



MARIN BONSAI CLUB

January Newsletter – 2022

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

BY TUNG X. DAO

Welcome to 2022, a new year that I hope will bring us lots of new opportunities to develop and work on our bonsai.

I first want to give a big **thank you** to the new board. There are familiar and new board members alike that are with us this upcoming year, myself included. Please give them a big welcome as we navigate these crazy times. We have been working tirelessly to bring you a new year of programs.

I can't wait to work on trees with everyone, despite the ongoing pandemic. Like all of you, I enjoy sharing my knowledge and experience with bonsai. This coming year hopes to allow us to do this more in-person again. I hope that we all take care of ourselves and each other by staying safe, getting vaccinated if we are able to, and continue to enjoy our beloved hobby with each other.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Some of the upcoming programs are classic for the winter season. Valerie Monroe will be showing us how to repot our trees in the first Tuesday program. She is an amazingly talented bonsai artist and we are glad to have her.

This will be followed by three repotting workshops. These will be open to everyone who wishes to attend. No RSVP required, but it is recommended if you want to use club materials or some personal help from one of our experienced senior members. Please see the next page for more details.

The club asks for a \$10 donation if you wish to use the club materials. Just bring in your tree and a pot and we'll help you get started. You are also welcome to bring in your own supplies to use as well.

CLUB DISCORD

BIG NEWS: Marin Bonsai Club is excited to announce our new channel on Discord. If you have never used Discord, it's like a big chat room dedicated to Marin Bonsai Club members. We can use it to discuss upcoming

events, bonsai tree problems, organize trips — just about anything bonsai related can be discussed there, and it's only for our club members.

The Board currently uses it to discuss club related matters. This has been a huge improvement over doing things by email. We hope to get the younger generation involved in the bonsai world, and we know they use Discord for many other hobbies.

Just click on this invite, make an account, and you should be set: <https://discord.gg/us25mAsn5A>

LOGO UPDATES

We have been working on a few different revisions on the new club logo. After several months and many discussions, we've settled on this design. Please give a hand to Diane Matzen for creating the hand drawn design for the tree.

From the bonsai tree and pot, the Marin Civic Center, Mount Tamalpais, and the red sun — all these elements work together in harmony to make a great versatile logo.



MARIN BONSAI CLUB

FINANCIALS

Our club experienced a loss in between 2020 and 2021. However, we are happy to report that the club still has funds to continue to provide opportunities for club members to meet and learn from each other.

Our club will strive to provide excellent programs for all of us. We will be calling on our experienced club members to lead demonstrations for all of us, in addition to inviting renowned artists to demonstrate. Our programs committee will take the lead on organizing a great year for us, new and experienced. ■

Marin Bonsai Club meets every First and Third Tuesday of each month at the Terra Linda Community Center from 7 - 9:30 PM.

COVID HEALTH STATEMENT

Masks are required for all attendees. Safety measures will be in effect as required by the State of California and the County of Marin.

MARIN BONSAI CLUB BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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REPOTTING DEMO WITH VALERIE MONROE

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022
7:00 - 9:30 P.M.**

Guest Artist/Instructor Valerie Monroe will kick off the new year with a demonstration on the complete steps in repotting bonsai. Valerie will be working with an olive bonsai. There will be a raffle upon completion of the demonstration. If there is time Valerie will take questions on member trees and pot selection. Please join us! ■



REPOTTING WORKSHOPS

JANUARY 18, FEBRUARY 1 & 15, 2022

To celebrate the repotting season for 2022, we would like to announce some small changes that would help all of us.

If you would like to use club materials for the repotting workshops, we would like to ask for a \$10 donation to cover materials. You will be able to repot as many trees as you would like for the evening. For those of you who wish to bring their own materials in, you are very much welcome to do so.

RSVPs are encouraged if you wish to use club materials. This is to give us

a better idea of how much material to bring to the meeting. Please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/marinbonsai-rsvp>.

However, they are not required and there are no limits to attendance. Feel free to bring a friend or two, even if they don't have a tree to repot! Someone will be around to guide you if you need help. Happy repotting season to all of us. ■

IT'S TIME TO PAY OUR DUES!

BY DAN KELLER (*MEMBERSHIP*)

Another important event coming up is paying our Marin Bonsai Club dues. We ask you to please plan on bringing a newly completed membership information form (see next page) and your check, payable to Marin Bonsai Club, to our first meeting in the new year on Tuesday, January 4th.

If you are not attending this meeting, please send your completed form and check to the following address: Marin Bonsai Club, PO Box 1461, Ross, CA 94957-1461 right away. You can print out the member information attached to this newsletter. Dues are \$45 for

individuals, \$65 per households, and \$25 for students.

Please do this as soon as possible. I want to emphasize that we will be working with a meager 2022 budget due to restrictions during the past year or so of which you are well aware.

You will save me a lot of time as the Membership Chairperson and the *MBC Dues Bird Dog* if you do this soon so that I am not compelled to come after you later for unpaid dues. Thank you ever so much. ■

CAN YOU HELP?

A club member is looking for a carpool to the meetings. If you are coming from the San Rafael/San Anselmo area and are able to help, please let us know!

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!

Make checks payable to **MARIN BONSAI CLUB**
Please send your check and application to
MARIN BONSAI CLUB
PO BOX 1461
ROSS, CA 94957-1461

MAMMOTH AUCTION & SALE IS COMING SOON!

BY GEORGE HAAS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SECURITY AND KITCHEN CREW

Eight security crew are needed on Sunday, February 20 from 9:00 to 3:00 (two shifts) and four kitchen crew members on both days from 11:00 to 2:00.

Looking for volunteers in all roles above. Need eight security individuals for vendor room (Vista Room) exit doors, two shifts of four individuals, from 9:00 - 12:00 and 12:00 - 3:00, on Sunday, February 20, and four individuals, 11:00 - 2:00 on both days. Volunteers are requested to confirm with leaders for

head count. Volunteers will be served lunches both days at 11:30 to 12:30. Volunteers will require meal ticket for lunch. We'll ask for \$5 from vendors and public for lunch after 12:30.

COVID health statement – safety measures for all in attendance will be in effect during the two-day event as required by State and City of Oakland. Mask required.

Contact George Haas at gwhaas@com-cast.net for volunteer assignments. ■

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

2021

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 2022

Ongoing submission of quality auction bonsai trees, signature pots and display stands at BGLM www.bonsailakemerritt.com. Cut off is 115 auction items.

DECEMBER 11

East Bay Bonsai Club members completed the cleaning and grooming of auction trees at BGLM.

2022

JANUARY 8
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Photo shoot of auction trees and items at BGLM.

JANUARY 24

Auction item photos posted online to BGLM website.

FEBRUARY 19
8:00 - 11:00 AM

Early morning set up of auction at Vista Room and sale at Ebell Room, Lakeside Park Garden Center.

11:00 AM

Start sale of bidder card and auction catalog

12:00 PM

Auction preview

1:00 PM

Opening remarks

1:15 PM

Start live auction

3:30 PM

Live auction close

4:00 PM

Vendor set up at Vista Room

7:00 PM

Close garden center

FEBRUARY 20
8:00 - 9:00 AM

Early morning set up of sale items at Ebell Room and vendors at Vista Room.

9:00 AM

Vendors open for business

10:00 AM

Sale open for business

3:00 PM

Sale and vendors close

6:00 PM

Close garden center

UPCOMING BONSAI EVENTS

BAY AREA BONSAI ASSOCIATES 40TH ANNUAL BONSAI EXHIBIT | EAST BAY BONSAI SOCIETY BONSAI SALE

**5 PM - 9 PM SATURDAY
JANUARY 15, 2022**

**10 AM - 4 PM SUNDAY
JANUARY 16, 2022**

**OAKLAND LAKESIDE GARDEN CENTER
666 BELLEVUE AVENUE
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**

As part of the Bay Area Bonsai Associates' two-day show, the East Bay Bonsai Society will be having an in-person January 2022 club sale! The sale will be both Saturday, January 15th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland, California. The sale will include established and starter bonsai trees, pots, tools, etc. Credit cards, checks and cash accepted. Sales tax will be added to purchases. Masks are required.

MBC members are invited to participate as a "garage sale". MBC members will not need to charge sales tax as they will handle all cash and check transactions themselves. ■



Bay Area Bonsai Associates 40th Annual Bonsai Exhibit January 15 & 16, 2022

Lakeside Park Garden Center at Lake Merritt
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA

Exhibit Displays, Light Dinner, Presentation, Plant Sales

Presenter: Peter Tea

Saturday, January 15, 5:00PM – 9:00PM

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm: Exhibit and Sales of plants, bonsai, and related items, light dinner at 5:30.

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm: Presentation by Peter Tea

Sunday, January 16, 10AM – 4:00PM

Exhibit and Sales of plants, bonsai, and related items.

Admission is free. Parking fee to the Lakeside Park entrance is required during park hours.

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18TH BIENNIAL SHOHIN SEMINAR

FEBRUARY 4-6, 2022

**HOTEL MISSION DE ORO
13070 HWY 33
SANTA NELLA, CA 95322**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS
NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

**CONTACT THE HOTEL AT 800-546-5697
OR 209-826-4444 FOR DIRECT HOTEL
RESERVATIONS**

**PLEASE BE SURE AND MENTION YOU
ARE MAKING A RESERVATION FOR THE
SHOHIN SEMINAR TO RECEIVE OUR
DISCOUNT**

SUMMARY

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 Shohin Seminar is considered to be one of the best, if not the best, opportunity in the U.S. to learn about Shohin. Thanks to the generosity of all who participate, it is an exceptional value for the cost.

ABOUT

About the Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) Collections. Currently, the GSBF maintains three collections in California at the following locations:

- The Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt in Oakland, CA
- The GSBF Collection at The Huntington in San Marino, CA
- Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinze in Fresno, CA

Proceeds from the Shohin Seminar will go to the three gardens. Visit the Shohin Seminar 2022 website <http://www.calshohin.org/>. ■

TRIP TO OROVILLE GROWING GROUNDS WITH LOTUS BONSAI

FEBRUARY 12 AND 13, 2022

Materials of exceptional quality at reasonable prices include Mikawa black pine, shimpaku juniper, Japanese maple, several varieties of Trident maple, crape myrtle. These trees are now over 17 years old. Prices determined on site and will be based on size, style and age. Saturday is for conifer dig only and Sunday is deciduous. Please contact Bolet Salvador of Lotus bonsai at bolet@lotusbonsai.com for more information.

21ST ANNUAL MAMMOTH AUCTION AND SALE

FEBRUARY 19-20, 2022

**666 BELLEVUE AVE.
LAKESIDE PARK GARDEN CENTER
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**

The annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction and Sale will be held on **Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20, 2022** at 666 Bellevue Ave., Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland. You are invited to the biggest auction and sale of bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, books, stands, and related material. A Mammoth fundraiser with all proceeds going to support the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM).

Saturday auction preview starts at 12:00 p.m. with auction starting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday sale from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., large showing of vendors, plant sales, and much more. Purchase your bonsai needs. For further information, contact George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net or stay tuned to the BGLM Website www.bonsailakemerritt.com.

Auction bonsai and items are now being collected at BGLM. Volunteers in all areas are requested to contact George Haas for leader assignments. ■

AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION SACRAMENTO SPRING SHOW AND SALE

APRIL 9-10, 2022

**SHEPARD GARDEN & ARTS CENTER IN
MCKINLEY PARK
3330 MCKINLEY PARK, SACRAMENTO**

Bonsai exhibit, member and vendor sales, Bonsai demonstration featuring Andrew Robson as headliner.

LOTUS BONSAI ANNUAL SPRING SALE

**9AM-4PM
MAY 14-15, 2022**

**LOTUS BONSAI NURSERY & GARDENS
1435 LOWER LAKE DRIVE
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667**

This is the not-to-be missed once a year sale at the nursery. Big discounts on all bonsai trees and stock plants.

STATUS OF NONPROFIT CORPORATION 501 (C)(3) TAX EXEMPTION

BY GEORGE HAAS, PAST MARIN BONSAI CLUB PRESIDENT

MBC has completed filing applications to the State and Federal Internal Revenue Service for the purpose of obtaining full compliance by being nonprofit corporation 501(c)(3) tax exempt.

The club will again resume its revenue generating activities when it receives certifications from the government agencies. However, IRS reports having a short staff

and backlog of 95,000 applications which will delay that agency's response.

The State should respond in a timely manner. I want to thank Marcia Summers, MBC Treasurer, and Art Wasserman, former MBC Treasurer, for their input and efforts to ensure the complete and thorough filing of government forms and finance reports. Below is a table of all filings, to date. ■

ACTION	FILE DATE	RETURN DATE
1. Online File Articles of Incorporation SOS CA (Form ARTS-PB-501(c)(3))	10/27/2021	10/27/2021
2. File Statement of Information SOS CA (Form SI-100)	11/8/2021	11/11/2021
3. Online New FEIN 87-3610686 IRS (Form SS-4)	11/17/2021	11/17/2021
4. Online Tax Exemptions IRS (Form 2300-EZ)	12/3/2021	TBD
5. Initial Registration Form AG CA (Form CT-1)	12/6/2021	TBD
6. Letter, Cancel Old FEIN 68-0152595	12/6/2021	TBD
7. Tax Exemptions FTB CA (Form 3500)	12/23/2021	TBD
8. Determine whether there are any additional permits, licensing, or registration requirements at the local, state, or federal level, and establish procedures to ensure satisfaction of ongoing filing requirements.	TBD	TBD

