

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society



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REBS President Bob Shimon

President's Message

Hello REBS,

I wanted to thank the Prices for once again hosting our annual picnic. Ian and I were reflecting back and figured that this has been close to a 30 year tradition. The weather was perfect, lots of good food, and I'm happy to say that there were no chips.

Speaking of chips, our annual show is almost here, and if you come to help with set up, lunch will be served, including

chips! Set up is Fri, Aug 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building. Be sure to read over the show related articles in the newsletter. We really do need everyone's support, whether it is showing trees, donating to the raffle and Bonsai Cafe, helping with set up and take down, selling raffle tickets, or volunteering during the show.

Bob Shimon

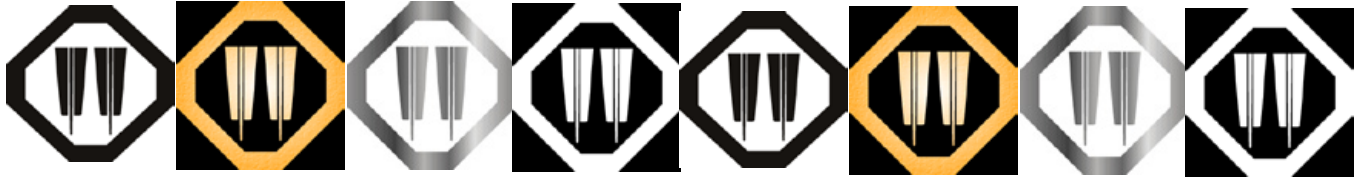
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Announcements and Upcoming Bonsai Events



August 18, 2015

Ross, California

Marin Bonsai Club: Annual Auction at the Marin Society of Artists Building, Marin Art and Garden Club, 30 Sir Frances Drake Blvd. Preview opens 7pm, Auction starts 7:30pm. Bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, tools, books, stands and more. A great opportunity to take home some bargains. Member sales area as well. Checks and cash only. For more information email us at info@marinbonsai.org

August 22 & 23, 2015

Santa Rosa, California

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 32th Annual show at the Santa Rosa Veterans building, 1351 Maple Ave. 10am – 5pm Saturday and 10am – 4pm Sunday with demonstrations both days at 1pm by club sensei Kathy Shaner. Large exhibit of members' trees, vendors' sales room, members' sales room, raffle and silent auction. Free admission, parking and treats. Contact Bob Shimon @ 707-884-4126 or shimon@mcn.org

September 23 & 27, 2015

Santa Ana, California

Kofu Bonsai Kai: 2015 Bonsai Fest at the Bowers Museum "The Bonsai Tradition: Cultural Arts of Japan" – John M. Lee Court, 2002 N. Main St., Hours are 10am – 4pm daily. Featuring bonsai trees of the members of Kofu Bonsai Kai and special presentations by noted speakers (names, dates and times to be announced). Free to Bowers Museum members or with paid museum admission. Final speaker and presentation schedules will be posted on the Bowers Museum Website: www.bowers.org and Kofu Bonsai Kai: www.kofukai.org. Questions? Call the museum at (714) 567-3695 or email Michael Walsh at michaeljwalsh@outlook.com.

September 25 & 27, 2015

Portland, Oregon

The Artisans Cup held at The Portland Art Museum. The Artisans Cup is the premier exhibition of American Bonsai. The event will also feature select artisans who are creating distinctive supporting elements such as ceramics, woodwork, tools, and more. For further information, visit our website at www.theartisanscup.com.

September 26 & 27 2015

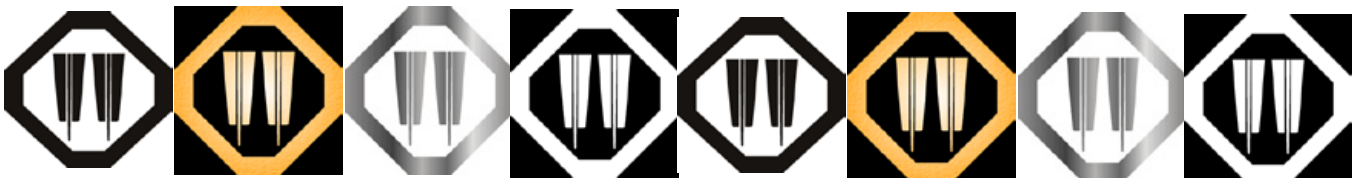
Penryn, California

Sierra Bonsai Club: Club show in conjunction with Placer Buddhist Church's Annual Fall Food Festival. Hours are 11am – 4pm Saturday and 11am to 4pm Sunday. Bonsai demonstration by Scott Chadd in the afternoon, both days. For more information contact Robin Knittle at robin_knittle@yahoo.com or Gary Judd at juddbonsai@att.net or 916-622-8048.

October 3 & 4, 2015

Thousand Oaks, California

Conejo Valley Bonsai Society: 12th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Resource Center at the Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd. Hours are 9am – 4pm both days with demonstrations at 11am (Saturday) and 2pm (Sunday) in the Bandstand. Free Admission. For information, call Marj Branson at 805-373-1330 or visit our web site at www.cvbs-bonsai.org.



Show Dinner

Following the show on Sat, we will be having a dinner catered at the hall. This year you have a choice of barbecued chicken (leg & Thigh) or baby back ribs along with a green salad, macaroni salad, dinner roll, coffee and dessert. Price is \$25. Also, a no host bar will be set up where you can purchase soft drinks, beer, wine, and cocktails. After the dinner Kathy will critique several of the show trees. Frank and Barbara Bardella have once again invited the group to their home for an after dinner social including beverages and snacks. If we are lucky, some of our musical members will grace us with their talents.

You need to sign up for the dinner prior to the show, since they will need to shop for the food. You can RSVP by contacting me at 884-4126/shimon@mcn.org You can send payment to Bob Shimon at P.O. Box 317, Point Arena, Ca 95468. Make checks out to REBS

Calendar Of Events

August 2015

13th Intermediate I Workshop, Thursday, Santa Rosa Senior Center, 704 Bennett Valley Rd., Room 17, Santa Rosa, with Richard Hoskins and Ivan Lukrich.

15th Kathy Shaner Advanced Workshop, Sunday. (6.3)

14th Kathy Shaner Advanced Workshop, Monday. (6.1 & 6.2)

22 & 23rd REBS Annual Show

25th REBS General Meeting and Demonstration, 4th Tuesday, 7:30-10:00 p.m., Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue · Santa Rosa · CA · 95405.

****Board Meeting starting at 6:30****

*****Kathy Shaner will do the demo*****

Calendar Of Events

September 2015

17th Intermediate I Workshop, Thursday, Santa Rosa Senior Center, 704 Bennett Valley Rd., Room 17, Santa Rosa, with Richard Hoskins and Ivan Lukrich.

22nd REBS General Meeting and Demonstration, 4th Tuesday, 7:30-10:00 p.m., Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Avenue · Santa Rosa · CA · 95405.

***Bernardo Ferndandez will do the demo ***

Marin Bonsai Club Annual Auction

Please consider this a last minute reminder about our auction coming up on Tuesday, August 18.

Preview opens at 7 pm and auction starts at 7:30 pm. Bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, tools, books, stands etc as well as a member sales area. Members of your club are invited to bring trees or bonsai related items for sale-Marin Bonsai Club would take 20%. A great opportunity to take home some bargains. Cash and checks only. The auction is at Marin Society of Artists Building, Marin Art & Garden Club, 30 Sir Frances Drake Blvd, Ross.

For more information email us at info@marinbonsai.org.

Looking forward to the REBS show.

Michaele

REBS Show

When you receive this newsletter, our show will be about two months away, and we are looking for active member participation in as many areas as possible. First of all, we need members to show trees. You should be planning and preparing your trees to look their best for the show. Make sure that the pot is clean, soil has topping, moss if possible, and a proper stand or slab. Also, it would be great if you have an accent plant to go with your tree, but don't let that keep you from showing.

Set up for the show is Friday, August 21 starting at 9:00 a.m. Ivan Lukrich is in charge and needs as many hands on deck as possible. Lunch, including chips, will be provided. The show closes on Sunday, August 23 at 4:00 p.m., please help out with the breakdown of the show.

Wayne and Carol Culp are in charge of the benefit drawing and silent auction. Please make the commitment to donate to the auction. Bonsai related items are great, but other items also do very well, such as bottles of wine and gift certificates to restaurants. Please no garage sale items or something that you were thinking of throwing away.

Suzanne Waxman is in charge of the Bonsai Cafe and needs donations of baked goods, fruit, nuts, etc. The cafe is an important part of the show, and visitors who attend enjoy visiting with friends or resting with a cup of coffee and snack. It is also a great location from which to view the show.

We will once again have our member consignment sale room. Members can sell bonsai related items, and the club takes a 25% commission. Barbara Bardella is in charge. Contact the Bardella's prior to the show to get sales tags and a seller's number. Sale items can be delivered Friday during set up, Saturday or Sunday morning.



2015 Donation Request

Dear REBS members,

Once again we are beginning to plan for our annual August show auction. This year, we are taking a little different approach—rather than the usual raffle and silent auction, we plan an expanded silent auction only. To enable any visitor attending our show to participate in the silent auction no matter how long they plan to stay at the show, bidders will be able to immediately claim an auction item by bidding the total value of the item. Bidding will be as usual unless someone pays the “Gotta Have It” or “Take it Away” total value of the item.

And also once again we are asking for members' help with good quality items for our silent auction. Those trees you have been wanting to move to new owners, the extra wine you can't drink, bonsai related pots and tools, as well as items unrelated to bonsai that will appeal to visitors—all will help us once again present a successful, interesting auction for members and visitors. Please make sure items are clean, usable, and something you would want to win yourself.

Please bring donations to me at the monthly meeting on June 23, the annual picnic on July 26, or the show setup on Friday, anytime on Saturday or in the morning on Sunday. Or let me know if items need to be picked up (doublecllamas@comcast.net or 707-874-1809. Thanks in advance for your help and support.

Wayne Culp, Auction Chair

Bonsai Cafe Help Request

Hello all,

It Bonsai Cafe time again...the year flew by...at least for me it has....

Contributions/donations are needed for the Bonsai Cafe...it can be cookies, cake, fruit, already cut and ready to eat, veggies and dip, cheese and crackers, other finger food that you can think of that you would like to contribute... it can even be money and we can do the buying for you...

Hot coffee, tea, punch, water for \$1.00, will also be included...

Please bring them to the stage on Friday, 21 August, during set up, Saturday, 22 August or Sunday, 23 August...

If you have questions please e mail me, suzanne s. waxman at

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Many thanks for all your help...

See y'all at the show,

suzanne

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DWARF MUGO BONSAI CARE

General Background:

Originating in the dry regions of South Africa, the Dwarf Jade, or 'Elephant Bush', is a succulent plant, which explains its ability to store water for a long time. It is a very undemanding plant, well suited for individuals who travel often or who are prone to forget to water their plants. Though it grows to heights of 10 feet tall in its native habitat, it is an ideal bonsai for a beginner; this beautiful plant is easy to care for and will be a thing of beauty for years to come.

Trees Features:

Thick, round, dark green leaves and delicate pink flowers sit atop fleshy stems and branches. These succulent features hold water for long periods of time.

Temperature:

In the winter it can tolerate 50-61 degrees but will be fine between 61 and 71 degrees. Freezing temperatures will destroy this succulent plant. It will do well indoors throughout the year, but will be happiest if it gets to enjoy the outdoors during the summer.

Lighting:

Can be kept indoors near a bright window, but does love fresh air, so after the last frost of the season, it will enjoy being outside in a spot where it will receive full sunlight which will encourage the leaves to remain small and compact. It can

tolerate partial sunlight.



Watering:

The Dwarf Jade needs to be watered only after the soil is quite dry as it needs very little water. In the winter, if it is placed in a cool location, it will only need water every four to eight weeks. This plant can go without water for upward of four weeks without suffering at all making this easy to care for plant a gem for busy people.

Fertilizing:

Do not fertilize during the winter months as it only likes to be fertilized in the spring and summer every four weeks with a liquid bonsai fertilizer.

Pruning / Training:

Shaping is easy with this plant, again making it ideal for beginners. Established branches

can be pruned from early spring to summer, and new shoots can be pruned anytime. Near the end of the summer, cut back 1 or 2 pairs of leaves after 4 or 5 leaf pairs have developed. Remove shoots that grow directly on the trunk, or branches that develop inside the crown. Because the bark is sensitive, branches can break easily so if you do choose to wire this plant, be sure to proceed gently and carefully during mid or late summer. You can encourage the direction of plant growth by manipulating the location of light as it will reach out for light.

Insects / Pests:

Keeping the leaves on your bonsai will go a long way in keeping it healthy. Overzealous watering is the biggest problem found in this hearty plant. Do not over water or your plant will develop root rot and will die. If you notice any abnormal leaf drop, stickiness to the foliage, or visible insects, you need to treat the problem promptly. Start by spraying your bonsai with a solution of 1 tsp dish soap to 1 quart tepid water or Neem oil spray and spray till mixture runs off the leaves; Rinse solution off leaves with plain water and repeat every few days as needed.

Propagation:

Take 2 1/2 to 6 inch cuttings and let them dry out for 2 weeks; then, plant them in a dry peat

moss-sand mix and do not water. Water sparingly only after new root fibers have developed.

Repotting:

Repotting will be desired ever two years in the late spring, pruning the roots. The dwarf jade will want to be repotted with sandy-loam as it needs very good drainage.

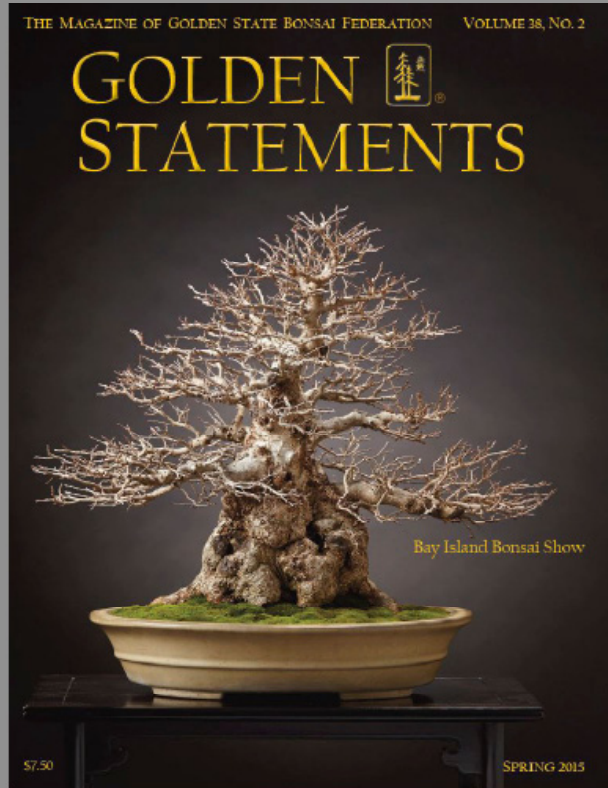
Additional Comments:

Sometimes referred to as the "money plant", South Africans have a saying: "as long as your Spekboom (Elephant Bush) grows and prospers, so will your finances." Fortunately, this branching bonsai will thrive to a ripe old age with very little care. This lovely succulent is an important source of food and moisture in the wild because elephants, sheep, goats and other creatures munch their way through its dense thickets.

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