



THE TREE SHRINKER

East Bay Bonsai Society

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 7:30pm**

President's Message

What a fun month we had in June! First of all, a huge thank you to Janet Nelson and Suzanne Muller for coordinating and overseeing the auction. Also, a special thanks to Dennis Miu and Michael Hylton (our auctioneers), and all of our members that helped! This is the largest fundraising event of the year and couldn't be accomplished without everyone's help.

We also had a memorable garden tour where we were able to view and enjoy several members lovely Bonsai gardens. A big thank you to Rick and Janet Trumm, Stephen Lysaght and Gary Anderson, Mike Pistello, and Jeff Behring for hosting!

This month we are very fortunate to bring you Julian Tsai. Julian is a highly respected bonsai artist, and will be demoing on a beautiful Japanese Maple.

Addison Galambos will also be continuing the *Nursery Stock to Bonsai* series with a lecture on horticulture at the Garden Center in the Bonsai Garden this month. If you've participated in the workshops, this is your next step in bonsai education.

Finally, Addison will present at the *Introduction to Bonsai* program. If you're new to bonsai or just need a refresh-er, this is a great way to get centered in the art of bonsai.

See you soon,

Bev

July Meeting: Julian Tsai

This month, Julian Tsai will do a Japanese Maple demonstrations, talk to us about ramification, and answer any questions you have.



Julian is a bonsai professional based in Southern California. After quickly finding his passion in bonsai, in 2018 he pursued an apprenticeship under Keiichi Fujikawa of Fujikawa Kouka-en in Osaka, JP. After returning at the onset of COVID, Julian has been operating professionally through his business "Just Bonsai."

He has a strong foundation in both deciduous and coniferous material, for both developmental and refinement stages. Julian puts an emphasis on horticulture before craft, and craft before art. He hopes to share his passion for bonsai, and to create beautiful trees that stand the test of time.

Emily Gallivan, Randall Lee & Bev Martinez will provide refreshments.

2023 EBBS Schedule

Regular Meetings:

2nd Wednesday, every month
(except June & Oct.) @ 7:30pm

Jul 12 - *Japanese Maple Deciduous Development* with Julian Tsai, 7:30pm

July 23 - *Introduction to Bonsai* with Addison Galambos, 1-3pm*

Aug 9 - *Bonsai Stands*
with Tom Colby, 7:30pm

Aug 12 - EBBS Summer Picnic,
Location TBD

Aug 20 - *Members Only Workshop*,
12-3pm *

July 23 - *Introduction to Bonsai* with
Michael Jensen-Akula, 1-3pm *

Sept 13 - *Accent Plants*
with Lucy Judd

July 23 - *Introduction to Bonsai* with
Janet Nelson, 1-3pm *

Oct 14-15 - **Annual EBBS Club Show**
with show headliner Jason Chan

Oct 22 - *Introduction to Bonsai* with
Tom Colby, 1-3pm *

Nov 8 - *Pygmy Cypress*
with Bob Shimon, 7:30pm

Nov 26 - *Introduction to Bonsai* with
Addison Galambos, 1-3pm *

Dec 13 - Holiday Party, Location TBD

* Located at the workshop in the Lake
Merritt Bonsai Garden

2023 EBBS Auction recap!

A huge thank you goes out to the dozens of members who volunteered to make this year's EBBS Auction a success—especially Suzanne Muller and Janet Nelson who produced the event and Dennis Miu and Mike Hylton, our auctioneers for the evening, and Ernie Katler who classed things up by bringing an espresso machine. Also thanks to [The Bonsai Supply](#) and [New England Bonsai Gardens](#) for their donations which will be in the Silent Auction during our show in October! The Auction had something for everyone—from the excitement of a bidding wars on a black pine that went to \$1,300 to the thrill of winning a terrific bargain on a little tree with big potential! Overall, we had over 60 bidders, 20 sellers and 120 items on sale!



Bonsai Calendar



Watering

Water 2 to 3 times daily to if needed to keep trees moist in the heat.

Fertilizing

Stop feeding pines after decandling!

Do not fertilize Satsuki Azaleas

Repotting

Not recommended at this time except for tropical and semi-tropical trees.

Styling/Pruning

Rotate trees. Watch for wire cutting during this period of fast growth.

Reduce pruning as higher temps and longer days slow growth.

Beware of heat build-up in pots - insulate on sunny side to protect roots. Unglazed pots have higher soil temp than glazed pots.

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



EBBS Member Garden Tour

June was a busy month for our club, and a beautiful time for a field trip! The Member Garden Tour fit the bill!

Thirty members caravanned from Janet & Rick Trumm's home in the Oakland Hills and their incredible collection of trees to Stephen Lysaght & Gary Anderson's magnificently landscaped garden on a ridge top in Orinda to Mike Pistello's (aka Bonsai Mike) amazing collection in Danville and, last but not least, Jeff Behring's garden in Blackhawk with it's view of Mount Diablo and collection of Japanese black pines.

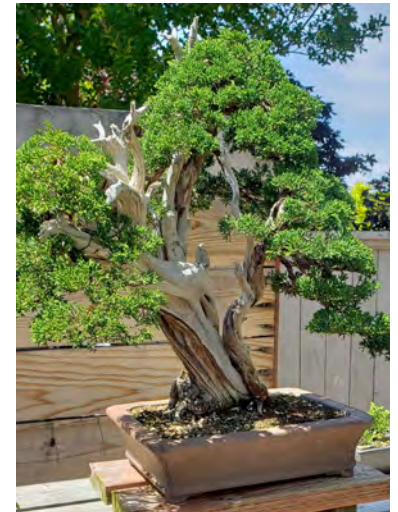
Below and on the next page are some photos from the day. What an incredible way to appreciate the quality of trees our club members maintain!



Jeff Behring's garden



Rick Trumm & Janet Nelson's garden



Mike Pistello's garden



Stephen Lysaght & Gary Anderson's garden

Cutback and leaf pruning European beech

Our friend Jonas Dupuich from [Bonsai Tonight](#) posted this on his blog last month. It's got some great and simple lessons on the care of deciduous trees.

Now's a great time of year to check the foliage on deciduous bonsai to see how full the crown is. If you can't see through the tree, it may be due for some time in the workshop.

Mature beech, for example, are usually good for a single flush of growth in spring. If the tree is healthy, it'll push long shoots. Reducing these shoots to just a few new leaves is often enough thinning for trees in middle stages of development, but if the silhouette is full or the leaves are large, reducing the leaf size can let more light fall onto the lower branches and reach into the interior of the tree.

Here's an example of a tree that has been cut back and leaf pruned.

Before thinning, most of the tree looked like the lowest branch on the right side - dense! I removed about half of the leaves from the tallest tree and leaf pruned 80-90% of the remaining leaves to about half their original size.

The tree was bare-rooted this past repotting season so I don't expect many new shoots this summer, but normally I'd expect at least a little summer growth.



The next step for the tree will be to remove the leaves and perform fall pruning in November or December when most of the leaves have turned color.

In the meantime, I'll keep watering and fertilizing the tree to get it as healthy as possible before winter.

- Jonas Dupuich

Join the conversation!



East Bay Bonsai Club is on Instagram! Thanks to Mike Hylton for setting that up! Follow our

club at <https://www.instagram.com/eastbaybonsai/>



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Member Ads

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Upcoming Bonsai Events

REBS 37th Annual Bonsai Show Aug 26 – Aug 27, 2023, 10am – 4pm
5401 Snyder Ln, Rohnert Park, CA 94928. The return of the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society hosting its 37th Annual Bonsai Show. Featuring the international renowned bonsai artist Ryan Neil as guest demonstrator.

Sierra Bonsai Club Show Sept 23 – 24, 2023, 10am – 4pm
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.

East Bay Bonsai Society Annual Show. Oct 14-15, 10am-4pm
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.

Yamato Bonsai Kai Show Oct 14, 11 AM – Oct 15, 5pm
32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587. 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" or irishfishboy@yahoo.com.

GSBF Rendezvous Oct 20 – Oct 22, 2023, 10am – 4pm
13070 CA-33, Santa Nella, CA 95322. Bonsai Sales • Auction • Workshops • Lectures • Community

Capital City Bonsai Show Oct 21 – Oct 22, 10am – 3pm
Sacramento, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95816. This group show features tree and suiseki displays from participating area clubs

Get events invitations and updates at <https://www.gsbfbonsai.org/events>.

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