

Redwood
Empire
Bonsai Society



President Message

I am writing this after Thursday night's, first Zoom board meeting on January 27, 2022.

It was so nice to "see" folks again, and to have conversations about our club, including nominations for new officers and board members.

I was humbled and uplifted by the many nominations in support of me being the next REBS president.

After much, much contemplation, I agreed to be considered for this role. (Though, those shoes are pretty big to fill.) Voting by the membership (for all positions) is soon to follow.

Member Survey:

Most of the meeting was spent discussing possible REBS events for this year. I am excited to share that we plan our first REBS general meeting for Thursday, March 17, 2022. Details to follow. Also, the club most likely will be part of a multi club Zoom/telecast demonstration by Bjorn Bjorholm slated for April. Marin Bonsai Club will host the event.

Attached is a member survey asking your input on what you would like your club to do this year. It is important for the board to hear from you. Appreciate your responses.

Membership Dues:

It is that time of year again. So far, we have 22 paid members. Please submit your renewal dues as soon as possible. Thank you!

Lastly.....

If elected president, I'll strive to work with others to have a club that continues to offer quality activities that helps us promote our skills and enjoyment of this fine art.

And it is all about enjoying bonsai, right? For me, it's that inner contentment and joy, seeing a healthy, vibrant tree that has been carefully wired and arranged, sitting majestically on a stand showing forth its beauty. There is something captivating when that happens – sometimes an inner calmness comes to the viewer. To experience that with others, in a club, is so special – one that REBS will continue to provide.

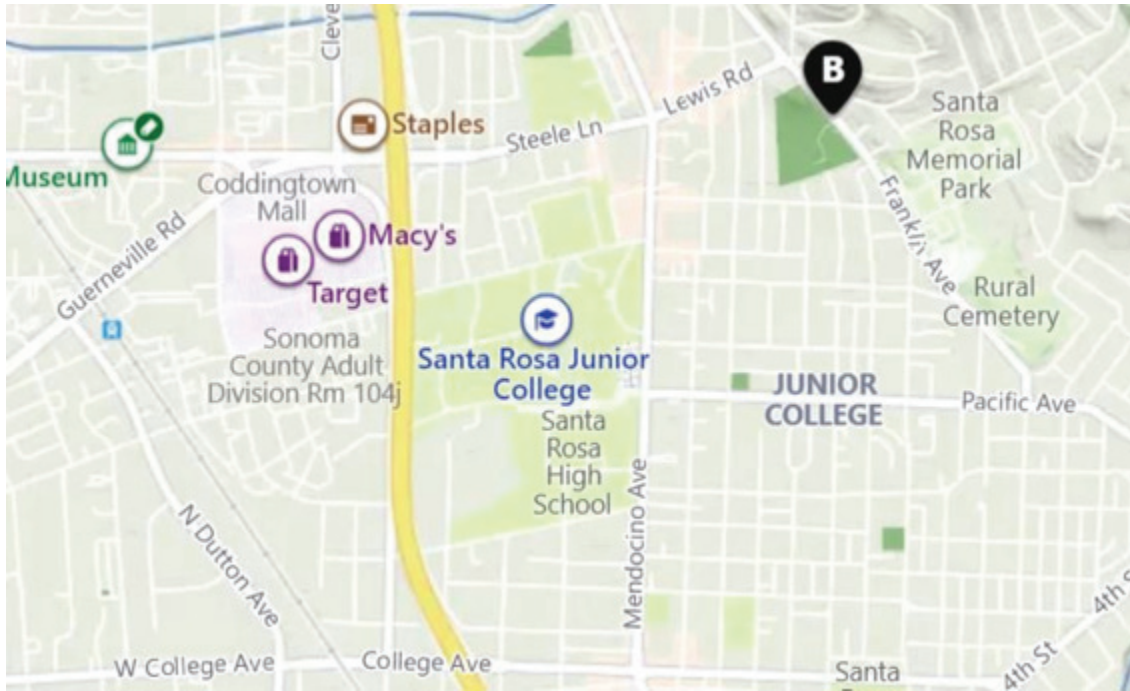
Alan Murakami
Board Member (as of this writing)
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Club Scheduled Events

No February scheduled meeting.

March 17 Thursday from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., an in-person meeting to be held at the FRANKLIN PARK CLUBHOUSE, Santa Rosa.





Franklin Park Clubhouse
2095 Franklin Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
707-543-3733

<https://www.srcity.org/2501/Franklin-Park-Clubhouse>

Calendar Bonsai Events

18th Biennial Shohin Seminar

Dates - February 4, 5 and 6, 2022

Registration begins on November 1, 2021

Venue - Hotel Mission de Oro, 13070 Hwy 33, Santa Nella, California 95322

Please be sure and mention you are making a reservation for the Shohin Seminar to receive our discount.

800-546-5697

209-826-4444 Direct Hotel Reservations

Place your reservation early.

The only event of its kind in the U.S.

Every two years the California Shohin Society organizes a

CANCELLED
Rescheduled for 2023

Shohin Seminar in Santa Nella, California, where bonsai masters, teachers, students and general enthusiasts from all over the country gather to learn and share their love of Shohin bonsai.

The Shohin Seminar is considered to be one of the best, if not the best, opportunity in the U.S. to learn about Shohin. Thanks to the generosity of all who participate, it is an exceptional value for the cost.

About the Golden State Bonsai Federation Collections. Currently, the Golden State Bonsai Federation maintains three collections in California at the following locations:

The Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt in Oakland, CA
The GSBF Collection at The Huntington in San Marino, CA
Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinze in Fresno, CA

Proceeds from the Seminar will go to the three gardens
Visit the Shohin Seminar 2022 website
<http://www.calshohin.org/>

21st Annual Mammoth Auction and Sale

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.

Volunteers wanted for one or both days! For further information and event schedule, contact George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net or stay tuned to BGLM Website www.bonsailakemerritt.com.

2022 REBS Nominations & Election

For all REBS members, this is an appeal for your vote in the 2022 REBS elections due no later than February 8, 2022.

A YES vote elects all nominations, as listed below.
A NO vote rejects all nominations, as listed below.
You must be a member in good standing to vote.

The REBS Board has approved the following nominations on January 27, 2022.

Nominations for REBS Officers and Board Members:
Officers:

President	Alan Murakami
Vice President	Michael Murtaugh
Secretary	Art Kopecky
Treasurer	Paul Wycoff

Board Members:

- 1) Ned Lycett
- 2) Ivan Luckrich
- 3) Diane Matzen
- 4) Joyce Smith
- 5)
- 6)
- 7)

Reply by email to Art Kopecky, Secretary, at artsankopecky@msn.com.

COVID Health Safety Statement

COVID safety protocols are necessary for everyone to feel comfortable. Please be sure you are fully vaccinated and wear face covering until we receive further health guidance. For the time being, proof of vaccination is required to attend REBS meetings and workshops. If you feel ill or have COVID symptoms, please stay home. Take necessary precautions to protect yourself and others.

Member Survey - 2022 Programs

REBS programs are getting a late start on scheduling due to the many changes take place and COVID pandemic restrictions. There are 10 months remaining in 2022 to fill the calendar of activities.

The REBS Board would like to hear from the members about what you would prefer to have as programs and activities in 2022.

Please complete the member survey as soon as possible.

Membership Dues

Reminder that membership dues are being collected at this time. Please complete the renewal member application and mail a check to Paul Wycoff, Treasurer, 6550 Stone Bridge Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95409-5833.

Seasonal Advice for Bonsai Enthusiasts

February (winter)

Repotting, styling and grafting all apply to this month.

Pot Temperature

When repotting your bonsai consider the factors that will affect the temperature of the soil:

1. Pot size
2. Clay vs. glazed vs. plastic
3. Sun exposure and length of time
4. Wet soil mixes
5. Dry soil mixes

Use of an instant read thermometer in the soil during different times of the day will provide root temperatures. Conifers have a narrower growth range 70-90 F, whereas deciduous trees have a wider range of 50-90 F. These figures are approximate based on personal observations.

Spring Soil Cleaning

If you don't repot your bonsai this year. You can still clean up the top soil. During the year, fertilizing and watering the top soil can compact and clog the soil. Remove the $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the surface soil and apply new soil. This will allow water to flow into the soil below.

Moss on Trunk

Look for creeping moss up the trunk, which can damage or ruin the old characteristics of the trunk. You can apply a 50/50 solution of water and vinegar and apply it to the moss. The application will cause the moss to turn brown and break apart for easy removal.

Do not brush off the dead moss that sticks to the bark. You need to use a forceps and carefully remove the moss.

On smooth bark, you can just brush off the dead moss and not worry about ruining the bark.

Moss or Algae on Deadwood

When deadwood stays wet long enough, moss or algae can start to grow. With enough time, the wood will start to rot away. This can be the task for brass wire and plastic brushes. Once the moss or algae is off, try not to water the deadwood. You can also treat the cleaned deadwood with lime sulfur.

For additional information on monthly bonsai seasonal work, check out the Peter Tea website at <https://www.ptbonsai.com/february>.

Featured Bonsai



California Coast Redwood

Want to feature your bonsai in the upcoming REBS newsletters? Just email an jpeg or png image, 300 ppi high resolution, to the Newsletter Editor prior to the end of the month.

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If you want to add comments and feedback to the REBS monthly newsletters, contact me at gwhaas@comcast.net prior to the end of the month.

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REBS Newsletter Editor

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