



MARIN BONSAI CLUB

2022 December Newsletter

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The Marin Bonsai Club meets every First and Third Tuesday of each month at the Terra Linda Community Center Room 4 from 7-9:30 PM. *Note that there are no meetings in December except for the house tour on Dec 3.*

The next board meeting will be on Monday, January 9 at 7pm on Zoom.

COVER PHOTO

Shore Pine on a modern stand.

COVID HEALTH STATEMENT

Masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated attendees. They are welcome for those who wish to wear them.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY TUNG X. DAO

What a year it has been so far. We have done so much this year as a club. My first year as president has been full of surprises and learning moments. But most of all, I love the wonderful moments that all of we have had with each other through bonsai. I am grateful to have met a wonderful and enthusiastic club.

As a club, we brought our membership up to 62 active members this year from 42 last year. Our outreach and Beginners' programs have inspired many new folks to join our club as well as pick up a new and rewarding hobby. This would not have been possible if it weren't for our dedicated senior members who taught the beginners workshops and the new members, of course.

Our club treasury has increased from around \$5000 at the beginning of the year to about \$8500 by the end of the year. This is a result of our fantastic Sale in August, raffles, and—most importantly—club support. It would not have been possible without our club dues. It also would not have been possible without club members leading demonstrations from time to time. I hope to raise this to a comfortable \$12,000 by end of next year.

All that said, I hope we will take our club into a bright new year and share our love of little trees in pots with Marin and beyond. In order to that, I'll need the help of every single one of you to make it happen. Thank you, all!

DUES

We will be entering a new year and that means it's time to renew our memberships. Your dues help fund our demonstrators, facilities, events, and more. Please take a moment to send us an updated membership application and your dues. Our dues have not changed; it is still \$45 per individual and \$65 per family. Students are still at \$25. We

all hope you'll continue to support our club's mission: Bonsai for Marin and Beyond.

DECEMBER MEMBER HOUSE TOUR

This Saturday, Dec 3 will be our Member House Tour. We'll be visiting the homes and gardens of three Marin Bonsai Club members. We will start at 10am to tour two homes in Novato and then drive down to San Anselmo/Fairfax for our final tour. We will meet at a lunch spot afterward if there is enough interest. Hosts and guests are welcome to offer and bring snacks to share and enjoy.

Further information such as addresses, parking, and other details will be emailed out to club members along with the newsletter. If you are an active member and did not get the directions, please email Tung at tung@marinbonsai.org as soon as possible to get this.

JANUARY EVENTS

We will kick off the year with a **repotting workshop** led by our very own Diane Matzen. Learn the process of repotting a tree, what makes bonsai soil different from gardening soil, and more. Winter is the best time to repot the majority of bonsai trees, so don't miss this demonstration!

This month on the 4th Saturday, we will be taking a **club field trip to the Bonsai Gardens of Lake Merritt**. We would like to invite the whole club to come tour the gardens, learn about what is involved in being a docent, and continue this long club tradition of helping out the bonsai community. This event is led by our new Docent Coordinator Art Wasserman.

We may be joined by some other local clubs who may start their own docent commitments to the Gardens. 🌳

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

We will have a Club Member House Tour on December 3. There will be no other meetings in December.

We will be starting at 10am in Novato. Our second home will also be in Novato at 11am. We will finish around 11:45am and head down to San Anselmo at 12:30 where we will tour our 3rd and final home.

Directions and host details are provided in the newsletter email. Please email Tung at tung@marinbonsai.org if you did not receive this email.

JANUARY

Diane Matzen will be leading a repotting demonstration on the first Tuesday.

Special for January is our club tour of the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. We will tour the gardens and learn about what is involved in being a docent.

The open workshop on the 3rd Tuesday in January will be repotting focused. \$15 dollars will be the fee for using club repotting

materials for the night for as many trees as you can repot.

FEBRUARY

Matt Walker returns to demonstrate how to graft. The open workshop on the 3rd Tuesday in January will be repotting focused. \$15 dollars will be the fee for using club repotting materials for the night for as many trees as you can repot.

MARCH

Tung Dao will be leading a Build-Your-Own Wire Caddy workshop. If you don't have your wire handy, this caddy will be a companion! Come learn about why it's important to have your wire supply handy and some wiring basics.

Materials fee to be announced and proceeds will benefit the club. 🌱

BGLM DOCENT VOLUNTEERS

BY DENNIS PLAUT (BGLM DOCENT CHAIR)

It's been a tradition for many, many years. Our Marin Club has donated to the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM) providing docents for the 4th Saturday morning of the month. Once again we have stepped up for this commitment.

We need your help to do so. I do help out yearly as well as many others. You will have someone else with you from our club. Please join us for this wonderful experience.

Contact me for more info and to commit to a slot at deplaut@comcast.net or 415 457-3709. 🌱

Editor's Note: Dennis will be stepping down at the end of the year as Docent Chair after many years. Please give him a huge round of applause for helping out with this task and please welcome Art Wasserman as the new Docent Chair.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Got something you'd like to include in the newsletter? The deadline for submission is the 15th of each month. Please send any materials to Tung at tung@marinbonsai.org.

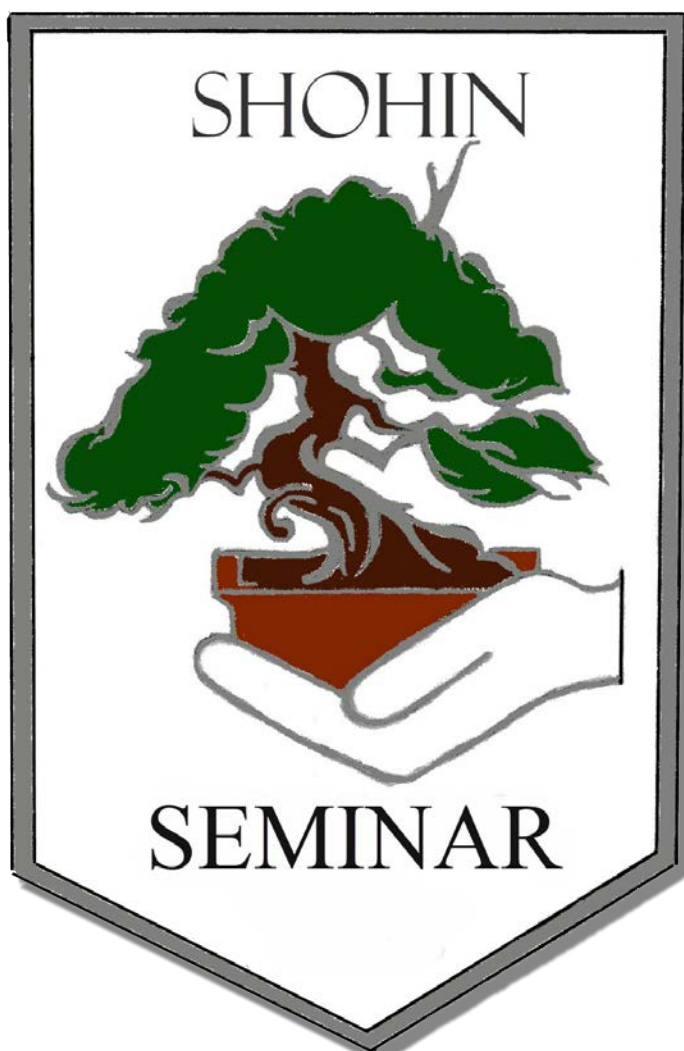
Shohin Seminar

BIENNIAL SHOHIN SEMINAR

BY TUNG DAO AND CANDACE KEY

The 2023 Shohin Seminar is coming up. Registration ends on December 15. You do not want to miss this opportunity. It is a terrific show and opportunity to learn, socialize, purchase, acquire great extra small bonsai.

This seminar is hosted by the California Shohin Society and is held at the Hotel Mission De Oro in Santa Nella. The Seminar runs from February 3-5. Visit <https://www.calshohin.org/> for more information and to register. 🌳



PBE photos



The Pacific Bonsai Expo was a huge success. Over 72 displays were showcased and judged at the Bridgeyard in Oakland with a the facility at full capacity at times. Vendors were busy finding new artists to continue the development of their trees.

Top: A Shore Pine (Pinus contorta 'Contorta') by Michael Hagedorn on a floating steel stand. *Photo by Tung X. Dao.*



Middle: A Trident Maple by Greg McDonald. *Photo by Candace Key.*

Bottom: A shohin display. *Photo by Diane Matzen.*





Top row (left to right)

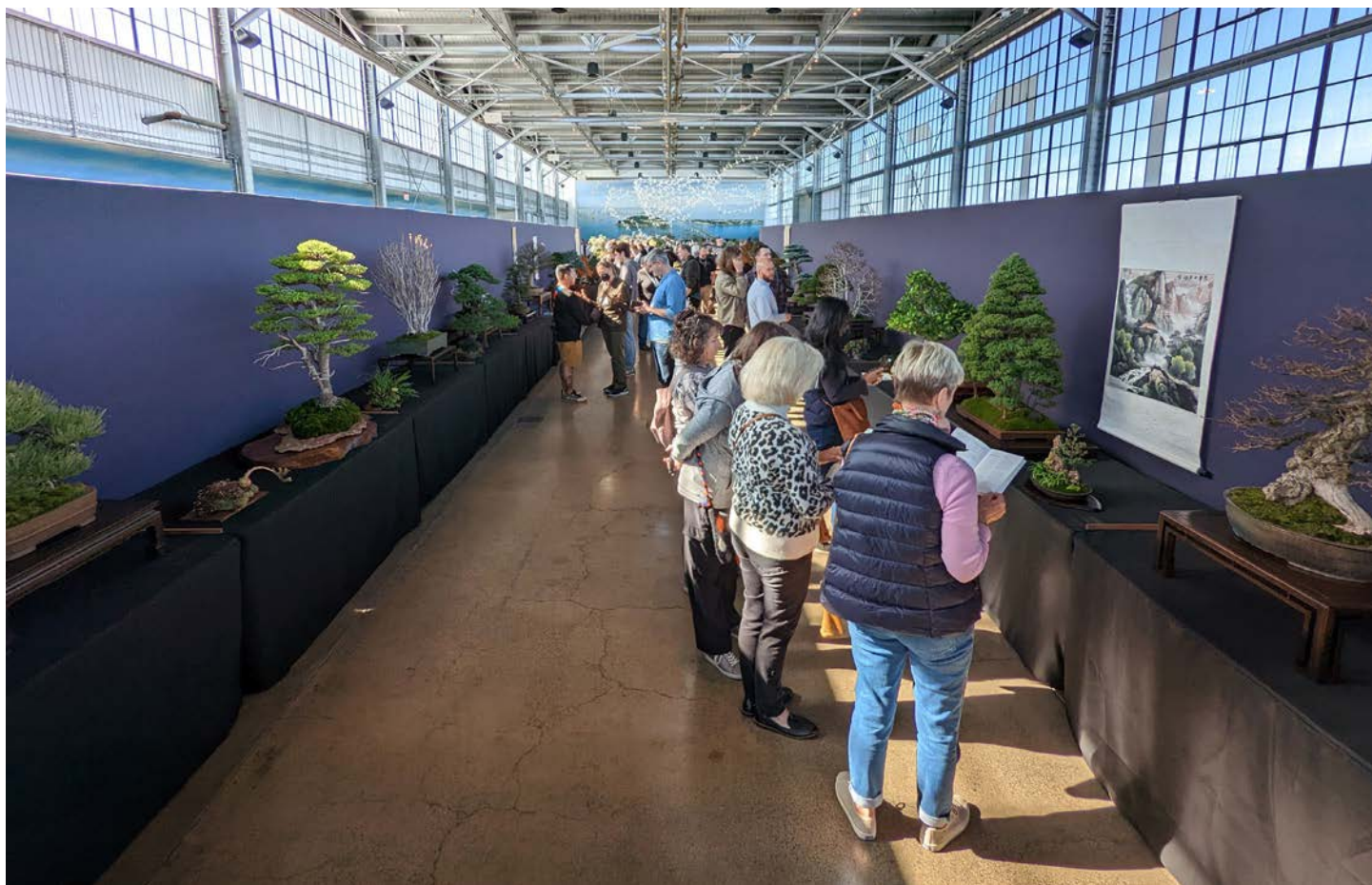
(1) A juniper in the light of the Bridgeyard. *Photo by Tung X. Dao.*

(2) A viewing stone with a naturally occurring bonsai impression. *Photo by Candace Key.*

Bottom row (left to right)

(1) A beech forest by Jonas Dupuich with an accent plant. *Photo by Candace Key.*

(2 & 3) A Japanese maple and semi-cascade Juniper on a tall stand. *Photos by Diane Matzen.*



Top: The Pacific Bonsai Expo was well attended by many visitors with three aisles full of tree displays. *Photo by Tung X. Dao.*

Bottom: Club member and former club President Jay McDonald with his Japanese maple rock planting. *Photo by Tung X. Dao.*



Our Year In Photos



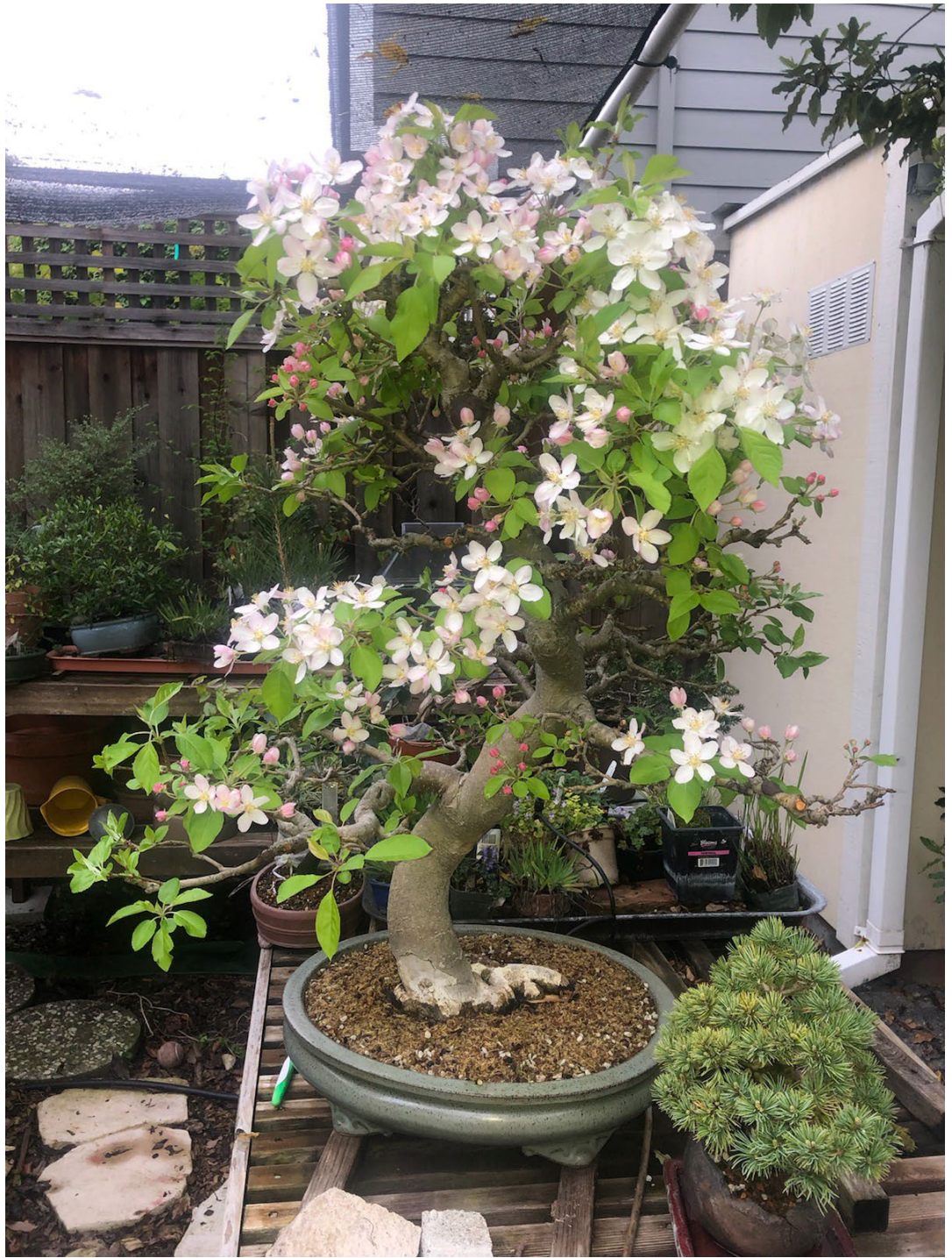


**THANK
YOU FOR A
WONDERFUL
YEAR OF
BONSAI!**

If you have more photos that you would like to share for the January newsletter, feel free to send them to tung@marinbonsai.org.



Show and Tell



A flowering crabapple by Diane Matzen.

Submit your trees for show and tell! Please send your materials to tung@marinbonsai.org by the 15th of each month to be featured.

59TH BAIKOEN BONSAI KENKYUKAI WINTER SILHOUETTE SHOW AND SALE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
JANUARY 21-22, 2023

TEMPLE CITY LIVE OAK PARK
COMMUNITY CENTER
LIVE OAK ROOM
10144 BOGUE ST.
TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780

59th Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai Winter Silhouette Show and Sale, Temple City Live Oak Park Community Center, Live Oak Room, 10144 Bogue St. Temple City, CA 91780, 10am to 4:30pm. Sales and demonstration at 1pm on both days. Deciduous bonsai are featured from club members and invited guests. The Nagata-Komai award will be presented, and there will be a demonstrator at 1pm on both days. There will be a sales area with club and vendor plants, pots, tools and more. For more information, please visit baikoenbonsai.com or email Joe Galgoul, joegalgoul@yahoo.com.

SERGIO CUAN — GOLDEN ZOOM SERIES

MONDAY
JANUARY 23, 2023
6:30PM

ZOOM

GSBF Clubs will get the Zoom link to share with their membership for an evening with Sergio Cuan, an accomplished visual artist who graduated with a BFA in Art and Design from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. His passion for painting and horticulture synthesize in his creation of bonsai as an art form.

18TH BIENNIAL SHOHIN SEMINAR

FRIDAY-SUNDAY
FEB 03-05, 2023

HOTEL MISSION DE ORO
SANTA NELLA, CA 95322

Every two years the California Shohin Society organizes a Shohin Seminar in Santa Nella, California, where bonsai masters, teachers, students and general enthusiasts from all over the country gather to learn and share their love of Shohin bonsai.

The only event of its kind in the U.S. Every two years the California Shohin Society organizes a Shohin Seminar in Santa Nella, California, where bonsai masters, teachers, students and general enthusiasts from all over the country gather to learn and share their love of Shohin bonsai. The goal of the Seminar is two-fold

To provide a low-cost, learning-rich environment for those who want to learn more about Shohin bonsai, and to raise money for the Golden State Bonsai Federation's Bonsai Collection. The Shohin Seminar is a major source of funding for the care and evolution of these collections.

2023 KOKUFU-TEN JAPANESE NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION

FEB 09-12, 2023

TOKYO, JAPAN

Kokufu-ten, is the largest and most prestigious bonsai event held in Japan.

ANNUAL MAMMOTH AUCTION & SALE 2023

**SATURDAY
FEB 18, 2023**

**LAKE SIDE PARK GARDEN CENTER
666 BELLEVUE AVE.
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**

All proceeds support the GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt.

Saturday Bonsai live auction.

Sunday Large vendor sales and bargain sale of bonsai, pots and related items.

Download our flier for distribution at club events or local venues.

BONSAI-A-THON 2023

**SATURDAY
FEB 25-26, 2023**

**THE HUNTINGTON
1151 OXFORD RD
SAN MARINO, CA 91108**

Mark your calendar for Saturday & Sunday, February 25th & 26th, 2023.

Bonsai-a-thon at the Huntington! A weekend of festivities!

We are working out the detail and will share information in the coming weeks. The hours indicated are estimates.

Thanks for your support. We look forward to seeing you. 🌳

Minutes 'n things

MBC 2022 NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

Present: Tung, Diane, Marcia, Gwynessa, Candace, Art

Did everyone enjoy Bonsai Expo?



Paying presenters the night of

Need to coordinate the payment better.

Can we have a board member pay the presenter via check and have Marcia reimburse or do we want to have Marcia mail Tung the check for future presenters in advance?

Lots of paper work to have Tung added as a signer.

George would have to be taken off.

It is possible to have Tung write the check and request a reimbursement. This can be a back up.

Send Marcia the information before.

Marcia can check if Tung can be added as a signer.

Year-end Wrap up

What did we like?

(The occasional) community bonding events

What did we not like?

Paying demonstrators late 😊

How to make next year better?

Demonstrators

Have dedicated person handle this.

Want more demos, every time?

Demos by home brew.

REBS has whole year of demos lined up.

Need to have robust programs, but doesn't have to be every month

Get something in the IJ (like a big name demonstrator)

Budget

Let's make a budget

8900 in the bank now.

List out club priorities.

Make another quick meeting for the budget.

Board member positions available

Mina And Julius (not in Marin)

Susan Sullivan

Programs

Programs committee

Candace would like to be a part of this.

Ideas and tips from Candace (prior phone call)

Consider budget? Raffle materials, programs committee

Andrew Robsen?

Jonas?

Adam Toth?

Newsletter idea: introduce Candace, welcomes input, questionnaire?

December: member house tour

10am: John Doig (Novato)

11am: Sharon Bone (Novato)

12:30pm: Art and Jessica Wasserman (Fairfax/San Anselmo)

People can bring snacks.

Lunch afterward to be decided.

Get Addresses, parking restrictions, RSVP.

People are welcome to bring food

Carpool. Addresses will only be sent via club email list.

January: Diane Repotting Demo and BGLM Club Tour
Repotting demo Jan 6

Do we need to coordinate with BGLM? (Jan 28)

All arranged, spoke with Richard. Docent teacher Robert Henderson.

John Mechasich.

Contact Art if want to do BGLM docent in Dec. Email art if people have questions. Phone ok.

REBS? Other clubs? Tung will invite Midori.

Repotting workshops

\$10 for materials for a night.

February: Matt Walker Grafting Demo (Feb 7)

\$450. Marcia will send check out a week prior.

March: Tung Dao DIY Caddy, John Doig Tool Talk?

Kits available for fundraising

April?

May?

House Tour?

June: Show Prep Demo

Jay?

July: Show

2nd half of July: Beginner's workshops

August: Sale

Sept?

Oct?

Halloween party again?

Voting boxes

100 dollars gift certificates, previous years

Nov?

Dec

Usually no meeting

Party, historically.

Topics of interest

Moss, field trip to artist's garden.

Show

Jay handles it.

Tung will reach out to Jay and get this started

Treasury (Marcia)

8900 in bank

TLCC's handled

Tung will contact Debbie about 2023

Membership (Dan)

Got two last month, at 62

Newsletter/Website

Anyone want to be a regular contributor?

Should be a write up on previous meeting.

More photographs.

Feature of club members.

Jay sent in a few pictures.

Before and after pictures.

Do we need to meet in December?

NO.

January 9th.

Other announcements?

Reminder: GSBF Insurance club liability, membership insurance.

Taxes and government forms: Tung will review George's notes on this matter.

Membership Application and Renewals

NAME**DATE****I AM A**

- ☐ NEW MEMBER
☐ RETURNING MEMBER

PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

- ☐ SINGLE (\$45) ☐ HOUSEHOLD (\$65) ☐ STUDENT (\$25)

ADDRESS**CITY****STATE****ZIP****EMAIL**

Please keep your email up to date to receive important updates from the club such as newsletters, shows, and events. We will not share your email outside of our club.

PHONE

- ☐ CELL ☐ HOME

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CLUB?**HOW I CAN HELP THE CLUB****MONTHLY MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS**

- ☐ RAFFLE EVENTS
☐ WORKSHOPS
☐ PROGRAMS
☐ PUBLICITY
☐ BOARD MEMBER
☐ OTHER: _____

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

- ☐ DOCENT AND OTHER SUPPORT AT BGLM
☐ SETUP/DOCENT MARIN COUNTY FAIR SHOW
☐ AUCTION COMMITTEE
☐ HOLIDAY PARTY

Each member of the club is encouraged to volunteer at monthly and yearly club activities. Please check at least two areas where you can contribute to the club. Thank you!

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