



# The Tree Shrinker

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**November Meeting:** November 9, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m

## **November Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be November 9 and will feature Randall Lee presenting a program on the joy of Hinoki Cypress. Hinoki Cypress make splendid bonsai but they are not seen as often as they should be. Lush green foliage and the opportunity for deadwood features such as jin and shari makes them rival the more familiar native junipers as quality bonsai material.

Randall is a long time member of EBBS and has taught at Merritt College bonsai classes. Hinoki Cypress is one of his favorite trees so his demo will be one that should not be missed.

Thanks in advance to Bet Neary and Galen Roberts for bringing refreshments to the meeting. Thanks in advance also to the member who was too shy to sign up for refreshments but we know will bring a memorable addition to the refreshment table. Could this have been you?

## **Fall Show**

The club should be proud of the fine show that celebrated our fiftieth anniversary. Several different outsiders commented that this show was one of our better efforts. It is hard to single out individuals since there were so many who significantly contributed to the show. Thanks to all the many EBBS members who worked so hard to make the show a success.

Tim and Ema Kong were everywhere on both days, not only sharing with the work to be done but more importantly infusing everyone with their infectious enthusiasm. Thanks Tim and Ema.

The headliner, Kathy Shaner, made the weekend a major learning experience for us all. Her thoughtful critique on Sunday morning provided insight on where the trees could be improved as well as how to better display them. Her demonstration on how to make a fine tree into a really great tree kept her audience spell bound to the end. The headliner always sets the tone for the show and in the case of our show the tone was of the highest quality. Thanks Kathy.

Visitors to the show as well as club members were greeted with a program which included a thumbnail sketch of the headliner Kathy Shaner, a schedule of events, and a brief word about bonsai as an art form. The program also included a history of East Bay Bonsai Society as part of our fiftieth anniversary celebration. The history required a major effort to assemble from the scattered records of the club. All this was

accomplished by Janet Nelson who made a considerable contribution to the success of our fiftieth anniversary show. Thanks Janet.

Club members who contributed to the success of the show were conspicuous as they went about their chores. There is a person who deserves special credit although you may have not been aware of what was accomplished.

First, a bit of background is needed. As you know, the tree that you show is really a composition consisting of the tree, pot and stand and all components must complement each other to make a superior composition. Have you ever stopped to think that the display of the trees themselves is also a composition? When you go the next show look at how the trees are grouped in the display. If the display is well managed you will see a pattern to the arrangement. The arrangement of trees in a long bench such as the hallway of our show should be the result of a lot of careful study by the person in charge of the show set up.

The shape of each tree tends to move either to the right or the left. The trees are positioned so that the trees lean toward each other and point to the central part of the display which is usually anchored by a large tree. The heights of the trees are varied to give a smooth flow down the line. Thought is given to how each tree relates to its neighboring trees as well as to the accent plant. All this was done for our show by Janice Dilbeck who drew praise for her efforts from our headliner. Thanks Janice.

Bet Neary handled preparation of the lunches that we all enjoyed. She certainly could have used more help in the kitchen. Hopefully next year some of us will be more willing to lend a hand with hospitality. Her efforts which were far beyond the call of duty were greatly appreciated by all the members. Thanks Bet.

## **Collection's Introduction to Bonsai**

The program sponsored by East Bay Bonsai Society features a short talk on bonsai followed by a walk through the garden illustrating points raised in the talk. The object is to reach out to the community and to recruit new club members. The leader of the November program is Bob Gould.

## **December Meeting**

The December meeting will be our annual potluck dinner. As usual the club will provide the main attraction and the rest is up to the members who will demonstrate that they are some of the best cooks around. This is always a festive addition to the holiday season.

Some members want advance notice of foods they will be asked to provide at the annual holiday potluck dinner to supplement the turkey and ham to be provided by EBBS. Here are your assignments:

Appetizer	- Last name: G-L
Salad	- Last name: M-R
Side dish	- Last name: S-Z
Dessert	- Last name: A-F

### **Could You Volunteer Once A Year?**

The Bonsai Garden Lake Merritt relies on volunteers to do cent, work on the bonsai's, and maintain the landscape and facilities. The garden is a fun and inspiring place to work and could really use the help of everyone in our club. Could you afford to spend 3-4 hours one day a year supporting the garden?

The do cent calendar is usually passed around at our club meetings. Signing up where there are vacancies would be greatly appreciated. The shifts are 3-4 hours.

If you've never volunteered at the garden, please consider coming on a Thursday or Friday when there's lots of experienced help. We'd love to see you, and I think you will find it rewarding.

### **Mammoth Fundraiser Auction Items Needed**

The Mammoth Fundraiser for the Bonsai Garden Lake Merritt will be the last weekend in February. If you have any items for the auction, please make arrangements with Bob Gould to have them delivered to the Bonsai Garden. All items should be at the garden by the end of November so that they may be photographed and cataloged in early December.

### **Merritt College Bonsai Club recommended for bonsai instruction**

Your Board of Directors recommends that new and experienced members who want hands-on bonsai training join Merritt College Bonsai Club.

Merritt College Bonsai Club is where many EBBS members started their work with bonsai. MCBC has meetings every 4th Monday except when college is not in session. Meetings start at 7 p.m. The venue is the Landscape Horticulture Building at Merritt College, off Redwood Road in the Oakland hills.

Leading the workshops are two distinguished bonsai artists who are members of EBBS, Bill Castellon and Randall Lee. Members of EBBS having questions should contact either Bill @ (510) 569-8003 or Randall @ (510) 864-0841.

### **EBBS Needs a Newsletter Editor and Articles**

The newsletter is the voice of the club and that means that it is your voice. If you have something that you would like to share with the rest of the club, jot it down and send it to Janice Dilbeck for inclusion in the newsletter.

If you have any interest in being newsletter editor, please let one of your board members know.

### **Newsletters and rosters by e-mail**

For each member, annual costs to produce and deliver monthly newsletters and a roster average approximately \$7. To save that cost, 21 members have notified your editor that they will accept their

newsletters and rosters via e-mail. If you want to receive newsletters via e-mail, notify [janicedilbeck@comcast.net](mailto:janicedilbeck@comcast.net).

### **Events by others**

GSBF's Bonsai and Suiseki Garden: open Wed., Thurs., Fri. 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Sat. 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Sun. 12:00 noon–4:00 p.m. Enter at gate across from Boat House.

October 27–30. **Riverside, California. Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention XXXIV, Bonsai Full Circle** at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 3400 Market Street. Headliners are: Kathy Shaner, Ryan Neil, Roy Nagatoshi, and Pedro Morales. Demonstrations, seminars, critiques, workshops, benefit drawings, vendors and more. More information available at [www.gsbf-bonsai.org](http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org).

November 3. **Hanford, California.** The Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture Annual Spring Festival/*Kazari Bonsai Display Competition 2011* at 15770 Tenth Avenue, Hanford, featuring lectures, a workshop, and a Bonsai and Antique Fair with art and food vendors, sale of bonsai and plants, and an after hours reception. Hours are 10AM-5PM. Prize money for the best judged Tokoname displays will be \$2500, \$1000, \$500 in the honor of the contributions of Japanese-American citizens. General admission: \$5. To reserve tickets for the lecture by Kathy Shaner, Curator of the GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt, the Beginner Workshop or the Wine and Cheese Reception contact us at [info@ccjac.org](mailto:info@ccjac.org). For details about participating in the competition contact the Clark Center's Bonsai Curator, Bob Hilvers at [bonsai@ccjac.org](mailto:bonsai@ccjac.org)

November 11-12. **Ross, California.** Marin Bonsai Club: Fall Show at the Marin Art and Garden Center, Livermore Room, 50 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Friday hours are 5:30-9:30PM and includes a dinner at \$5 per head, a bunjin style Shimpaku Juniper demonstration by Ted Matson, a silent auction and raffles. Saturday hours are 10AM-4PM and include individual consultations by Ted Matson from 9AM-1PM, a club demonstration at 11AM, vendor and club sales and raffles. At 1.30PM there will be a critique of show trees by Ted Matson. For dinner reservations or more information call Jeanette Arnold, 415-883-2651. For individual consultations call Candace Key, 415-491-1989.

December 3. **Fresno, California.** Fresno Area Bonsai Clubs: Fourth Annual Bonsai Yard Sale at 736 West Browning Avenue from 8AM-3PM. There will be a very large selection of raw materials, some finished bonsai, used pots, books, magazines, and stands, all at very reasonable prices. Everyone is welcome to participate. If you wish to sell or trade bonsai related items or need a table, please contact us in advance so that we may plan space accordingly. Lunch will be available. Contact Ralph Schroeder at 559 271-8299 or [ralSch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ralSch@sbcglobal.net)

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**Articles or Services for Sale (or give-away)**

Mature bonsai for sale as well as a large variety of bonsai pots of different sizes, shapes and colors. Call Jim Heady 925-253-9399

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**Wanted to Buy (or for free)**

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SOMETHING you need or want? Call or write to place an ad.

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Each membership household, free of charge, may place a five-line ad related to bonsai in two newsletters each year. Members wanting to place either larger or frequent ads should contact the editor. Send a copy of ads to your editor by the fourth Monday of the month to appear in the next publication. To place an add call (925) 458-3845.

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<b>East Bay Bonsai Society—Schedule for 2011</b>
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**Regular Meetings:** Second Wednesday, every month (except August and October) @ 7:30 p.m.

Place: Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland.

Visitors welcome—for more information: call: (925) 431-0452

Visit EBBS' web site: <http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/ebbs/>.

Website for Bonsai Garden Lake Merritt<<http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/lake-merritt/NewHome.html>>

**Meeting Program**

**Nov 9** Randall Lee will do a demonstration on hinoki cypress

**Nov 27** BGLM Introduction to Bonsai with Bob Gould

**Dec 14** Holiday potluck dinner

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