



# The Tree Shrinker

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**East Bay Bonsai Society**  
**Monthly Meeting: January 12, 2022 7:30 PM**  
**Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt**

## January Meeting

Welcome to the New Year! We are back in Oakland and looking forward to a fun enterprising year. We will be kicking off the new year with one of our favorite local artists – Jonas Dupuich. Jonas will be grafting the juniper tree that was purchased in 2020 for the October show.



If you recall, the tree was to be used in our October 2021 mini-show which Jonas headlined, but it was determined that it had grown so well since it was purchased that grafting was needed to bring it back to an appropriate bonsai size and style. Jonas will now take that task on for our January meeting.

By now, every club member should be well versed in Jonas' participation with EBBS and his many talents.

Jonas is often our Go To expert and is always available to help us out when we need extra advice or direction on our bonsais.

Jonas is the author of the Bonsai Tonight blog. First created in 2009, the blog features over one thousand articles on a wide range of topics with new posts published every Tuesday and Friday. Jonas has also published a book – *The Little Book of Bonsai*, which serves as an excellent guide for beginners and experienced bonsai artists.

Jonas recently created a blog on what to do when there is no akadama available. As we get closer to repotting season, this will be important as the supply chain continues to be bogged down. You can read Jonas' blog here: [What to do when akadama is in short supply - Bonsai Tonight](#)

Jonas will be demonstrating on a juniper that has had plenty of time to grow and bush-out so it should be interesting to see how he restructures it.



## Date change on Bonsai Sale

We are almost there, but with a new date and time. We will be sharing the Lake Merritt Garden Center with the Bay Area Bonsai Associates (BABA) during their annual show and sale. The BABA program includes a light dinner on Saturday at 5:30 PM, followed with a demonstration by Peter Tea at 6:30 PM. Sales and bonsai display will occur on both days.

The date: Saturday, January 15 & 16, 2022

The time:

Set up/Drop off 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday Sale time: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Sunday Sale time 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday Pickup and cleanup: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

The place:

Lakeside Garden Center,  
666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland

All sale items must be bonsai related, tagged with a two-part sales tag and recorded in the consignment sale sheet. Sales will be subject to a 20% consignment fee that will be calculated based on sales price (i.e.: not including tax).

Tags and sheets will be available at the January 12th meeting or you can print them off from the email this newsletter is in.

All sales will be subject to State sales tax in Oakland at 10.75%. This will be collected at time of sale and will be added to the selling price. Purchasers buying for resale will require a proof of sales permit or resale license and must fill out a resale certificate at purchase time.

If you would like to volunteer to work in the sales area as a seller, cashier or in security, please contact Bev Martinez at [Martinez\\_bev@Yahoo.com](mailto:Martinez_bev@Yahoo.com) or call (925) 437-2347. Sign-up sheets will also be available at the January meeting.

All cashiers must be able to add the Square.com application to their cell phone as all sales will be recorded in Square.

## December Meeting

By: Tom Fedor

This year's December holiday meeting in our Year 2 of the Pandemic was like no other. Well, not altogether. Like last year, no comestibles were consumed (at least none officially sanctioned). Like every year, nominations and elections were held for your Board of Directors. All current directors (of those up for such public scrutiny), as

well as three new ones (Adam Kleinberg, Jeff Behring and Jeremy Stevermer) were elected by universal acclamation. According to the Secretary in charge of certifying these things, anyway, and (refreshingly) no recount was demanded.

And December wouldn't be December without the enchanting light and sound show prepared annually by Director Michael Hylton (Yay, Michael!). This year featured highlights from our zoombus trips around the world, courtesy of Director Addison Galambos (Yay, Addison!). England, Italy and the Pacific Northwest (three times), not necessarily in that order. And not to mention New Jersey. Oh, the places we've been!

So, what alert and faithful readers may by now be wondering, made this December meeting like no other? Well, we sponsored a giant round table workshop (!) staffed by our many able EBBS experts (!) in the species of their choosing (!), and invited all our members to bring a tree for consultation (!). When has that ever happened? The number and variety of trees (and their owners) was astonishing, at least to your humbly corresponding attendee, who even astonished himself by engaging in lively (for him) conversation and discussion about more than one tree, and with more than one local expert assisting other members with their trees. A delightful time was had by all.

We were having so much fun that any raffle was totally forgotten until closing time when, alas, it was too late. So, all the new members in attendance were invited to choose any erstwhile raffle item taking his or her fancy. The table quickly cleared out, as did your humble correspondent. See you all next year, and stay healthy. Your trees need you.

## December Workshop Meeting Pictures





## Meet your 2022 Board

Elections held at the December meeting resulted in all incumbents reelected and three new directors. Congratulations to all board members. We are looking forward to an active and eventful new year!



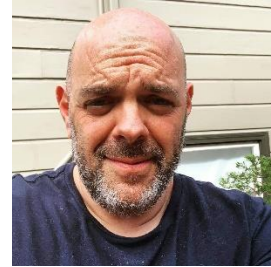
From L to R  
Lisa Harper - President  
Beverly Martinez – Director/Newsletter editor  
Stephen Lysaght - Secretary  
Pat Cahill – Treasurer  
Michael Jensen-Akula – Director  
Alise Lacosse-Offeman- Director/Govt. Reporting  
Tom Fedor – Vice President  
Michael Hylton – Director/Webmaster  
Jeremy Stevermer – Director  
Tom Colby – Director

Missing in Action:

Addison Galambos - Director



Adam Kleinberg - Director



Jeff Behring - Director



### **Bonsai Calendar**

- Take advantage of dormancy to photograph deciduous trees without leaves for study of branches and styling.
- Rotate trees at least once a month.
- Study trunk taper and placement of equally balanced branches; remove excess branching.
- Move all trees into full sun.
- Apply fungicide and pesticide once a month as a preventative.
- Check old wiring as it may be biting in.

*Refer to the EBBS Bonsai Seasonal guide for more information on care*

## Dues are due

With every new year comes our campaign to collect dues for the next year. If you became a member after October 1, 2021, then you are paid up for 2022. If not, you can pay your dues in a variety of ways. We will have a box at the next meeting where you can drop off either cash or check in a provided envelope. Please indicate your name and whether the dues are for single membership or family.

If paying by check, make it out to EBBS

If you prefer to pay by credit card, you can use the link in the Eastbaybonsai.org website to pay, or you can pay at any meeting via Square (ask any board member who to contact). A 3% or 4% processing fee will be added to the cost to offset the charge from Square depending on the method chosen.

You can also mail your dues to:

East Bay Bonsai Society  
c/o P. Cahill  
4933 Cochrane Ave  
Oakland, CA. 94618

Annual dues have not changed:

Single membership - \$30.

Family membership - \$40.

USPS delivered newsletter - \$10. (This is in lieu of the electronic copy provided in your membership)

## Super Max

By: Tom Colby

We all know about Swiss army knives. In addition to a knife blade, they have several other gadgets such as, for example, a screwdriver. They come in several sizes, each with an increasing number of gadgets. The super max size has enough gadgets that it seems to be all you need to shoe a horse or change the piston rings on your beloved '53 Chevy. EBBS has its own answer to the super max in the form of Bev Martinez.

The list of her contributions to the club is long. She has managed the club library and has made it available at each meeting. She is a member of the board of directors and can always be counted on for insightful comments. She has spearheaded the resolution of the club's tax position which has required a long and frustrating path through governmental bureaucracy, both state and federal. Bev manages the introduction to bonsai classes at the garden. And oh yes, she also is active in setting up each meeting. Bev is the editor of our award-winning newsletter. It was only just recently that she passed on the library and badge duties to Tom Fedor and Michael Jensen-Akula.

Many of us are willing to sit on our hands and let someone else do the work, particularly when someone as willing and capable as Bev is available. We should be more willing to step up and offer to help with the affairs of the club. The usual acknowledgement for someone's efforts is "Thanks for all you do" but In Bev's case this seems to be a little trite. Next time you see Bev at a meeting, how about personally telling her thanks for her many contributions to EBBS.

## Events by Others

### January 15th & 16th, 2022 Oakland, California

Bay Area Bonsai Associates 40th Annual bonsai Exhibit: January 15 & 16, 2022 at Lakeside Park Garden Center at Lake Merritt. 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, California.

Exhibit Displays, Light Dinner, Presentation and Plant Sales; Presenter: Peter Tea

The East Bay Bonsai Society and Marin Bonsai Club will be joining us this year in our club sales area on both days! Admission is free. Parking fee to the Lakeside Park entrance is required during park hours. For more information go to [Pacific Bonsai Expo](#).

### February 4 through 6, 2022 Santa Nella, California

The California Shohin Seminar will be held at Hotel Mission De Oro, 13070 S. Highway 33, Santa Nella on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>. Bonsai masters, teachers and enthusiasts from all over the country donate their time to this unique biennial event. Registration and more information can be found at: <https://www.calshohin.org>. Registration is now live-sign up by Dec. 15 for Workshops.

### February 19 and 20, 2022 Oakland, California

Annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & 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. 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](mailto:gwhaas@comcast.net) or stay tuned to [BGLM Website](#).

### February 26th & 27th, 2022 San Marino, California

Bonsai-A-Thon at the Huntington Gardens is here again! Join us on February 26th & 27th and tour the extended Chinese Garden. Walk through the Bonsai Nursery and enjoy vendors, demonstrations, auctions, raffles, a huge sales area exhibits, food and of course friends. Event highlights include Suiseki, the Japanese Art of Stone Appreciation talk by Suiseki Master Tom Elias, and Foemina Grove creation by Huntington Bonsai Curator Ted Matson. For more details watch the [GSBF Collection at The Huntington](#) website.

### April 9th & 10th, 2022 Sacramento, CA

American Bonsai Association, Sacramento: Annual Spring Show at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento. Show hours are Saturday, 10am - 4pm, and Sunday, 10am - 4pm, with demonstrations each day by headliner Andrew Robson at 1:30pm.

There is a large vendor and member sales area, free admission and parking, and a beginner workshop Sunday morning from 10am —Noon (to register contact Renee Seely). The benefit drawings on both Saturday and Sunday will include each day's demonstration tree and many bonsai/bonsai related items. For additional information visit our website: [American Bonsai Association of Sacramento](#), or contact Renee Seely, 916-929-2106, email [breadcrumb@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrumb@comcast.net).

### April 30th & May 1st, 2022 Palo Alto, CA

Kusamura Bonsai Club 62nd Annual Show: Annual Show at Addison School, 650 Addison Street, Palo Alto. Show hours are Saturday, Noon - 4pm, and Sunday, 11am - 4pm, with headliner Bob Shimon of Mendocino Coast Bonsai presenting at 1:30pm Saturday.

Join us and see over 50 Bonsai Trees on display. There will be a Sale and Benefit drawing with over 100 bonsai and pots. Club members will put on a demonstration on Sunday at 1:30pm. For more information contact show co-chairs: Lynne O'Dell at [lynnemo@gmail.com](mailto:lynnemo@gmail.com) or Idris Anderson at [idrisan@gmail.com](mailto:idrisan@gmail.com). Details will also be posted at [Kusamura Bonsai Club](#) website.

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<b>East Bay Bonsai Society—Schedule for 2021/2022</b>
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**Regular Meetings:** Second Wednesday, in person every month (except July, August and October) @ 7:30 pm.  
Place: Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland. Visitor's welcome.

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Program</u>
Jan 3	EBBS Board Meeting
Jan 12	Monthly Meeting – Jonas Dupuich - Grafting the club's juniper
Jan15/16	EBBS Sale
Jan 23	Bonsai for Beginners – Tom Colby
Feb 7	EBBS Board Meeting
Feb 9	Monthly Meeting – Jay McDonald – crabapple demo
Feb19/20	Mammoth Sale
Mar 7	EBBS Board Meeting
Mar 9	Monthly Meeting – Sam Tan – wiring demonstration
Mar 27	Bonsai for Beginners – Addison Galambos