



# **President Message**

If it appears that I have been flip flopping on resuming our monthly REBS meetings, I guess I have been and do apologize. We were hoping to meet this past fall, and then we experienced a spike in covid cases and put our plan on hold. It appeared that the situation was improving, and we set January 20 as the date to resume meeting. However, we are now in the middle of a new variant, and I was contacted by Ivan Lukrich. He shared that he attended a function with members of another group that he is a member of in December, and even though proof of vaccination was required, a number of attendees still contracted the virus.

After surveying the board, the decision has been made to cancel the January 20th meeting date and revert back to a wait and see position before scheduling any meetings. I know that it seems a bit inconsistent to cancel our meeting and the Shohin Seminar and the Mammoth Auction & Sale fundraiser in February are still moving forward. I guess each group has to do what it thinks is best for its members.

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hopefully, better than the last two!

Bob Shimon, REBS President

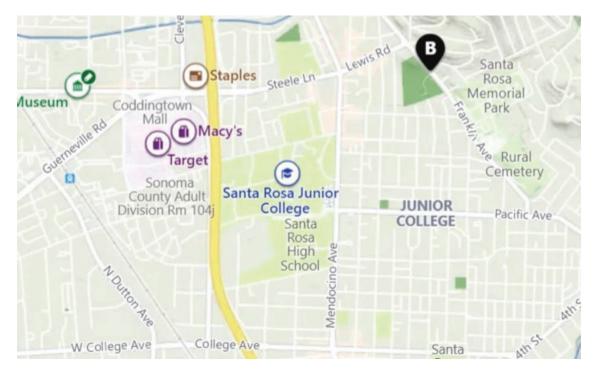
COVID safety protocols are necessary for everyone to feel comfortable. Please be sure you are fully vaccinated and wear face covering until we receive further health guidance.

#### **Club Scheduled Events**

Cancelled: January 20, Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., REBS Board Meeting, Franklin Park Clubhouse, 2095 Franklin Avenue, Santa Rosa 95404. All members are welcome!

Cancelled: January 20, Thursday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., REBS Monthly Meeting, Franklin Park Clubhouse, 2095 Franklin Avenue, Santa Rosa 95404. This is the first in person meeting since COVID pandemic restrictions.





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## Calendar

#### 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, Cali fornia 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 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 <a href="http://www.calshohin.org/">http://www.calshohin.org/</a>

#### 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.

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George Haas, REBS Newsletter Editor

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