



# THE TREE SHRINKER

East Bay Bonsai Society

Annual Club Show: **Oct. 7-8, 2023 at 10am-4pm**

## President's Message

It's October and Showtime! It's so exciting to have Jason Chan with us all the way from Southern California!



Jason is a well-respected bonsai artist, owns his own bonsai nursery and has a best-selling book on bonsai for the beginner. I hope everyone can come to at least one of the days of the show as the displays should be outstanding and the demonstrations and critiques enlightening!

Be sure to fill out a tree identification form for each of the trees you will be displaying. It will be located after the Show schedule in this newsletter.

Later on in the month we will have a special garden clean-up event to get the bonsai garden ready to be photographed for its 25th birthday. This is our chance to help out and have a good time doing it.

Voting materials will also come out in October. Stay tuned for information on how you can stay active in your club by being a board member.

Looking forward to seeing everyone's trees at the show!

See you there,

– Bev

## It's Showtime!

It's Showtime and here is the schedule and links! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone attending and helping out!

**October 6th, Friday night** begins the process of set up. All hands are needed to set up tables, backdrops and trees. Please be at the center by 6:00 PM to begin the process. Trees, accent plants and other items to be displayed should be brought to the hall by 6:30 PM. There will be tables set up to set your plants on until the Vista room has been set-up and arranged. Stick around and help out in setting up tables, chairs and coverings. You will even get fed around 7:30 when the pizza arrives.

We'll be taking a group photo of all the club members who come to help out Friday night, so come prepared to smile!

**Silent Auction:** You can also bring in items for the silent auction on Friday night and Saturday morning before 10:00 AM. Bring them to the cashier's desk. These items will be fully donated to the club if they sell in the auction. If not, they will be returned to the owner. Make sure you sign in at the sales desk with your items.

## Saturday

**Plant sale:** Saturday will start off with a plant sale for volunteers only. If you worked set-up, or will work during the show or during take down you may select one item from the Plant Sale area ahead of the crowd. There will be no sales on Friday night. This will last from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. At 10:00 AM the sale and show are open to the public.

**Workshop:** At 9:30 AM the workshop with Jason Chan will begin. The workshop cost is \$40. It is not often we get a master to help us, so this is time and money very well spent. You do not need to be experienced or have a full slate of tools. This is a workshop to learn about your tree and how best to maintain and shape it. The workshop will take place in the Ebell room (the room down the hall to the left). You will need to sign-up in advance however if you would like to attend. Then you can just show up with your trees and any tools and equipment (wire, soil, etc.) you believe you will need. The monies will be collected at the cashier's desk (cash or check preferred). The workshop will end at 12:30. The workshop will be open for viewing, at this point it is sold out, but you can be wait listed if interested.

## 2023 EBBS Schedule

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Regular Meetings:

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

**Oct 6** - Annual Show set-up, 6pm

**Oct 7-8 - Annual EBBS Club Show**  
with show headliner Jason Chan

**Oct 12-14** - Autumn Lights Festival at  
The Gardens at Lake Merritt

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

**Oct 29** - Tree Clean-up Volunteering  
*BGLM 25 Book Project*, 10am-3:30pm  
at the Bonsai Garden

**Nov 8** - *Pygmy Cypress*  
with Bob Shimon, 7:30pm  
+ Board of Directors elections

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

**Dec 13** - Holiday Party, at the Garden  
Center

\* Located at the workshop in the Lake Merritt  
Bonsai Garden

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## Important Show Links

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- [EBBS 2023 Workshop sign-up](#)
- [Volunteer sign ups](#)
- [Tree identification card](#)

**Lunch:** At 11:30am the hospitality room will open for lunch for the volunteers. The club will be providing sandwiches and drinks and members can bring additional sides and deserts if they so desire. Due to the recent rise in Covid we are limiting the room to volunteers only.

**Demonstration:** The demonstration will begin at 1:30 PM in the Ebell room and will last until approximately 4:00 PM. The raffle will immediately follow the demonstration. The main prize will be the demo tree. Below is a picture of the tree Jason will be working on and you can win. It is sure to have a positive transformation once he is done.

The silent auction will end at 3:00 PM so be sure and get your final bids in! At 5:00 PM the show and sale will end for the day.

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## Sunday

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Sunday will kick off at 9:30 AM with a critique of the show trees. This is a member's only event and is always very informative. All members are welcome whether you have a tree in the show or not. Jason will review many of the trees on display giving insights and observations not always obvious to the bonsai artist. It will last until 11:00 AM when the show will once again be open to the public.

In the afternoon, starting at 1:00 PM Jason will critique and advise members on trees not displayed in the show. He will also answer any bonsai related question you may have. So, determine what trees you would like professional guidance on and bring them in on Sunday afternoon for a free critique and advice workshop. If you just have questions, feel free to participate.

In the meantime, sales of trees and supplies will continue to take place. Very often, members who were not able to make it on Saturday will bring in exceptional trees for sale on Sunday, so be sure to check back in as the tree or pot you can't live without may be waiting for you.

At 4:00 PM the show and sale ends, and it is once again, all hands-on deck to remove the trees and safely put away all of the furniture and structures. The kitchen will be cleaned and all chairs and tables will be returned to their storage areas.

If you are showing a tree or had items in the plant sale, make sure you are there at 4:00 PM to pick up your items and take them to your vehicle before helping to tear down the tables, etc. Below is the schedule of events and the chair people to contact with questions or suggestions.

Are you ready for the show? Is your tree all spruced up and you have sent the tree information to Bev for your label? If not, do it now!

Please contact [Tom Fedor](#) with any items to donate to the Raffle. If you have any questions or need to contact someone regarding the show, please use the below list for reference:

**Show Coordinator** - Tom Fedor - (510) 541-7683

**Hospitality** - Tom Fedor - (510) 541-7683 or [thomas.fedor@att.net](mailto:thomas.fedor@att.net)

**Reception** - Michael Jensen-Akula - (510) 821-0199 or [caseykja@aol.com](mailto:caseykja@aol.com)

## Trees in Training

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Hey all you newbies (and not so newbies)! Got a tree you've been working hard on, that's just not quite ready to show? You can still be part of the show! We're going to have a "Trees in Training" section for those trees that are still works in progress.



## Bonsai Calendar

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**Sun** – gradually move shaded deciduous trees into sun to promote fall color.

**Watering** – Water regularly, but don't over-water.

**Fertilizing** – Use low or zero nitrogen fertilizers.

**Styling/Pruning** – Remove seed pods and dry fruit. Do not wire deciduous trees until leaves drop. Renew pinching junipers and severely prune (cut back) one last time this season.

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

**Plant Sales** – Bev Martinez – (925) 437-2347 or [Martinez\\_Bev@yahoo.com](mailto:Bev@yahoo.com)

**Security** – Rick Trumm – (510) 482-8428 or [jjn@pacbell.net](mailto:jjn@pacbell.net)

**Workshop Coordinator** – Bev Martinez (925) 437-2347

**Raffle** – Tom Fedor – (510) 541-7683 or [thomas.fedor@att.net](mailto:thomas.fedor@att.net)

## Show Schedule (clip me!)

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### Friday, October 6 - 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

- 6:00 PM Set-up begins
- 7:30 PM Pizza dinner served
- 10:00 PM Set-up complete

### Saturday Oct 7 Show - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

- 9:00 AM Volunteer only plant sale
- 9:30 AM Members workshop begins
- 10:00 AM Show and sale open to public
- 11:30 AM Hospitality room is open for lunch
- 12:30 PM Member workshop ends
- 1:30 PM Demonstration begins
- 2:00 PM Lunch room closed
- 3:00 PM Silent auction ends
- 4:00 PM Demonstration ends
- 4:00 PM Raffle begins
- 5:00 PM Show and sale ends

### Sunday Oct 8 Show 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- 9:30 AM Show trees critique by Jason in Vista Room
- 11:00 AM Show trees critique ends
- 11:00 AM Show and sale open to public
- 11:30 AM Hospitality room is open for lunch
- 1:00 PM Member tree critique begins in Ebell room
- 2:00 PM Lunch room closed
- 3:00 PM Member tree critique ends
- 4:00 PM Plant sale ends
- 4:00 PM Show ends / teardown begins
- 5:00 PM Doors are locked

– Bev Martinez



## A letter from Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt

Dear Friends and Volunteers of the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt,

I would like to announce the formation of a planning committee for creating and publishing a book, working title "The First 25 Years of the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt". The book is intended to capture in photographs the very best of bonsai trees in the collection at BGLM and to celebrate the many donors, supporters and volunteers who are responsible for caring for and maintaining the museum quality bonsai garden.

### Autumn Lights Festival!

The Gardens at Lake Merritt will host their annual Autumn Lights Festival October 12, 13, 14, 2023 from 6 pm - 11 pm. This is a unique opportunity to see the Gardens at night illuminated by amazing light installations created by local Oakland artists. Check out the website <https://gardensatlakemerritt.org/autumn-lights-festival-2023/> to see a few of them from last year's festival. Early Bird Tickets cost \$20 for adults, until October 3. Ticket prices go up after that.

But wait! **You can get in for free if you volunteer** and help with set-up (day-time October 9-12) or docent duty (evenings October 12-14). The Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM) is one of the areas that will be lighted and decorated for the festival. We need volunteers to sign up at this website: [Oakland Autumn Lights Festival at BGLM](https://gardensatlakemerritt.org/autumn-lights-festival-2023/) to get your name on the admissions list. Feel free to call Janet Nelson at 510-220-5303 if you have questions.

– Janet Nelson



The planning committee is made up of the following:

- Gordon Deeg, Director
- Janet Roth
- Lisa Harper
- Randi Keppeler
- Emily Gallivan
- Noah Hanna
- Matt Stets
- Suzanne Muller
- George Haas, Project Manager

Each member is talented and enthusiastic about the book project and committed to creating and publishing a quality product in time for the 25th anniversary of the BGLM on November 6, 2024. Three new faces are experienced in graphic arts, book layouts and social media technology. We intend to launch pre-sales online in the spring of 2024.

Photographing the bonsai trees will take place in the BGLM workshop using photo studio equipment on hand. The first of four or more photo shoots will be on Saturday, November 4th, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Volunteers are wanted to help in prepping the trees before the scheduled photo shoots [**NOTE: a group of club members will be meeting on Oct.29 from 10am-3:30pm**]. Prepping will include some pruning and thinning, weeding, removal of moss, top dressing, and oiling pots. Additional photo shoots will be scheduled to capture the peak performance of the trees.

Researching has begun on the most significant historic and legacy trees, such as the historic Daimyo Oak (Tree #115) brought to the U.S. during President Abraham Lincoln's administration in the 1860's, the large Japanese Black Pine (Tree #262) donated by Mas Imazumi and featured at the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, and legacy trees styled by famous bonsai artists, Jimmy Inadomi, Harry Hirao, and John Naka just to name only a few.

Interviews are being conducted of individuals who are first-hand witnesses to the BGLM in its concept, planning, fundraising, construction, grand opening, care, and maintenance.

You can be a part of this book project by serving as a volunteer in one or more of the many tasks briefly outlined above. Just contact the undersigned at 707-762-9154 or email [gwhaas@comcast.net](mailto:gwhaas@comcast.net) and inquire about how you can help out.

We have 12 months to complete the project book and only one time to get it right.

Thank you for your continued support of the BGLM.

George Haas

BGLM 25 Project Manager



## September Club Meeting Recap

### Accent Plant Workshop with Lucy Sakaishi-Judd

What a fun meeting we have in September! Rather than a typical presentation or demonstration, we had one of the top experts in the country on accent plants, Lucy Sakaishi-Judd, bring materials for us to design and take home our own delightful little creations. And just in time for our Annual Show! You can be sure that you'll see plenty of accents on the tables that were designed by club members in the workshop!

– Adam Kleinberg



**[Click here](#) to check out the cute little video Lucy made of the event on YouTube!**

## Join the conversation!



East Bay Bonsai Club is on Instagram! Follow our club at <https://www.instagram.com/eastbaybonsai/>



Join our Facebook group just for active members to at [www.facebook.com/groups/ebbsmembers](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ebbsmembers).

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[twitter.com/EastBayBonsai](https://twitter.com/EastBayBonsai)

[www.eastbaybonsai.org](https://www.eastbaybonsai.org)

## Member Ads

Each member can run a free ad in the newsletter once a year. Email Adam at [adam@tractionco.com](mailto:adam@tractionco.com) to submit yours.

## Newsletter Contributors

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## Elections are coming!!!

### A great way to get more involved with EBBS

In November, we are having board elections and there are several spots open. Interested in being a board member? You don't need to be a bonsai expert—the most important thing is a desire to get more involved, share your ideas, and help us make our club thrive. If interested, send an email to [EBBS\\_Distribution@yahoo.com](mailto:EBBS_Distribution@yahoo.com) with a short summary (200 words or less) of why you would like to serve on the board, what position you would like to hold and what you would like to accomplish or work on in 2024. All positions are open! The application period will end October 16<sup>th</sup>

- Adam Kleinberg & Beverly Martinez

## Upcoming Bonsai Events

**East Bay Bonsai Society Annual Show** Oct 7-8, 10am-4pm  
Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610. An impressive exhibit of quality bonsai, as well as a demonstration by Jason Chan. There will also be a raffle, silent auction and sale.

**Bonsai Society of San Francisco Club Auction** Oct. 12, 7 - 9pm  
Recreation Room of the San Francisco County Fair Building

**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](mailto:irishfishboy@yahoo.com).

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

**Golden Zoom: Jonas Dupuich on Pot Selection** Oct 30, 6:30pm - 9pm  
Jonas Dupuich, co-founder of the esteemed Pacific Bonsai Expo and longtime bonsai instructor will share his insights on making excellent pot-to-tree selections. Live Zoom open to GSBF club members only.

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

**California Bonsai Society Annual Exhibit** Nov 4-5, 10am - 5pm  
1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108. Three demonstrations each day at 1pm. For more information, please contact Lindsay Shiba: [shibalindsay@gmail.com](mailto:shibalindsay@gmail.com) or check the website: [californiabonsaisociety.com](http://californiabonsaisociety.com)

**60th Winter Silhouettes Show** - Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai  
Sat, Jan 13-14, 10am - 4:30pm, 301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007