

Redwood
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Bonsai Society



REBS March 2022 Newsletter

President Message

Probably like many of you, I find myself busily repotting some trees given the early warm weather.

I want to express the club's gratitude to REBS member Susan Cannon who gave the club a very generous donation. Thank you, Susan, to help us to continue to provide quality bonsai programs.

And also, a note of gratitude to all of those REBS members who volunteered at the Oakland Mammoth event. It was heart warming to see so many familiar faces lending a hand.

Survey results: We had six people submit input. No surprise that the number one activities people voted for were:

- Having our monthly meetings with a demo and raffle
- Workshops
- Our Show
- Social Events
- Member Sales

Five of the six responses were in favor of exploring having our meetings on a Saturday morning. The board will continue to discuss this option. Since this is a major shift in our program planning, please let the board know of your thoughts.

Like many, I am excited about our first meeting March 17 with Bob Shimon doing our demo. We also have access to a Zoom

demonstration on April 5th by bonsai artist Bjorn Bjorholm. Details to follow. And on May 26, we have Boon Manakitivi-part doing our demo.

Also, a big thank you to both Becky Lynch (in memory of Gene Lynch) and Rick Batcheller for their generous donations of bonsai books/magazines from their private collections to our library.

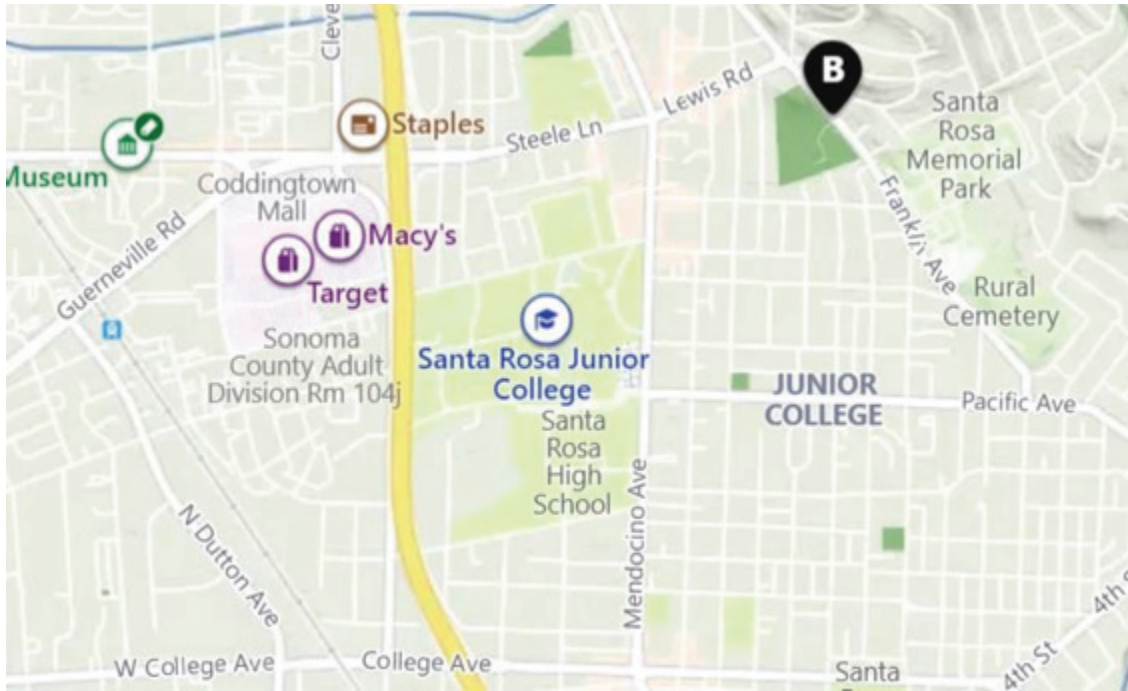
Take care all, and happy repotting!

Alan Murakami
REBS President

Club Scheduled Events

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. Guest demonstrator - Bob Shimon who will work on a Mendocino Pygmy Cypress (*Cupressus pigmaea*).





Franklin Park Clubhouse
2095 Franklin Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
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<https://www.srcity.org/2501/Franklin-Park-Clubhouse>

April 5 Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., special Zoom presentation by guest demonstrator Bjorn Bjorholm of Nashville, TN, hosted jointly by Marin Bonsai Club, Midori Bonsai and REBS.

Bjorn spent nine years in Japan, six as an apprentice and three as a professional bonsai artist/instructor under Master Keiichi Fujikawa at Kouka-en bonsai nursery in Osaka, Japan. He received certification as a bonsai professional by the Nippon Bonsai Association. Bjorn is owner of Eisei-en, the premier bonsai garden, nursery and school of the Eastern US, tucked away in the outskirts of Nashville, TN. For more information about Bjorn, check out his website <https://bjornbjorholm.com/>.

Important Note: In order to join in the special Zoom presentation, all participating REBS members must be in good standing by paying their dues prior to March 30.

Monthly Workshops:

REBS is pleased to announce we will begin having workshops scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, starting April 7 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. They will be held at the Franklin Park Clubhouse.

Given we are just starting these activities, all levels of skill are invited. Ivan Lukrich and Michael Murtaugh have graciously offered to lend advice and input. Bring your own tree and materials. Cost: \$15.00 per workshop. Please email Alan Murakami at amurakami@yahoo.com to RSVP and reserve a spot.

Calendar Bonsai Events

April 9th & 10th, 2022 Sacramento, CA

American Bonsai Association, Sacramento:

Annual Spring Show at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento. Show hours are Saturday, 10am - 4pm, and Sunday, 10am - 4pm, with demonstrations each day by headliner Andrew Robson at 1:30pm.

There is a large vendor and member sales area, free admission and parking, and a beginner workshop Sunday morning from 10am —Noon (to register contact Renee Seely). The benefit drawings on both Saturday and Sunday will include each day's demonstration tree and many bonsai/bonsai related items. For additional information visit our website: American Bonsai Association of Sacramento, or contact Renee Seely, 916-929-2106, email breadcrumb@comcast.net.

April 30th & May 1st, 2022 Palo Alto, CA

Kusamura Bonsai Club 62nd Annual Show:

Annual Show at Addison School, 650 Addison Street, Palo Alto. Show hours are Saturday, Noon - 4pm, and Sunday, 11am - 4pm, with headliner Bob Shimon of Mendocino Coast Bonsai presenting at 1:30pm Saturday.

Join us and see over 50 Bonsai Trees on display. There will be a Sale and Benefit drawing with over 100 bonsai and pots. Club members will put on a demonstration on Sunday at 1:30pm. For more information contact show co-chairs: Lynne O'Dell at lynnemo@gmail.com or Idris Anderson at idrisan@gmail.com. Details will also be posted at Kusamura Bonsai Club website.

November 12th & 13th, 2022 Oakland, CA

The Pacific Bonsai Expo is to be held November 12-13, 2022 in Oakland CA at the Bridge Yard. The Pacific Bonsai Expo is a juried exhibition featuring 70 outstanding bonsai displays and a selection of the community's top vendors. The Jurors, Bjorn Bjorholm, Ryan Neil, and William N. Valavanis will select the trees. For more information go to the homepage using the following link <https://www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com/>.

COVID Health Safety Statement

COVID protocols are necessary for everyone to be safe and 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.

Election Results 2022

The results of the REBS elections are:

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

Board	Chris Garrett
	Ivan Lukrich
	Ned Lycett
	Diane Matzen
	Joyce Smith
	Jim Scholz

Thank you to all REBS members who voted. And we still have one board member vacancy.

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.

<http://www.rebsbonsai.org/membership/>

Seasonal Advice for Bonsai Enthusiasts

March

This is generally slow month for Bonsai but can still be busy depending on the Bonsai you're developing or how much you got done in January/February. Here are some things we can cover this month:

Pinching: Understanding general pinching techniques, when to apply the technique and on what Bonsai to apply it to (Please see the April Writeup for more information about this technique).

Grafting: Side grafts on conifers e.g. Junipers/Black Pines.

Repotting: Getting late in the season but still possible. If repotting, keep the root work on the lighter side.

Ground/Air-layer: Again, a little on the late side but can still be done with success.

Styling of Conifers: Many conifers can be styled at this time because they usually haven't started to grow yet. Though they may have not started growing, be sure to get the styling done as soon as possible so you don't run into working on the tree while it's trying to make it's Spring push.

Fertilizing

This month is also the time to start fertilizing certain Bonsai in our collections.

Japanese Black/Red Pines

March 1 - June 1

To build strength in the tree so it can handle de-candling in the Summer.

August 1 - December 1

A break in fertilizing from June to August prevents overly aggressive Summer candle and needle growth.

High Mountain Pines

September 1 - December 1

This is a technique to reduce excess candle and needle elongation.

Deciduous/Broad Leaf Evergreens

May 1 - December 1

We want to wait till the new Spring growth hardens off before feeding. This will help in reducing long internodes in the branches.

All Other Bonsai

March 1 - December 1

Since we're not too worried about long internodes in most our other Conifer Bonsai, we can simply fertilize these trees from the beginning of Spring to the beginning of Winter.

For additional information on monthly bonsai seasonal work, check out the Peter Tea website at

[https:// https://www.ptbonsai.com/march](https://www.ptbonsai.com/march).

Featured Bonsai of the Month



Yamadori - California Juniper (*Juniperus californica*)
Displayed in 2016 REBS Annual Show by George Haas.
Photographed by Don Van Dyke.

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Comments & Feedback

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REBS Newsletter Editor

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