



MARIN BONSAI CLUB

2023 June 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.

For July, our only meetings will be the two beginners workshops on July 18 and 25.

For August, our first meeting of the month will be the Sale on August 5, followed by our usual Third Tuesday Workshop.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, June 12 at 7:30pm on Zoom. Please contact Tung if you would like to attend.

COVER PHOTO

Jay McDonald brings a Japanese Maple from his garden into his tokonoma display for the photo-shoot. *Photo by Tung X. Dao.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY TUNG X. DAO

Trees are in full swing now as spring is ending and summer is approaching! My garden is bustling with activity. I'm having a blast pinching and pruning my trees to keep them in shape. For my trees that need growth, I'm just letting them grow. I hope your trees and gardens are doing the same with the very mild weather we've been having this year. With that said, there are some big news items to share.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Our club has now set up online payments for membership dues. You have the option to pay for a single year or you can set up a renewing membership that automatically renews each year. That way, you save our membership chair Dan Keller a phone call if you forget.

To pay for your membership online, please go to <https://marinbonsai.org/membership/>. If you would like to help cover the cost of online transactions, please consider adding a few dollars to your dues.

This also means we will be able to take Beginner's Workshop signups online. This year, the best way to sign up for the Beginner's Workshop is online. The price for one spot is \$65 dollars for the public, and \$55 for members.

BEGINNER'S WORKSHOP

We are looking for one or two more instructors for the beginner's workshop. If you would like to be a lead instructor to teach about 2-3 students, please reach out to me. Your help in making this event a success will mean a lot for the club.

The club has procured 24 trees in preparation for the event. Please give a hand to John Doig for helping us out with that.

Members are welcome to come help with the beginner's workshop. It's a good opportunity to learn how to lead a workshop, help beginners out, review the basic techniques,

and get to know potential new members by creating a welcoming experience for them.

JAY MCDONALD'S GARDEN

To promote our club and Beginner's Workshop, Jay, Candace, and I did an interview with Marin Living Magazine. As part of the feature, I photographed Jay's garden for the article. Some of the highlights from the shoot can be found later in this newsletter.

He will also be leading our June workshop. More details in Candace's blurb.

AUGUST SALE

Our August sale is coming up. It will be on August 5. We will be setting up at 8am and we should be out by 5pm. There will be two hours to set up from 8-10am, and the sale will be open to the public at 10am-4pm.

Those who help set up will get first dibs on one item before the sale opens to the public.

Feel free to bring a tree or two to work on during the day. We'll have lots of members around to give pointers.

Please

ADAM TOTH WORKSHOP

Below is a note from REBS President, Alan Murakami.

REBS is having an Advanced Workshop on that Saturday, from 9-5 featuring bonsai artist Adam Toth.

The cost is \$92.00. It will be in Sebastopol. We have one slot open. Six participants is the max.

If any MBC members are interested, please have them email me by June 4. 🙏

June Program

JAY MCDONALD DEMO

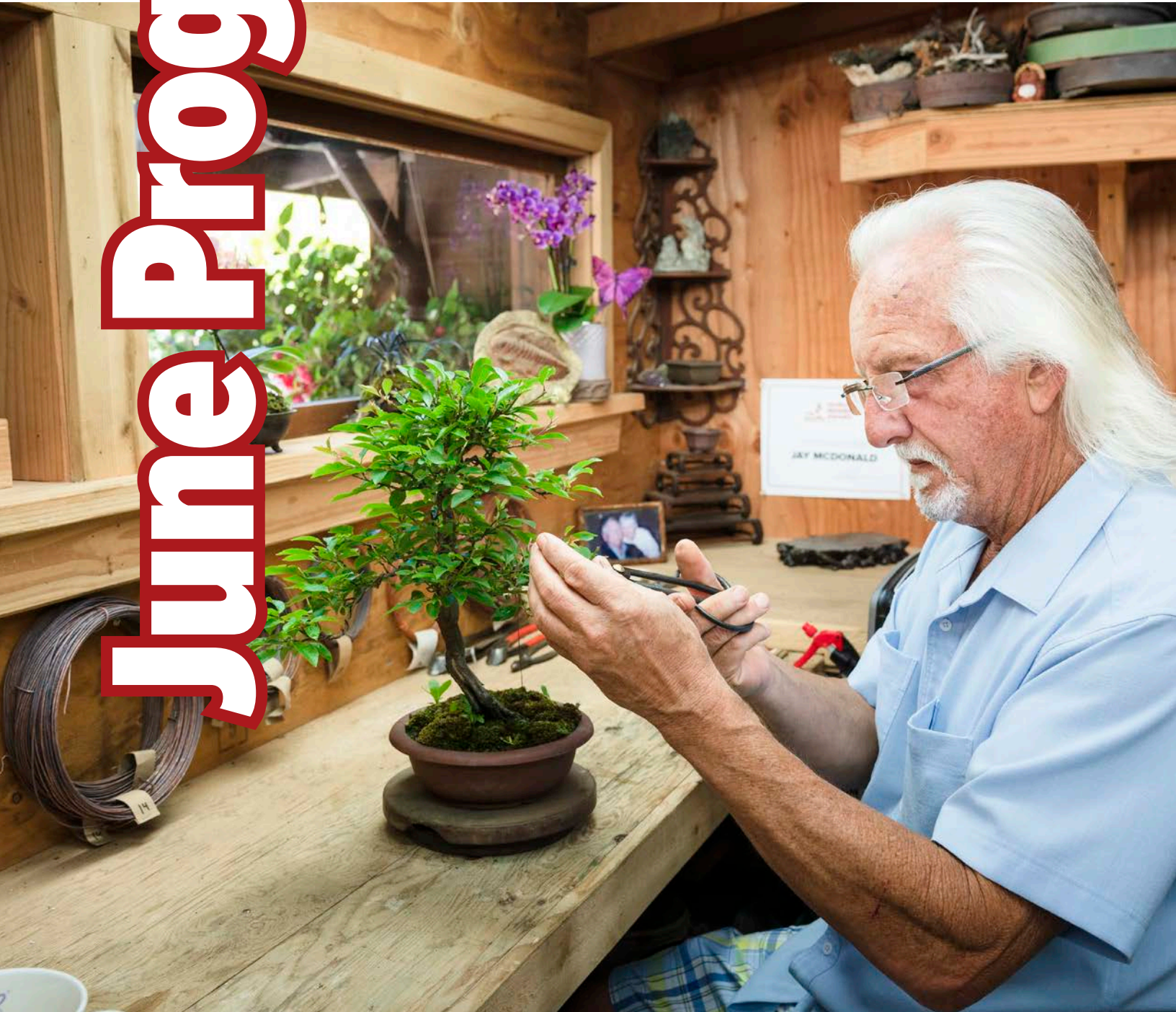
BY CANDACE KEY, PROGRAMS CHAIR

Jay McDonald, long time Marin Bonsai Club member and bonsai professional, will headline our June 6 meeting with a presentation of some of his best trees.

Jay will talk about how he created the movement and design intent in his well-developed trees. We will see trees in show-shape along with appropriate stands and companion plants. Jay has recently acquired a few new trees on which he has yet to make

his artistic mark and will discuss the potential he saw in them and where he expects the development to lead.

As always, Jay will bring his unique sense of humor and vast experience in bonsai to the presentation. Members will no doubt be dazzled by the quality of his trees, and the knowledge they gain by learning about how they were developed into spectacular bonsai. Don't miss it! 🌳





UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

JUNE

JAY MCDONALD'S RAZZLE DAZZLE

On the First Tuesday, Jay McDonald will razzle dazzle us with his collection of fine bonsai.

Third Tuesday will be an open workshop

JULY

BEGINNER'S WORKSHOPS

The 3rd and 4th Tuesdays (18th and 25th) of July will be our Beginner's Workshops. We will need 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 (5th) 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. 🌱

AVAILABLE CLUB POSITIONS

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

The club could use a social media chair. This person would maintain the club's online and social media presence by posting relevant updates and media for the public.

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 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. 🌱

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.

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. 🌱

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.

Eye Candy

LAKE MERRITT EYE CANDY

BY ELIZABETH HERBERT

REBS members had a very pleasant field trip last month to the Garden. Janet Nelson taught the "Beginners' Class." As it turned out, half of our group was intermediate to advanced enthusiasts, but Janet was able to

tailor the lesson to the various skill levels. A good time was had by all. During the tour of the garden, one of the docents was using a noisy, dangerous power tool to carve deadwood, so that was cool. 🪚





DECIDUOUS TREE DEMO

BY CANDACE KEY, PROGRAMS CHAIR

A big thank you to our May program presenters, John Doig, Dan Keller and Chris Ross. These Marin Bonsai Senior members put on a terrific program discussing a range of deciduous trees, how they are grown, developed and styled for bonsai.

Chris started with a winged euonymus describing some of the quirks associated with developing the species for bonsai, and the ultimate rewards of having them in members' collections.

Dan followed with a remarkable story of the development of his root over rock trident maple he grew from seed, with members chiming in with often amusing antidotes they

had observed during the long process.

John Doig told the story of his Chinese elm development illustrated with a half dozen trees shown at different years and stages of development. Following the presentation the panel reviewed trees brought in by members — commenting and making suggestions for improvement.

So much information was shared for members to work with and increase their understanding of bonsai training, and we look forward to seeing success stories inspired by the knowledge gained and creatively applied at future meetings and workshops. 🌳



Photos by Tung X. Dao

Sei Boku Show

SEI BOKU BONSAI KAI SHOW

BY CANDACE KEY, PROGRAMS CHAIR

The club is strongly encouraged to attend the Sei Boku Bonsai Show on June 3-4. Many long time bonsai practitioners and teachers are members of this club and the trees shown are always stellar. Visitors will also see azalea bonsai in full bloom and expert shohin displays.

Sei Boku always has an extensive members' sale area for bonsai acquisition opportunities, but get there early, like before the show actually opens, so get the best selection. There is also a vendor area featuring Bonsai Tonight and many more of our favorite local vendors.

If that isn't enough, bonsai professional David De Groot will be doing a demonstration at 1:00 on Saturday. David was the curator of the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection in Washington for 25 years and is an engaging and highly knowledgeable presenter. He is also leading a workshop on Sunday that will be open to public viewing. This is one of the 3 best bonsai shows of the year and you won't want to miss it. More information at the website: <https://seibokubonsaikai.org/>. 🌳

Bonsai Events

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

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

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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: mhyllton@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".

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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.

Or contact Michael Hylton 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 suise-ki 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 🌳

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 May Board meeting Agenda and Minutes

May 8, 2023 at 7:30pm

Attending

Board Members: Tung, Susan Stapp, Brendan, Gwynessa,

BAR: Board Action Required

MSC: Motioned, Seconded, Carried

FYI: Tung, Jay, Candace will be interviewing with Marin Living for a spread. Photos will be taken for the feature and newsletter.

FYI: Stripe account

Tung is in the process of making an account.

FYI: Marcia scheduled meeting with Chase bank to remove her from the club account and update the club mailing address. Tung will schedule another appointment with Susan Stapp to add her on.

BAR: Shall we open a square account?

MSC: All. Let's Open a Square account.

\$7154.78 in the bank

Expenses

\$900 to TLCC

\$28.67 to Costco/Harland and Clarke for box of checks

Income

\$30 for 2nd wiring demo.

Unified flier to be made for for BW and Sale.

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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