

Marin Bonsai Club

March 2016



What's Happening at the Marin Bonsai Club this Month

March is an odd time for us bonsai enthusiasts. All our trees are repotted - aren't they? - and we are just waiting for them to get strong and healthy enough that we can start doing the fun stuff, like wiring, shaping and styling. Some trees are growing well, but the branches haven't hardened off enough for us to wire them, or the runners aren't pushing out strong enough that our efforts will be productive. It seems like there is nothing to do but wait. Not so. The Taskmaster has lots of suggestions for how you should spend your time this month. See below . . . That also means there will be no workshop in March, but don't despair. We have a great program coming up with Jonas Dupuich - raffle prizes included! Our VP of Programs fills you in . . .

And there are great opportunities to see gorgeous bonsai and maybe even buy some within the next month. Don't forget the Mammoth Auction on Saturday February 27, and the Mammoth Sale on Sunday the 28th, both fundraisers for the Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt. Great deals to be had on everything bonsai. David has more to say about that in his article on our [website](#) as well.

Another great show is the Bay Area Bonsai Associates exhibit on March 12 & 13 at the Garden Center at Lake Merritt. Some of the best bonsai artists in the Bay Area belong to this club, including some of our own Marin Bonsai members. The exhibition is always stellar and the demonstration Saturday night by David DeGroot, past curator of the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection, should be terrific. Please check the GSBF [website](#) for more information.

So don't mope, get out there and study your trees for future work, go to an exhibition, the Bonsai Gardens, a fundraiser and have some fun. March is the perfect time to enjoy bonsai without getting our hands dirty.

A Message from The Prez

Bonsai is a wonderful art.

You can see it in the faces of the visitors who marvel at our trees during the county fair. You can feel it when time slips away as you participate in the care and manipulation of your trees.

The enhanced sense of wonder while walking through a wooded area or driving past grand oaks is only a side benefit of bonsai but it might be one of the best.

The Marin Bonsai Club exists so that you have a place to learn, work on, and show off your trees.

This year we have a fun and upbeat line up of speakers and demonstrations that are designed to enhance your knowledge of specific trees and the art of bonsai in general.

I'm personally excited about our upcoming tour at the Bonsai Gardens of Lake Merritt. It is a wonderful thing to have such an inspirational resource so close to where we live and I hope to see you there.

Bonsai!

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From the VP of Programs

Repotting went well last month. March begins with a day off, followed by a presentation by Jonas Dupuich on the 15th. Our first permanently switched meeting day is April 5th, when Jay McDonald will be giving us a presentation, topic to be determined, perhaps by you. Go to the [Website](#) for more info . . .



The Taskmaster

Just because we don't have a workshop in March doesn't mean you get off without doing work *for* your bonsai. Check out the Taskmaster's recommendations for cleaning, feeding and debugging your trees by clicking [here](#).

Don't forget to pay your dues if you haven't already. Here is the [membership application](#). Please fill it out and send it in or bring it to one of the workshops along with your payment. Our Treasurer thanks you very much.