



## REBS October 2022 Newsletter

### President Message

Hello!

After a wonderful rain soaked drenching, my bonsai and yard look so refreshed! The air smells so clean. So grateful for the rain!

A few things:

A big shout out to Michael Murtaugh and Donna Moriki for orchestrating the indepth article in the Press Democrat about bonsai and our club. It got our name out there, and many people called to ask about the Beginner's Workshop! Thank you Michael and Donna.

So far, no one has volunteered to be our new newsletter editor and website coordinator. George Haas, who has done an outstanding job of this, is stepping down starting January 1. WE NEED SOMEONE TO DO THIS VERY IMPORTANT WORK. Please contact me (or George) if interested.

Lastly, we are now entering the peak season for bonsai work. Many of our trees can be cleaned up, wired and styled getting them ready for our 2023 show. Not too late to get your repotting soil screened and prepped for repotting. Wonderful time to spend with our trees.

Take care,

Alan Murakami  
REBS President

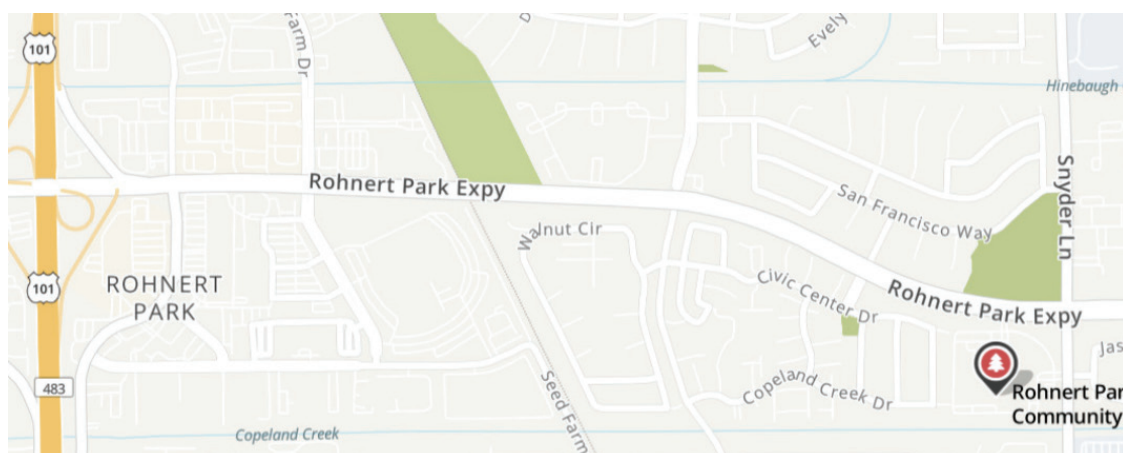
## REBS Board Meeting

No REBS board meeting was held on September 22, 2022.

However, the REBS board heard from the membership that there was a unanimous calling for “Mask Optional” for all REBS functions. Thus, by electronic voting, the REBS board voted unanimously for mask optional as part of our Covid safety procedure.

## Club Scheduled Events

Great News! For the remaining months of 2022, REBS general meetings will be located at the **Garden Room, Rohnert Park (Sonoma County) Community Center**, 5401 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park, CA .



### Directions:

From 101, Exit 483, head for Rohnert Park Expressway toward Sonoma State University

1.5 mi

Turn right onto Snyder Ln

387 ft

Arrive at 5401 Snyder Ln Rohnert Park Community Center

Rohnert Park (Sonoma County) Community Center  
5401 Snyder Lane  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928  
(707) 588-3456

## Monthly General Meeting/Demonstration:

The next general meeting/demonstration will be on October 27, 2022, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Garden Room, Rohnert Park Community Center, 5401 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park.

Bob Shimon will be our guest demonstrator for the evening. He will be working on a Juniper Procumbens Nana, roughly 25-30 years old (see picture below).

Bob needs no introduction to REBS members. If you have not visited his website for the Mendocino Coast Bonsai, here is the link:

<https://mcbonsai.com/>



## Monthly Members' Workshops:

The monthly members' workshop on October 6, 2022, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., is located at the **Rohnert Park Community Center**, 5401 Synder Lane, Rohnert Park, CA.

REBS is pleased to announce it will be having members' workshops scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

All levels of skill are invited. Ivan Lukrich, Michael Murtaugh and Garth Hokanson have graciously offered to lend advice and input. Bring your own tree and materials. Cost: \$15.00 per workshop. Thanks Michael Murtaugh for being our workshop chair. Please email Michael at [mrmurtaugh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrmurtaugh@sbcglobal.net) to RSVP and reserve a spot.

## Make Your Own Bonsai Classes – Two dates

The class will be repeated again on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., for a second group of eight students.

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society will offer 'Make Your Own Bonsai Classes' to any interested student. The class was held Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Each class will have a maximum of eight students and will be held at the bonsai shed in the Bardella garden, Sebastopol.

Each student will receive a nursery grown tree to design and wire. The student will receive free membership in REBS for the rest of 2022, and the beginners book *Bonsai Pocket Guide: a Beginner's Journey* by Jason Chan. Materials will be provided. Senior members of the club will work with students to design and wire a bonsai tree.

The class will require a pre-payment of \$75 to ensure enrollment. Current REBS member pre-payment is \$50. Members will be allowed advance registration and registration will be on a first paid, first served basis.

If you can volunteer to help in this class or can help with spreading the word, contact me at [mrmurtaugh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrmurtaugh@sbcglobal.net).



## Professional Workshop with Boon Manakitivipart

REBS is planning a professional workshop led by Boon Manakitivipart on Sunday, October 30. Open to all skill levels. Cost is \$134.00.

Members interested in attending this workshop must sign up, first come first serve basis, by contacting Alan Murakami at [amurakami6@yahoo.com](mailto:amurakami6@yahoo.com). Also, two to three silent observers can attend (with RSVP) for a cost of \$30.00.

Boon is an internationally renowned professional bonsai artist and instructor. He has won numerous awards for his work on bonsai. Boon's instruction and workshops are in high demand.

### COVID Health Safety Statement Update

COVID protocols are necessary for everyone to be safe and feel comfortable. Please be sure you are fully vaccinated and wearing of face covering is optional at all REBS functions. If you feel ill or have COVID symptoms, please stay home. Take necessary precautions to protect yourself and others.

## Calendar Local Bonsai Events

### October 1, 2022 Cupertino, California

Midori Bonsai Club: Come celebrate Midori Bonsai Club's 58th Annual Bonsai Show, October 1st, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino, Saturdays demonstration by John Thompson at 1:00 p.m. Bring your trees in for Doctor Bonsai, plus beginners bonsai school by purchasing a bonsai starter tree, vendors sales and door prizes. Free admission, with plenty of local mediate parking. For more details contact POC Jack Christiansen, at [Jackchristiansen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Jackchristiansen@sbcglobal.net).

### October 1 & 2, 2022 Oakland, California

East Bay Bonsai Society: Annual Show at the Lakeside Park Garden Center at Lake Merritt, located at 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland CA. Show hours are Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The show features an impressive exhibit of quality bonsai as well as a demonstration by Andrew Robson, a deciduous artist in the American bonsai community and the President of the Bonsai Society of Portland, Oregon, the largest bonsai club in the United States. There will also be a benefit drawing and a sale of bonsai and related materials. For information, visit <https://www.eastbaybonsai.org/>.

### October 1 & 2, 2022 San Gabriel, California

Chino Bonsai Club 2nd Annual Bonsai Exhibit: This exhibit will be held on Saturday, October 1st and Sunday, October 2nd at 261 S. Junipero Serra Drive, San Gabriel, California. The exhibit will include bonsai styling demos, auctions, raffles, reception, and vendor and club sales. Admission is free. For any additional information contact David Nguy at (323) 842-6188 or Jerry Garcia at (909) 270-7776.

**October 8 and 9, 2022 Santa Nella, CA  
Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF):**

GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous 2022, on Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, at the Hotel Mission De Oro, Santa Nella, CA. Free and open to the public. Point of Contact Rich Guillen, [richguillen@att.net](mailto:richguillen@att.net) or 831-348-5015.



## GSBF BONSAI **RENDEZVOUS 2022**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 9TH 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**HOTEL MISSION DE ORO • SANTA NELLA, CA**

### *GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous 2022*

is a special GSBF event dedicated to the renewal and celebration of the art and people of bonsai.

*It's free and open to the public.*

- ❖ Free daily bonsai demonstrations with a special demonstration by David Nguy
- ❖ Do-it-yourself bonsai work area
- ❖ 30+ Northern/Southern California and out-of-state vendors in one huge location with trees, supplies, and accessories
- ❖ Daily silent auctions (silent auction consignment opportunities are available)
- ❖ Live auction early Saturday evening
- ❖ Mel Ikeda is leading the **Tomodachi** group
- ❖ Donations of bonsai trees and related materials for the silent auction are greatly appreciated

### Schedule of Activities

Silent Auction Consignment Sales

Vendor information

Volunteer information

For more information, see [www.gsbfbonsai.org](http://www.gsbfbonsai.org)

### Questions?

Contact Bob Hilvers [shohincbc@gmail.com](mailto:shohincbc@gmail.com)  
(559) 909-1051



Jeff Stern - Ilex serrata

GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous will include a sales area that is open to the public with  
· plants · tools · pots · etc

There will be an opportunity to observe bonsai masters at work, participate in silent auctions and connect with fellow bonsai enthusiasts.

Call Hotel Mission De Oro  
209-826-4444

to reserve a room at the special  
Rendezvous Rate  
\$155 per night  
(2 night minimum stay)



## October 15 & 16, 2022 Sacramento, California

The Capital City Bonsai Association Show will be held at The Shepard Garden and Arts Center (in McKinley Park), 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95816. Show hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., both days. The show is a benefit to raise funds for the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt and will feature trees from:

American Bonsai Association, Sacramento • Bonsai Sekiyu Kai Sacramento • Sacramento Bonsai Club • Satsuki Aikokai Association.

The sale will include established and starter bonsai, pots, tools etc. Admission is free. Contact Paul Holtzen for more information at [pbholtzen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pbholtzen@sbcglobal.net).

## October 22 & 23, 2022 Union City, California

YAMATO BONSAI KAI 51st Annual Bonsai Exhibition: Saturday from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church.

Location: 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City, CA 94587  
Exhibition of Bonsai trees, plant sales, and vendors  
Free admission and free parking. Demonstrations on both days at 1:30 p.m., featuring David Nguy on Saturday and Yamato Bonsai Kai Club demonstrator Howard Correa on Sunday. 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".

**November 12 and 13, 2022 Oakland, CA**

## **Pacific Bonsai Expo:**

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 75 outstanding bonsai displays and a selection of the community's 27 top vendors.



Update:

- \* Purchase your discount tickets now
- \* See and meet your favorite bonsai professionals
- \* Shop among top vendors
- \* Don't drive alone, but instead carpool to the venue
- \* Consider visiting on Sunday to avoid crowd on Saturday
- \* Volunteer sign up available

<https://www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com/collections/all>

Pacific Bonsai Expo  
An Exhibition of Extraordinary Bonsai  
The Bridge Yard  
Oakland, California  
November 12-13, 2022

The Pacific Bonsai Expo is the vision of Jonas Dupuich, Eric and Dory Schrader, consisting of the historic Oakland's Bridge Yard venue, 75 displays of juried bonsai and the community's top vendors. There will be a trophy for Best in show and \$10,000 in cash prizes for Large Conifer, Large Deciduous, Large Broadleaf Evergreen, Medium display, and Shohin display. A Saturday evening banquet and awards ceremony will highlight the event.

Jurors Bjorn Bjorholm, Ryan Neil, and William N. Valavanis selected the trees. The exhibitors are the judges.

Details can be found at <https://www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com/>

This is just the beginning! For the past 14 years, the east coast held the biannual US National Bonsai Exhibition in Rochester, New York. Finally, Pacific Bonsai Expo will be located on the west coast in Oakland, California. There are discussions of making it biannually with the potential of rotating it between Oakland and Portland, Oregon.

It will take a community to build this show. Your support is needed by raising funds and volunteering in the actual event. REBS board has agreed to solicit funds from the membership in an effort to raise \$500 towards direct support of Pacific Bonsai Expo. The funds will provide donor recognition and four admission passes. The four admission passes will be raffled at some future REBS general meeting or event.

**Any amount of funds is greatly appreciated. Mail your check payable to REBS with a memo "Pacific Bonsai Expo" to: Treasurer Paul Wycoff, 6550 Stone Bridge Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95409-5833**

## Noteworthy

**Are you subscribed to automatic email notifications whenever a posting to the REBS website blog occurs?**

Visit the REBS website and scroll down the left column until you see the SUBSCRIBE TO BLOG VIA EMAIL, see insert below. Enter your email address where it says Email Address and click the button SUBSCRIBE. That's it! You will receive an email notification of any new posting to the REBS website blog. Blog postings occur for post demonstration write ups and special announcements, such as recent club activities and events. Stay informed of club business and activities.

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## **WANTED - REBS Website Manager & Newsletter Editor:**

George Haas, who has done such an outstanding job in these roles announces he wishes to resign from this aspect of his REBS duties. Thus, REBS is seeking a replacement. If you, or you know of someone, who is willing to keep these vital REBS roles going, please contact Alan Murakami.

## **Volunteers Wanted:**

Volunteering to help out on various REBS and local bonsai events is a sure way to lend support and ensure success. But also you gain first hand knowledge and insight into behind the scenes of bonsai business, whether it might be a show, fundraiser, club officer, board member or appointment.

Here are some upcoming bonsai events to consider being a volunteer:

**October 8 & 9 GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous**  
**November 12 & 13 Pacific Bonsai Expo**  
**August 26 & 27, 2023 REBS Annual Show**



## Seasonal Advice for Bonsai Enthusiasts

### October

#### Shifting Seasons

Now that we're into October, deciduous work is winding down and now we're much more focused on Conifers. This month, we can work on all conifers except for Japanese Black Pines that were de-candled last June or July. If the Japanese Black Pine was not de-candled in the Summer, then they can be worked on this time of year as well. Some of the things we can do with conifers not is clean up, cut back, wire and style.

Since we're shifting focus to Conifers doesn't mean we're not going to work on our deciduous any more this year, just not during this month. The next time we work on our deciduous trees will be somewhere between November and December. When more than 50 percent of the leaves start to turn color, we can defoliate the tree and make small cut backs to prepare the tree to grow a certain direction in the Spring of 2016.

#### Fertilizing

At this time of year, all of our trees should have fertilizer on them. I normally fertilize till about December. Please see the attached PDF in the email for a easy to follow year round fertilizing schedule.

#### Watering

Now that the weather is starting to cool, most of us are shifting to a once a day watering schedule. It's important to make that shift because the Fall and Winter are potential periods were we tend to over water trees which can cause root rot issues. Unfortunately many trees don't show signs of problems till the following Spring when the tree either doesn't start to grow or branches start dying off. So when you're watering your Bonsai and you see a few that are still wet, go ahead and skip them and get them the next time around.

#### Conifer Work

This month, if you plan on doing heavy conifer work such as full wiring or heavy bending, be sure to have the tools necessary for the task. A full set of copper wire is recommended and even though you think you may not need to use that scary #4 wire, in most cases, it's needed even for small trees. If you have a hard time manipulating the heavier copper wire, I'll be sure to give you a hand with that and get things going. When at the workshop, use that time to really get a better understanding of wiring techniques and practicing those techniques. Let's sit together and wire some branches together so I know you're understanding the concepts. In the future when the Bonsai becomes more refined, your wiring technique will have to become refined.

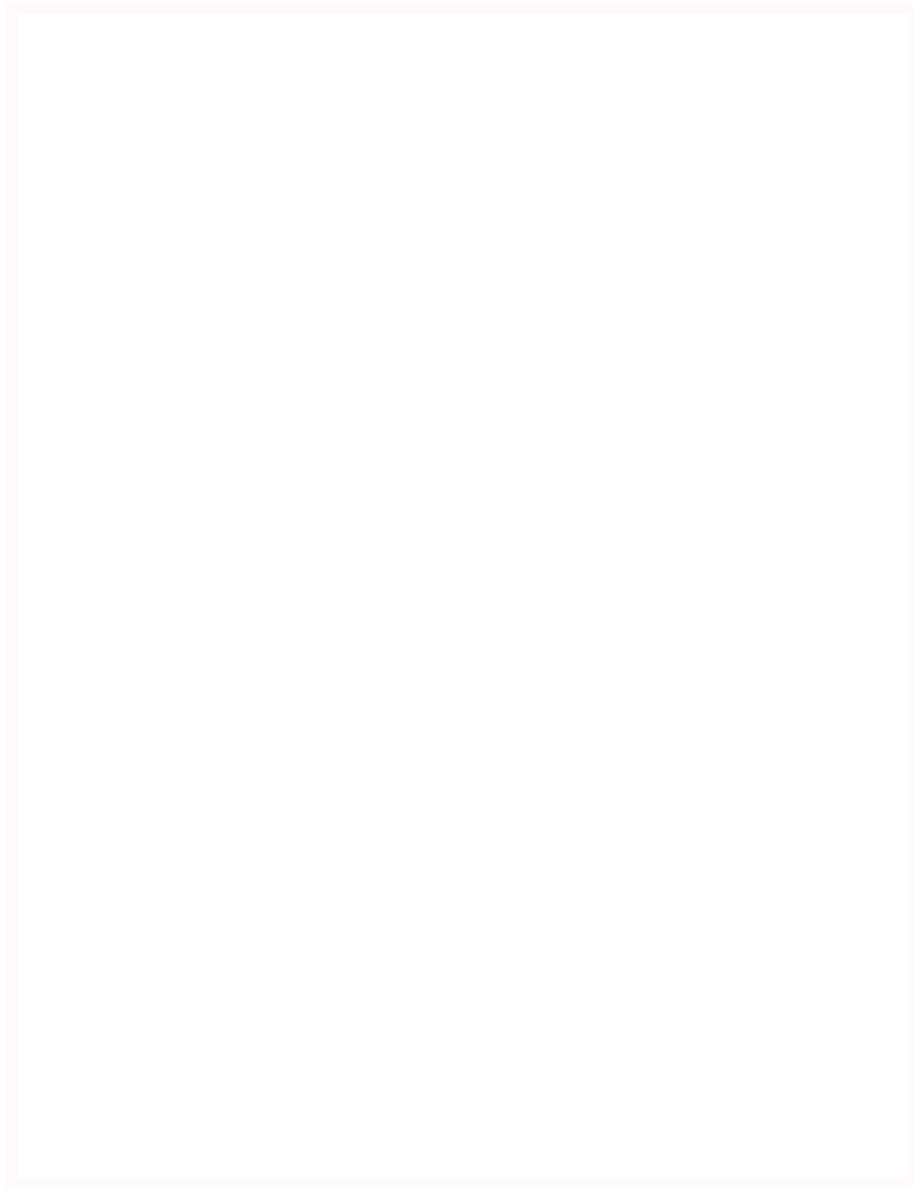
Other things to have for bending include raffia or equivalent, varying lengths of 1/2 inch rebar. I have found sizes such as 12, 18, 24 and 32 inches are commonly needed lengths. Also be sure to have plenty of rubber padding or tubing to protect the tree if we decide to set up some guy wires. Last but not least, a solid electric drill/screw driver in case we need to put screws in the tree to create guy wire attachment points.

Of course, none of the equipment above matters if the Bonsai we're working on is not healthy. Be sure the tree is growing well and firmly planting in the pot.

## Sharpening Tools

At some point we all have to sharpen our tools. For the next few months, I will bring my sharpening tools and show study group members how I sharpen my tools. Having sharp tools is important because clean cuts always heal better than rough cuts. When tools are dull, they tend to crush more than cut. The crushing effect will cause the branch to die back more than normal and in some cases, cause the branch to die off completely. Also, using dull tools causes more hand fatigue than using sharp tools. Since Bonsai is already hard enough, let's try not to make it harder for us and use nice sharp tools.

For additional information on monthly bonsai seasonal work, check out the Peter Tea website at [https:// https://www.ptbonsai.com](https://www.ptbonsai.com).



Post your item for sale here!

## Member Sales

REBS members can use the monthly newsletters to sell their bonsai and related items. Just email the Newsletter Editor a photo of the item or items you want to sell prior to the end of the month. A 20% fee will be charged for any item sold, which goes to support REBS.

## Membership Dues

Reminder that membership dues are overdue 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/>

## Featured Bonsai of the Month



Chinese Elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*)

REBS Show & Tell taken on September 22, 2022,  
Garden Room, Rohnert Park Community Center.

Displayed by Bob Shimon

Photo by George Haas

**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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## Comments & Feedback

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

George Haas  
REBS Newsletter Editor

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