hotel Mission de Oro](http://www.missiondeoro.com), 13070 State Highway 33, Santa Nella. The hotel has gone through a very complete renovation recently and served successfully as the location for the 17th Biennial Shohin Seminar in February 2020.

The room rate is \$121.00 plus applicable taxes. GSBF does not have a block of rooms set aside with the hotel and getting an accommodation on the dates desired will be a first-come-first-served basis. Reserve your accommodations early.

Santa Nella is about two hours drive from San Francisco. You can make it a one day or two day event. COVID safety guidelines will be followed for this event. ■

EDITOR'S NOTE

BY TUNG X. DAO

Hello Marin! My name is Tung and I just moved here from San Jose earli-

er this year. I've been involved in bonsai for about 10 years now and I have about 30 or so trees in my collection.

I've always been interested in gardening as I helped my mom tend to her garden when I was young. It was a random trip to Santana Row one Winter Break during engineering college that got me into bonsai. Ever seen one of those "Grow your own bonsai tree from seed!" kits? Yeah, that's what got me into this. But it worked, right? Much sadness, those maple seeds never germinated. It did get me into bonsai. I joined the Midori club later that year.

I'm honored to be the Newsletter Editor for the Marin Bonsai Club. I am currently a member, the Newsletter Editor, and webmaster for the Midori Bonsai Club in San Jose. I still find time to attend my first club's meetings as well as Marin's. I have had a long and rich background in the visual arts — from photography, book design, graphic design, and more. As such, I find a lot of enjoyment in being the newsletter editor for my two clubs.

I choose to use a more traditional approach to the newsletter. The design will be continuously improved over the next few months as I only have a short time in between travelling to create this month's newsletter.

I'm also working with Brendan Crotty on designing a new club logo and identity. If you have any design elements that you think would embody the club's spirit, please [send them my way](#). Stay tuned for more updates!

I look forward to creating the next newsletter for all of us at the Marin Bonsai Club. ■



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BONSAI GARDEN AT LAKE MERRITT NEW WEEKEND HOURS

The new hours of operation for the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt on the weekends are Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday from Noon to 3:30 p.m.

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.

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.

[Sign up for a future date](#) or [email Dennis](#). The Garden's operation hours may vary. Thank you in advance for your support of the Gardens and our Bonsai community. ▪

2021 BOARD MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENTS

We need President and new officers. Please step up!

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President	Open
Vice President	Open
Secretary	Marcia Summers
Treasurer	Open
Past President	George Haas
Current Board Members	Dan Keller Marcia Summers Diane Matzen Gwynessa Aetherwyn Brendan Crotty Open

APPOINTMENTS

Membership	Dan Keller
Webmaster	Sharon Bone
Newsletter	Tung Dao
BGLM Docent Coordinator	Dennis Plaut
Program Chair	David Eichhorn
Show Chair	Jay McDonald

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A tree from the hills of Marin. (photo by Tung X. Dao)