



# MARIN BONSAI CLUB

2023 May Newsletter

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# DECIDUOUS TREES

Right: A windswept tree from the wiring demo. This tree was wired by Julius.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY TUNG X. DAO

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.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, May 8 at 7:30pm on Zoom. Please contact Tung if you would like to attend.

### COVER PHOTO

Close up of Japanese maple leaves in their spring color. *Photo by Tung X. Dao.*

### MARIN BONSAI CLUB BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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<https://discord.gg/us25mAsn5A>

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My garden is in full spring motion. There is so much growth everywhere. Lots of wiring to be done, now that we all know how to do it!

Last month, Eric Schrader did an awesome companion plant demonstration and a few more members attended the second wiring workshop.

### DECIDUOUS TREE DEMO

This month we'll have our very own John Doig, Dan Keller and Chris Ross leading a deciduous development program. These are trees that lose their leaves in the winter. They leave behind a beautiful winter silhouette.

These trees have some special considerations in their development, so I am excited to see what we have to share and learn with each other. The demo will also feature a tree review, so please bring in one deciduous tree to have reviewed as a group.

### UPCOMING BEGINNER'S WORKSHOPS AND AUGUST SALE

As you may have heard, the County is retrofitting the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, the building where we have held our annual show. As a result, we won't be able to have a show this year. Perhaps we will have a smaller one evening mini-display later this year. Stay tuned! As such, we will focus our community outreach on our Beginner's Workshops.

These workshops are how we have introduced our art to newcomers and provide them with the knowledge and tools to get started in bonsai. This is a valuable way to engage with the broader Marin community, display the joys of bonsai, and highlight the

benefits of being a part of the Marin Bonsai Club. With our efforts combined, we can build stronger connections with the community and promote the growth of our club.

Of course, we will need all the help we can get from our dedicated members to make the workshops a success. Whether it's volunteering to teach some students, contributing supplies, or spreading the word about the event, every effort counts.

In addition to the workshop, we will be having a sale in August that benefits the club. This will be a great opportunity for members to showcase their work and for attendees to purchase unique and beautiful bonsai. More information about the sale will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

I hope that we will have a show again soon. In the meantime, I look forward to working together with everyone to make the workshop and sale a success!

### NEW TREASURER

I'd like to thank Susan Stapp for stepping up to help us with the treasury. Your help will be invaluable to the club!

### CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL RECAP

A crew of us attended the San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival in April. We got to see the San Francisco Bonsai Society's show. They had a wonderful window display and row after row of fine bonsai from their membership.

In addition to the bonsai, we got to enjoy some seasonal food, festivities, and cultural experiences presented by the organizers. Thank you to all those who attended! 🌸



# May Program

## DECIDUOUS TREES DEMO

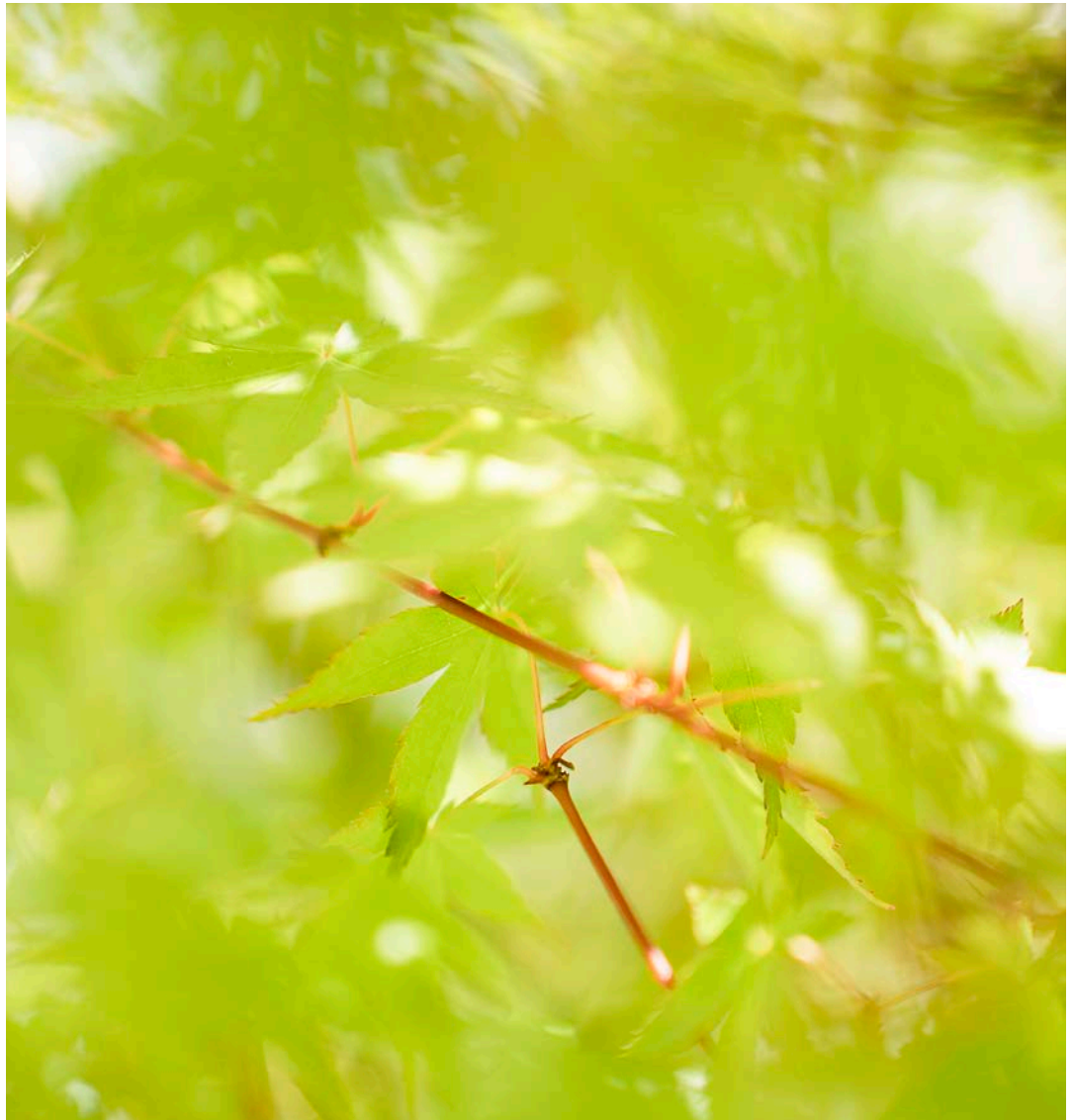
BY CANDACE KEY, PROGRAMS CHAIR

Our club meeting May 2 will be an audience participation affair. Senior club members John Doig, Dan Keller and Chris Ross will be leading the program on developing deciduous trees.

These three have been studying bonsai for over 20 years, working with some of the top professionals in bonsai, and have a lot of knowledge to share. They will each bring a deciduous tree to discuss and detail how they have gone about its development to

start the program.

Members are invited to bring a deciduous tree of their own that the panel will later discuss with the group. We expect to see a broad cross section of species and stages of development between experienced members and those just starting out, so the discussion should be lively, entertaining and highly instructional. We hope to see many of you there. 🌳



## DOCENTING RECAP

BY CANDACE KEY

Candace and Chris report spending a very pleasant shift at the Bonsai Gardens Lake Merritt in April. The day was beautiful. The bonsai were stunning and over 80 people showed up to admire and ask questions about the trees.

The only thing better than doing bonsai is talking to other people about bonsai and getting them excited about the art. Being a docent at the gardens is rewarding in so many ways. We hope all our members will try it at some time this year. 🌳

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

### MAY

#### *DECIDUOUS TREES AND TREE REVIEW*

Our very own John Doig, Chris Ross, and Dan Keller will lead a deciduous tree program and member tree review on **May 2**. Bring in those trees that you want group feedback on and we'll suggest improvements to them.

#### *GENERAL WORKSHOP*

The **third Tuesday** will feature our open workshop. The special focus topic will be announced.

### JUNE

#### *DEMONSTRATION WITH JAY MCDONALD*

Topic to be announced. Third Tuesday will be an open workshop

### JULY

#### *BEGINNER'S WORKSHOPS*

The **3rd and 4th Tuesdays** of July will be our Beginner's Workshops. We will need

## AVAILABLE CLUB POSITIONS

We have a few positions available if you are able to help the club out.

#### *NEWSLETTER*

The newsletter one is an interesting one because I'll be mentoring you on the art of layout editing. I'll need a little assistance in the long term making these very important newsletters for the club. (Don't worry, I'll continue doing it for as long as I my

## BGLM DOCENTS

Our club has a commitment to support the broader bonsai community. One of the ways we do this is by being a docent at the Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt.

Docenting there is a joy and it's not difficult. If you are a first timer, please talk with an experienced member about what it's like to help out at the Gardens.

#### *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](mailto:tung@marinbonsai.org).

to get the word out. Promotional materials should be ready next month.

We will need your help to make the program possible. From promotion, to instructors, to getting materials. If you are new to bonsai, perhaps you can be a teacher's assistant (and get a review of the basics!). Please let us know how you can help to make this program a success.

### AUGUST

#### *CLUB SALE*

The **first Saturday** of August will be our club fundraiser sale. This will be a chance to support the club by offering some of your collection for sale for the club's benefit. Of course, you can also help by purchasing the stuff offered for sale or by spreading the word about it.

Do you know someone who wanted to get into bonsai? Here's an opportunity to get them something to get their feet wet. 🌱

schedule allows.)

If this is something you're interested in learning, let me know and I'll be happy to teach you how to use InDesign or similar to produce these newsletters!

#### *CLUB HISTORIAN*

Help digitize historic club documents and document current activities. 🌱

Your visit there will inspire you. The Gardens has dozens of masterfully crafted trees with rich histories. *Beginners are strongly encouraged to docent with an experienced member in their first year.* It will be an eye-opening experience for you.

Please contact Art to see when the next available docent spot is. 🌱



# Previously

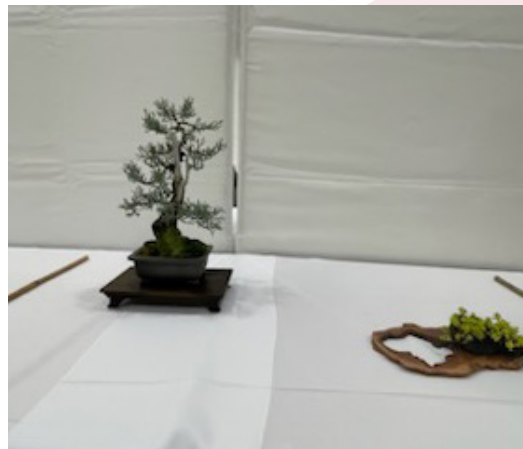
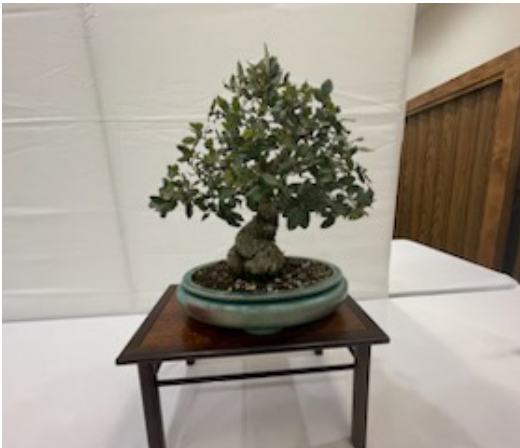
On this page, we have images from Eric Schrader's Companion Plant program (upper half images) and one of his creations after being taken home by the raffle winner (left center). Peter Miller shows his bonsai display with ikebana accent plants (bottom left images). Jay McDonald made a small display for us to see how these plants fit into a bonsai display (bottom right images).

The next page are images from the Cherry Blossom Festival, including trees from the San Francisco Bonsai Society's show.

*Photos by Tung X. Dao, Susan Sullivan, Peter Miller, and Mina S.*







# Bonsai Events

Events from the Golden State  
Bonsai Federation website.  
[https://www.gsbfbonsai.org/  
events](https://www.gsbfbonsai.org/events)

## THE SACRAMENTO BONSAI CLUB'S 77TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

SATURDAY, MAY 06, 2023  
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

2401 RIVERSIDE BLVD  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95818

Join us for our 77th ANNIVERSARY SHOW of Bonsai and Suiseki. It is One-Day Only! Free admission/donation, raffle drawings, large members' sale of bonsai-related materials. Demonstration at 1:30pm.

[juddbonsai@att.net](mailto:juddbonsai@att.net)  
[www.sacbonsaiclub.com](http://www.sacbonsaiclub.com)  
Phone: (+1) 9163008103

## SANTA CRUZ BONSAI KAI EXHIBIT & SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

2555 MAR VISTA DR  
APTOS, CA 95003

Join us for the Show & Sale but stay for the Demonstration at 1pm.

For more information contact Helen Klee  
831-462-5829. [www.santacruzbonsaikai.com](http://www.santacruzbonsaikai.com)

## BAY AREA SATSUKI AIKOKAI & YAMATO BONSAI KAI'S SHOW

BASA DEMO: SAT, MAY 20TH 1-3 PM  
YAMATO DEMO: SUN, MAY 21ST 1-3 PM

LAKEVIEW PARK GARDEN CENTER, 666  
BELLEVUE AVE, OAKLAND, CA 94610

These two clubs joint show offers Azalea in full bloom and fine bonsai in formal displays.

Large member tree sales and imported Japanese material vendor area • Free admission • Public parking

For more information: <http://satsukiazaleabonsai.org/>

Contact Darren Wong: [Sohjuen@aol.com](mailto:Sohjuen@aol.com)

## SEI BOKU BONSAI KAI SHOW

WITH WORLD RENOWNED  
SPECIAL GUEST DEMONSTRATOR  
DAVID DE GROOT

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 3 AND 4,  
2023  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SAN MATEO GARDEN CENTER  
605 PARKSIDE WAY  
SAN MATEO, CA 94403

In addition to show, world renowned special guest demonstrator David De Groot will provide demo Saturday 1-3pm, with Demo tree raffle following. Sunday 1-3pm, David will lead an open to public viewing workshop, with workshop tree raffled after. Both days 3pm benefit raffle and door prizes.

Tree Clinic—Vendor Sales—Plant Sales—Free Admission

For additional information: Marsha Mekisich [springhill.2@outlook.com](mailto:springhill.2@outlook.com)

Phone: (+1) 650-477-4761

## **EAST BAY BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL AUCTION**

WEDNESDAY JUNE 14, 2023  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

LAKESIDE PARK GARDEN CENTER  
666 BELLEVUE AVE  
OAKLAND, CA 94610

The East Bay Bonsai Society will be having an in-person bonsai auction on Wednesday, June 14th at 666 Bellevue Ave., Lakeside Park Garden Center (Lake Merritt) in Oakland, California! The auction will start at 7:30pm with a preview at 7:00pm. It will include established and starter bonsai trees, pots, tools, etc. Credit cards, checks, and cash accepted. Free admission. Parking available. Sales tax will be added to purchases. Masks are required.

The East Bay Bonsai Society's in-person bonsai auction on will start at 7:30pm with a preview at 7:00pm. More? Email: [mhylton@rocketmail.com](mailto:mhylton@rocketmail.com)

## **VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY SHOW**

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 17-18, 2023  
10:00 AM - 4:00PM

981 ALDEN LN  
LIVERMORE, CA 94550

Our 14th annual show will include a bonsai demonstration at 1PM on both days.

The finished tree will be raffled off at the end of the demonstrations. Bonsai pots, soil, etc. available for purchase. Admission is free.

Valley Bonsai Society's 14th annual bonsai show will be held at Alden Lane Nursery <https://www.aldenlane.com/>

## **REBS 37TH ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023  
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (4PM SUNDAY)

5401 SNYDER LN  
ROHNERT PARK, CA 94928

The return of the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society hosting its 37th Annual Bonsai Show. New modern facilities with AC. Featuring the international renowned bonsai artist Ryan Neil as guest demonstrator.

## **SIERRA BONSAI CLUB SHOW**

SEP 23, 10:00 AM – SEP 24, 4:00 PM

3192 BOYINGTON RD  
PENRYN, CA 95663

The Sierra Bonsai Club will display bonsai and suiseki in the temple as well as outdoors in conjunction with the Placer Buddhist Church Food & Cultural Festival Bazaar all weekend.

Dine in the outdoor covered tents with friends/family, visit cultural booths of food and crafts, bingo, entertainment, & children's games. A bonsai demonstration will be in the program inside the temple. The bonsai will be auctioned at the completion of the demonstration. Winner must be in attendance.

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## **YAMATO BONSAI KAI SHOW**

*SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023  
11:00 AM – OCT 15, 5:00 PM*

*32975 ALVARADO-NILES RD  
UNION CITY, CA 94587*

Exhibition of Bonsai trees, plant sales, and vendors. Free admission and free parking. Demonstrations on both days at 1:30 pm, featuring Jonas Dupuich on Saturday and Yamato Bonsai Kai Club demonstrator Howard Correa on Sunday. For updates find us on Facebook at "Yamato Bonsai Kai"

Demonstration trees will be raffled off as grand prize each day. For more info and updates find us on Facebook by searching "Yamato Bonsai Kai".

Phone: (+1) 510-378-9150

Email: [irishfishboy@yahoo.com](mailto:irishfishboy@yahoo.com)

## **EAST BAY BONSAI SOCIETY SHOW**

*SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023  
11:00 AM – OCT 15, 5:00 PM*

*LAKESIDE PARK GARDEN CENTER  
666 BELLEVUE AVE  
OAKLAND, CA 94610*

The show features an impressive exhibit of quality bonsai as well as a demonstration by Jason Chan, owner of Eastern Leaf Bonsai Nursery, past board member of GSBF and author of a bonsai book dedicated to helping beginners and new bonsai enthusiasts.

There will also be a raffle, silent auction and a sale of bonsai and related materials. For information, visit our website at [www.eastbaybonsai.org](http://www.eastbaybonsai.org).

Or contact Michael Hylton [mhylton@rocketmail.com](mailto:mhylton@rocketmail.com).

## **GSBF RENDEZVOUS**

*FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023*

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

Bonsai Sales ▪ Auction ▪ Workshops ▪ Lectures ▪ Community.

## **CAPITAL CITY BONSAI SHOW**

*SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023*

*3330 MCKINLEY BLVD  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816*

This group show features tree and suiseiki displays from participating area clubs.

Trees ▪ Stones ▪ Kusamono ▪ Demos ▪ Vendor and member sales area. Watch for more details as the date nears. For more information contact Paul Holzen, Pres. Capital City Bonsai Assoc. at: [pbholtzen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pbholtzen@sbcglobal.net) 📧

# Resources

## BONSAI RESOURCES

Here are some resources for bonsai materials, both online and in-person.

This is a work in progress, please send suggestions in and we'll make this an even better list.

### LOCAL PROFESSIONALS

Jonas Dupuich — Bonsai Tonight  
Eric Schrader — Bonsaify  
Matthew Walker — Bonchi Bonsai  
Peter Tea  
Boon Manakitivipart

### MATERIALS

Bonsai Tonight  
Bonsaify  
Bonchi Bonsai  
First Branch Bonsai  
Lone Pine Gardens  
Mendocino Coast bonsai  
Evergreen Garden Works  
Driftwood Bonsai  
Carman's Nursery (bonsai starters and nursery material)

### EDUCATION

Mirai Live  
Bonsai U  
Bonsai Empire

### MUSEUMS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Golden State Bonsai Federation  
Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt  
The National Bonsai and Penjing Museum  
at The United States National Arboretum

### BLOGS

Peter Tea Bonsai  
Bonsai Tonight  
The Art of Bonsai Project  
Bonsai Empire

# Minutes

2023 April Board meeting Agenda and Minutes

April 10, 2023 at 7:30pm

Attending

Board Members: Tung, Susan Sullivan, Brendan, Gwynessa, Marcia

Committee Members: Art

Members: Susan Stapp

BAR: Board Action Required

MSC: Motioned, Seconded, Carried

FYI: The board discussed the possibility of hosting our own show. However, the logistics and costs associated with hosting one made it not worth it. We will focus our efforts on our beginner's workshop and august sale.

BAR: Susan Stapp is volunteering to help with the treasury and PO Box. Would the board like to bring her on to the position as treasurer?

Susan Stapp is happy to help with treasury (po box, bookkeeping, deposits).

MSC: Susan Marcia Tung Gwynessa and Brendan. Susan Stapp will be our new treasurer, with Marcia staying on until the transition is complete.

BAR: Shall we open a stripe account?

MSC: Susan, Marcia, Tung, Brendan

Tung will open a stripe account and make this link happen.

## Marin Bonsai Club Balance Sheet 2023-04-05

<b>Assets</b>		
<u>Assets</u>		\$0.00
<u>Current Assets</u>		\$0.00
<u>Petty Cash</u>	\$30.00	
<u>Checking Account</u>	\$7,923.63	
<u>Savings Account</u>	\$0.00	
<u>Imbalance-USD</u>		\$0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$7,953.63</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<u>Liabilities</u>		\$0.00
<u>Credit Card</u>	\$0.00	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
<u>Equity</u>		\$0.00
<u>Opening Balances</u>	\$7,900.62	
<b>Retained Earnings</b>		<b>\$53.01</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$7,953.63</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		<b>\$7,953.63</b>

## Marin Bonsai Club Income Statement For Period Covering 2023-03-01 to 2023-04-05

<b>Revenues</b>		
<u>Income</u>		\$0.00
<u>Membership Dues</u>	\$274.82	
<u>Raffle Proceeds</u>	\$85.00	
<u>Workshop Dues</u>	\$50.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$409.82</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<u>Expenses</u>		\$0.00
<u>Club Materials</u>	\$176.00	
<u>Demonstrator</u>	\$350.00	
<u>Demonstrator Dinners</u>	\$25.00	
<u>GSBF Dues</u>	\$50.00	
<u>Insurance</u>	\$0.00	
<u>GSBF Insurance</u>	\$360.00	
<u>PO Box</u>	\$115.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$1,076.00</b>
Net loss for Period		\$666.18



# 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. **Docenting at BGLM is especially encouraged for new members.** Thank you!

Make checks payable to **MARIN BONSAI CLUB**

Please send your check and application to

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SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903**