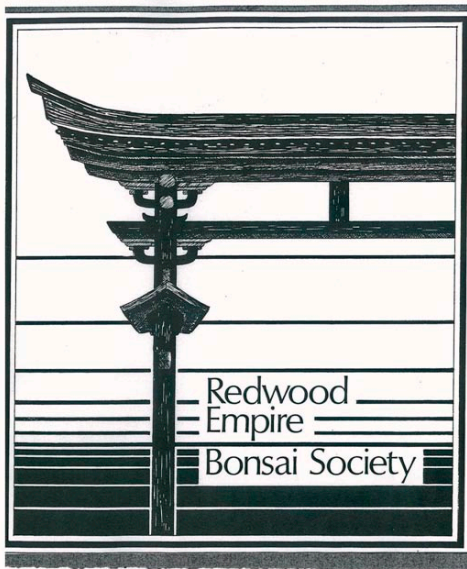


Redwood Empire Bonsai Society



REBS NEWSLETTER

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Starship Bonsai Experience Ready for Take-off



REBS President Arty Kopecky

Greetings, fellow travelers on the Starship Bonsai Experience:

We are readying for take off. Let me first off report that our Sensei Kathy Shaner is recovering from surgery on her foot; all seems well I hear. Time will be the test. Our Captain should be itching to get out in public by show time.

Reminders for the crew: The most obvious requirement is for display trees to be at their peak of appearance: dead needles and leaves removed, no weeds, cutting wire removed, pots oiled. Our artists really need no reminding of this; we are fortunate to have over a dozen members who are in or near the top tier of bonsai creation.

Much other work needs attention. Friday set up is where the magic starts, and many people are needed to create the maze with tables and

put up dividers and coverings; it's a big job that will be under the capable direction of Ivan Lukrich.

By 9 a.m. we should be close to cruising speed. The Bonsai Cafe will need donations of fruit and cookies, and volunteers are needed throughout the show.

The front desk and information table will need to be attended. Gene Lynch is in charge here.

A watering team will need to be organized (see notice on page 3).

Security: Some people to keep a watchful eye out are wanted; please contact Art Kopecky. We are most vulnerable in the early hours when almost no one is there. Getting to the show at 8 a.m. can enhance the total experience; one can sort of see the show come alive. I highly

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Urgent Reminder – Advanced Kathy Shaner Workshops

Dear Friends in Bonsai,

I am reviewing and updating my rosters for the **Advanced Kathy Shaner Workshops**. Here are three points important to all active members:

There is a **vacancy** in the Thursday evening 3.1 workshop. Please let me know if you are interested.

I am updating my list of substitutes. Please let me know if you want to be on this list. I will toss the old list at the end of July and replace it with the new one, so it is crucial that you let me know if you currently wish to be called upon as a possible substitute. There is no obligation to sub; the person signed up who wishes to find a sub will call you or email you and ask. (I won't be able to do this.)

I am also updating my waiting list for Shaner workshops. Please let me know if you wish to be on a waiting list. The old list has been tossed and is being replaced with a new one, so **it is crucial that you let me know if you currently wish to be on a waiting list.**

Here is my contact information:

The best way to contact me is by email: will_spires@comcast.net.

I can also be reached by phone at 707.328.5377 or 707.623.9732.

Finally, thanks as always to our Sensei Kathy Shaner and to our patient and generous hosts Barbara and Frank Bardella.

— Will Spires
Workshop Coordinator



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recommend it. It helps if we are all aware of the possibility of theft. A good thief will be quick and bold and will depend on surprise, so if you spot someone grabbing something give a yell, and keep your eyes open (always a good idea anyhow when viewing the show).

Raffle: Please contribute items. And some people are needed to help Wayne and Carol staff the booth.

Member sales: Bring anything in your nursery you want to pass on. Simplify your life, let someone

else turn that tree into a \$20,000 masterwork. This is often a great opportunity to discover and relinquish. Contact Barbara Bardella at 707.823.8385.

Docents: Wear your bonsai happi coats, brush your teeth and prepare to meet the public and keep an eye on the displays.

Publicize: Tell your friends. Heck, make new friends and tell them. Pin up notices at your favorite stores, shout from the rooftops, etc.

OK folks, fasten your seat belts, take a few deep breaths, concentrate your minds, and thanks one and all for your great or small part in creating a truly outstanding cultural, artistic and community event.

Bon voyage!

— Arty



Announcements

ANNUAL SHOW WATERING COORDINATOR NEEDED!

REBS really needs you to step up and help with the watering at the August Show. Jeff Konicek will not be able to serve as full time Watering Coordinator this year due to other commitments.

We really need your help in making sure that the show trees and accents don't dry out. If you can help, and especially if you are willing to persuade a few others to put in some time with the spray bottles on Saturday or Sunday morning, please contact Jeff at Jeff@willitsonline.com.

Marin Bonsai Club Annual Auction:

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Marin Art and Garden Center,
Livermore Room, 50 Sir Frances
Drake Blvd, Ross.

Viewing at 7:00 p.m., auction starts at 7:30. Specimen bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, tools, books, everything bonsai. Sales area as well.

Checks and cash only - no credit cards.

For more information call
Craig Thompson, 415.471.6685

The Bonsai Cafe Needs Your Help

Our Bonsai Cafe, one of the most outstanding features of the REBS Annual Show, needs volunteers and contributions. Many hands make light work, as someone said. Contact Suzanne Waxman or Art Kopecky, AND please each bring a contribution of cookies or fruit for our many guests. Our hospitality is always a classy compliment to the full bonsai experience.

Ted Matson Workshop Available

Ted Matson will be available for a group workshop on Sunday, November 13th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ted is very well known for his teaching and for his work in bonsai internationally and at the Collection South. The workshop is limited 6 participants, first come first served, and the fee (cash, please) will be \$100. The workshop will be held at Frank Bardella's place (thanks, Frank!).

Please communicate with me at will_spires@comcast.net for more info.

Don't forget our new meeting location—starting August 23rd:

**Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center
2050 Yulupa Avenue · Santa Rosa · 95405**

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REBS Annual Picnic

July 24, 2011

Our annual picnic was a smaller gathering than in past years, but the numbers did not affect the participants' enthusiasm or appetites. This year marked the 30th year for REBS' picnic, hosted by the Prices, Ian, Janet and Steve. To celebrate, Steve Price recently became the newest member of REBS by finally joining! The weather for the picnic was perfect—blessedly comfortable and not boiling hot as it often has been in previous years.



Just leave the grilling to us! Janet Price and Barbara Shimon assisting Ned Lycett and Bob Shimon at the Webers.



Rick and Yvonne Batcheller enjoyed visiting with the younger set.



REBS picnic attendees enjoyed a groaning board of delectable delights.



Digging into the picnic spread in the cool shade, while Ian takes his well-deserved ease, for a change.

The food was plentiful and exceptionally good. Desserts included homemade blackberry pies by Becky Lynch, brownies by Chong Haas and cheesecake provided by couple of late-comers. However, if you showed up late you'd find little food left and no dessert! We REBS people start eating pretty much at noon.

Picnic at Lone Pine Gardens

July 24, 2011

By 3 p.m. members and guests were finished eating and were wandering Lone Pine's extensive gardens and nursery, where some were buying plants at discounted prices.

Arty passed along a Get Well card for Kathy Shaner, who is recovering from foot surgery. There were a few members from the Marin Bonsai Club present, too.

Did we write that the weather was perfect?



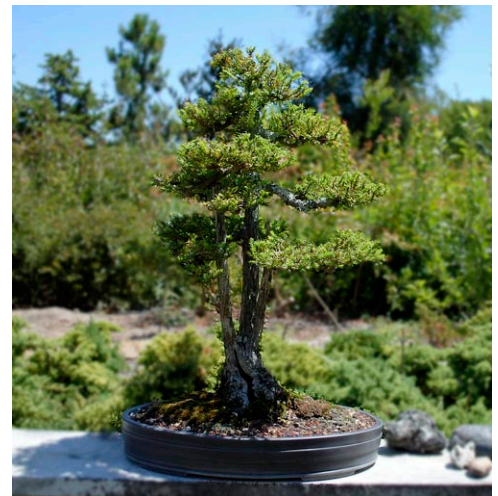
A small portion of Lone Pine's extensive sales area, a true smorgasbord of bonsai temptations.



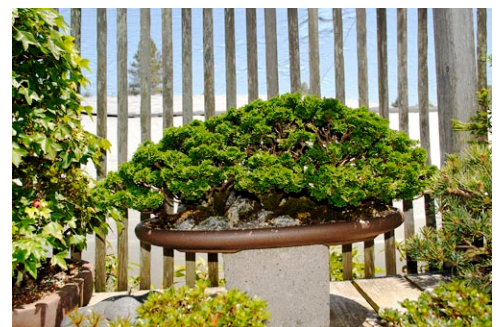
A well-developed pine basks in the sun.



George Haas, our intrepid reporter/photographer, kindly provided us with pictures of a few bonsai from Ian Price's own collection, including the multiple-trunk redwood, which was used for our REBS logo design.



The iconic redwood bonsai that was the model for our logo.



An exquisite Hinoki cypress forest bonsai—definitely not an overnight project.

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Needed: Watering Supervisor and Staff for REBS Annual Show

Viewing the bonsai works of art is enhanced by concentrated detail examination. Watering the ground and nebari and examining the connection between trunk and earth brings one closer to the Zen of appreciation. It is thus a privilege and an opportunity to enjoy the careful spray bottle application of the water element. This keeps the plants at maximum happiness without any stress for their unusual appearance away from their nursery. It also demonstrates to the public the level of care needed and the importance of water freshness.

Please contact Jeff Konicek at 707.984.8012 or Art Kopecky at 707.849.6974 if you can help.

— Namaste

GREETINGS BONSAI ARTISTS AND ENTHUSIASTS!

The **Napa Valley Bonsai Club** is combining our annual sale of member's trees and pots this year with the sale of a huge selection of one of our esteemed senior member's entire bonsai and bonsai pot collection! This includes around 300 trees and as many pots!

The sale will be at the Napa Valley Center for Spiritual Living at 1249 Coombs St. in Napa on **Saturday, August 20 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**. This is centrally located in downtown near the Kohl's department store, just off Main St. between Pearl and Clinton and there is ample parking available.

Please come check it out and tell everyone that you think may be interested.

— Curt Richey
President, NVBC

HEAR YE HEAR YE:

Jim McGlashan is in charge of the show dinner this year.

Our friends at Fresh China will again be preparing the meal. The charge is \$20 per person.

Please send checks made out to REBS to Jim at 813 Washington St. Calistoga, Ca. 94515



Be there or be 



Help Needed!

The directory at right shows several positions *open* and in need of your support.

The club needs to fill these open positions as soon as possible.

Many activities call us and keep us busy, including getting ready for our Annual Show.

If you can help please contact Arty Kopecky (707.829.5670) or any board member.

Is anybody out there?




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ATTENTION ALL SHOW PARTICIPANTS:

Showtime is around the corner, which means you have likely identified which trees you'll be showing!

A new and easy-to-complete REBS Show Tree Record  has been made available.

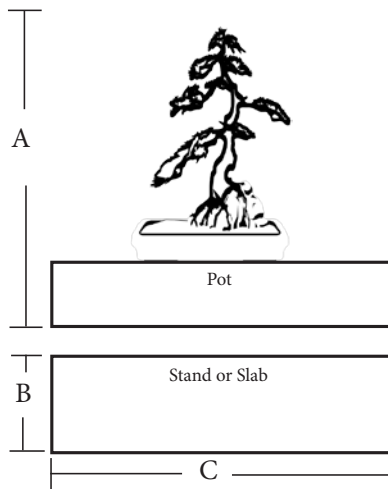
The blank form can be obtained from George Haas by emailing him at gwhaas@comcast.net.

Mail completed forms to George at 84 Wyndham Way, Petaluma, CA 94954-3889.

George will use the information on the completed forms to prepare individual tree identification tags for displaying at the show. He'll also deliver the completed forms to Sensei Kathy Shaner, who will use them for show placement.

REBS SHOW TREE RECORD

Paste color photo of tree, include stand or slab.
If drawing, include color of pot, stand or slab.



A. Height of Tree and Pot: _____

B. Height of Stand or Slab: _____

Total Height (A+B): _____

C. Overall Width of Tree & Stand or Overall Width of Tree & Slab: _____

COMMON NAME OF TREE _____

BOTANICAL NAME _____

ESTIMATED AGE _____ DIRECTION OF TREE (R, M or L) _____

OWNER'S NAME _____ INITIALS _____

KATHY'S NUMBER _____

SENSEI KATHY SHANER'S NOTES _____

Please don't wait until the last moment to turn in your REBS Show Tree Records!



Calendar Of Events

August 2011

2 Board Meeting at Wayne Culp's home. All are welcome.

18 Intermediate I Workshop, Thursday, VA Memorial Bldg, Santa Rosa, with Richard Hoskins and Ivan Lukrich.

19 Intermediate II Workshop, Friday, Frank Bardella's Bonsai Studio, with Frank Bardella and Gene Lynch.

23 REBS General Meeting and Demonstration, 4th Tuesday, 7:30-10:00 PM, **Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center**
2050 Yulupa Avenue · Santa Rosa · CA · 95405 Sensei Kathy Shaner will do demo.

27-28 REBS Annual Show, Santa Rosa Vets Memorial Bldg.
Kathy Shaner's workshops are cancelled for this month.



Visit the web site of GSBF for complete monthly events and/or revised dates at:

www.gsbfbonsai.org

Annual Show 2011

Okay friends, it's here! Time for all that last minute primping and polishing, hopefully with a minimum of gnashing (of teeth). Are you ready? Then get set—and go!

REBS 28th Annual Bonsai Show

Saturday · August 27th · 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday · August 28th · 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

One of the largest and best bonsai shows in the United States

Daily demos by renowned Bonsai Master Kathy Shaner
1:00 - 3:30 both days

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa

For information contact: Bob Shimon
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Veterans Memorial Building,
Santa Rosa, California

REBS was founded in 1981 for bonsai enthusiasts. Our club meets every fourth Tuesday of the month (except in July and December). The monthly meeting and demonstration are held at the Veterans Memorial Building (across from the Sonoma County Fairgrounds) at 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, in the Lodge Room. Open to the public. Please refer to our calendar of events for specific time, date and guest demonstrator.

We're on the web:
www.rebsbonsai.org

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