



## *Happy Holidays!*

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***December 8, 2016***

### ***BSSF Member Meeting: Holiday Party and BGLM\* Fundraiser***

**All members and their families are invited to take part in our annual holiday tradition. BSSF will provide a turkey, a vegetarian main course, tea, coffee, plates, cups, napkins and plastic-ware. Members please bring side dishes, desserts and other beverages. Set-up begins at 6:30. Dinner and the silent auction begin at 7:00. Buy-It-Now closes at 7:45. Raffle prizes will be awarded at 8:00. Bidding closes at 9:00. Members can bring trees, pots, tools, etc. valued at \$25 or greater to sell to other members. Donations also accepted of items of any value for the raffle table.**

**\* Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Curator's Fund**

## ***From the President, Eric Schrader***



Past presidents in politics get up to some pretty interesting things. We have only to wait for Obama to leave office to see if he'll fit the mold or not. As for me, I've had a few members ask me whether I'll be continuing on in some of the variety of capacities that I've filled for the last couple years.

To be clear, it has not traditionally been the role of the president to give workshops, to instruct at 3rd Thursday workshops, to maintain the website, and to write half the newsletter content. A BSSF president is formally responsible only for directing the organization and for filling gaps in coverage by the board members on key tasks. The other roles that I've been filling are largely just things I enjoy doing (besides the art of bonsai itself obviously.)

As past president I'll still be around, giving workshops, writing some content (perhaps a bit less) providing my opinion on tree styling and even working on the website. BSSF has grown in the last couple years and I'm looking forward to next year when I can enjoy all the enthusiasm of my fellow members.

Among the important initiatives that we need to move forward with in 2017 are: planning for a new show with a new venue; maintaining our calendar of informative and educational

programs; and fostering our community of bonsai enthusiasts to ever greater feats of horticultural art.

I'll be seeing you around, don't worry.

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## ***BSSF 2017 Board of Directors Catherine Wolf***

On November 10th, BSSF members voted for 2017 Board of Directors. Below are the members that will assume or retain positions on the Board next year.

***President - Andrea Burhoe***

***Vice President – Christian Werk***

***Secretary – vacant***

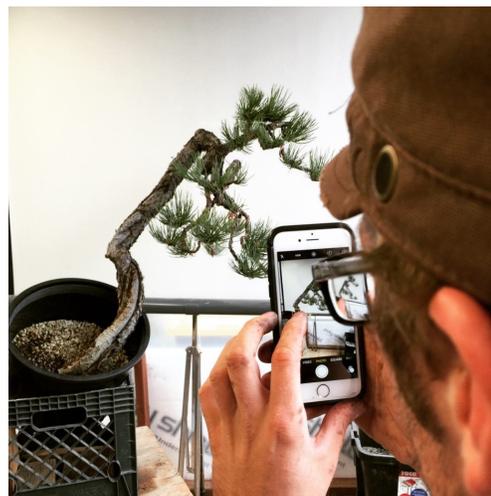
***Treasurer – Dave Gomberg***

***Past President – Eric Schrader***

***Board Members At Large***

- ***Brian Schindler***
- ***Thom de Cant***
- ***Ryan Iwata***
- ***Jain Haggerstone***
- ***Oscar Patzan***

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***Matt Reel's vision for styling a collected ponderosa  
Photo: Eric Schrader:***

***BSSF Demo at the  
Japanese Tea Garden  
Brian Schindler***



As part of our community outreach program at BSSF, our club has done demonstrations at the Japanese Tea Garden. Andrea Burhoe, Oscar Patzan, Gary Tom and I had another demonstration at the Tea Garden on November 20th. Usually we are able to put up a formal display on the patio behind the gift shop, but because of the rain we dialed back our demo and showed styling techniques, repotting, and carving. The people who came by were from all over the world. Particularly crowd pleasing was Oscar's carving and burning of the Shari on a redwood. We will have another demo sometime in the spring. The date is not yet determined.

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***BSSF Meetings and Workshops***

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place in the County Fair Building at the corner of 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way just inside Golden Gate Park. To secure a spot in any workshop or class, please sign up with Eric Schrader via email [eric\[at sign\]phutu.com](mailto:eric[at sign]phutu.com) or Catherine Wolf [catherine.wolf\[at sign\]wolfwerk.com](mailto:catherine.wolf[at sign]wolfwerk.com) or call/text Catherine at (415)299-7061.

**Dec 8, 2016 - BSSF Member Meeting:  
Holiday Party and BGLM Fundraiser**  
Refer to details on page 1.

**Dec 11, 2016 - Basics II Class**

CLASS IS FULL, accepting names for wait-list. Our Bonsai Basics II Class teaches repotting techniques. If you previously took our Bonsai Basics I class, you should enroll for Basics II to complete your exposure to the primary techniques used with bonsai. You should also bring the trees you received during the Basics I class. The cost for the class is \$25 if you already have trees. If this is your first Bonsai Basics class, let us know when you register. You will need to pay an extra \$50 to receive two trees for the workshop. Noon to 4PM in the Garden Club Room.

**Third Thursday Members Free Workshop –  
NO WORKSHOP IN DECEMBER**

**Jan 8, 2017 – Master Series Workshop with  
Peter Tea**

Peter Tea will be here in January for the next Master Series workshop. Workshop is \$120 and limited to 6 participants. 9:30AM – 5:30PM in the Garden Club Room at the SF County Fair Building.

**Jan 12, 2017: BSSF Member Meeting:  
Repotting Techniques with Bernard Marque**

(Last names A - B bring refreshments)  
Our own Bernard Marque will demonstrate root work and repotting techniques during this member meeting. These techniques are critical to master. You may be surprised how the little details escape your memory if it's been a year since you repotted a tree. A refresher and a chance to ask Bernard questions will benefit us all. 7:15PM to 9:30PM, Recreation Room.

**Jan 19, 2017 - Third Thursday Members Free Workshop**

Members or anyone that wants to join BSSF can bring trees to the San Francisco County Fair Building to work on with other members. It is always an opportunity to learn something new for your trees. 7PM to 9PM in the Garden Club Room.

**Jan 22, 2016 – Master Series Workshop with Matt Reel**

Matt Reel returns for a winter Master Series workshop. Workshop is \$120 and limited to 6 participants. 9:30AM – 5:30PM at a location in San Francisco.

**Feb 9, 2017: BSSF Member Meeting: Using Technology to Improve Bonsai Outcomes**

(Last names C - D bring refreshments)  
Technology and bonsai are not antithetical. This evening Catherine Wolf will share how technology helps her imagine and save future tree designs, track tree progress and maintenance. 7:15PM to 9:30PM in the Recreation Room.

**Mar 9, 2017: BSSF Member Meeting: Evolution in Bonsai Styling**

(Last names E - F bring refreshments)  
This will be a panel discussion moderated by Jonas Dupuich. Panel includes Eric Schrader, John Boyce and Peter Tea. Examples of historic and contemporary styles will be selected from catalogs from the Kokufu Exhibition (leading Japanese bonsai show) to stoke opinion and sharing. 7:15PM to 9:30PM in the Recreation Room.

**Other 2017 Planned Programs:**

**Apr 13, 2017: Success with Satsuki in San Francisco with Darren Wong** (Last names G - H bring refreshments)

**May 11, 2017: The Role of Water in Growing Bonsai with Ryan Nichols** (Last names I - J bring refreshments)

**June 8, 2017: Juniper Practicum Lecture with Eric Schrader** (Last names K - L bring refreshments)

**July 13, 2017: Evaluating Material to Purchase with Jonas Dupuich** (Last names M - N bring refreshments)

**Aug 10, 2017: Gordon Deeg** topic is to be determined (Last names O - R bring refreshments)

**Sep 14, 2017: BSSF Fundraiser Auction** (Last names S bring refreshments)

**Oct 12, 2017: Bespoke Bonsai Stands with Austin Heitzman**, Ryan Neil's stand maker (Last names T - V bring refreshments)

**Nov 9, 2017: Three Stations for Styling with Ivan Hernandez, Gary Tom, and Oscar Patzan.** (Last names W - Z bring refreshments)

**Dec 14, 2017: Annual Holiday Party and Member Sale** benefitting BGLM (Everyone contributes to potluck)

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***BSSF Announcements***

**Docenting at the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt**

John Dale invites volunteers to join him to docent at the Bonsai Garden in Oakland on December 17 or any other third Saturday at 1PM. No matter your skill level, you can help care for these wonderful trees and educate the public about the art of bonsai. Sign up with John Dale

at a general meeting. To volunteer at other times, contact John McKisich, BGLM Docent Coordinator, at [mityglo@aol.com](mailto:mityglo@aol.com), 650-477-8540.

**BSSF Club Membership** Membership fees are \$30 for individuals, \$50 for families and \$20 for seniors. A membership/ renewal form can be found at [bssf.org](http://bssf.org), click **About BSSF**, **Join Us**, then **Join Now**.  
Now's the time to renew for 2017! Renewal form is included on page 7.

**Bonsai Sales at Monthly Meetings** Please remember that any time during the year you wish to sell bonsai trees, the BSSF welcomes you to bring the trees to our monthly meetings (except September) or workshops. The club receives 20% of the purchase price.

**BSSF Bonsai Library** The BSSF has on hand a large assortment of books, magazines, and other literature about our favorite hobby. To access the library, arrive early at either the monthly meeting or the monthly workshop and speak to Bernard Marque. Checking out materials requires a \$5 deposit per item.

**BSSF Care Guide** The BSSF guide to seasonal bonsai care in the San Francisco Bay Area is available on the BSSF webpage, [www.bssf.org/wp-content/uploads/2006/03/BSSFY\\_earlyCareCalendar.pdf](http://www.bssf.org/wp-content/uploads/2006/03/BSSFY_earlyCareCalendar.pdf). The one-page guide can also be found in the July 2016 issue of Fog City Bonsai, page 8.



## ***Other Bonsai Events in the Bay Area***

**December 3, 2016 Fresno**  
**Fresno Bonsai Society: 9th Annual Bonsai Yard Sale** at 736 West Browning Ave, 8 AM till 3 PM. Bonsai, pre-bonsai, accent plants, new and used pots, stands, books, suiseki, and supplies.

Everyone is welcome to buy, sell, or swap all things bonsai. For more information about the event visit them on their Facebook page or [www.fresnobonsaisociety.com](http://www.fresnobonsaisociety.com).

### **January 28 - 29, 2017 Oakland**

**Bay Island Bonsai: Annual Bonsai Exhibit** at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM, both days. Saturday: Auction preview starts at Noon with auction at 1 PM. Sunday: Workshop open to the bonsai community. Guided tours of the exhibit Saturday and Sunday. Vendor sales, club sales, educational bonsai material for sale and a special pot sale this year. Entry to the exhibit is free, donations accepted. Learn more and register for the workshop by calling (510) 919-5042 or visit <http://bayislandbonsai.com/bib-annual-exhibit/>.

### **February 18 - 19, 2017 Oakland**

**GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. The Annual Mammoth Auction and Sale Fund Raiser** will be held at 666 Bellevue Ave. (Garden Center Building). Saturday: Auction preview at noon with Auction starting at 1 PM. Sunday: Vendor Sales start at 9 AM, Plant Sales start at 10 AM, and demonstrations at 1 PM. The date for this year's event is a week earlier than in the past to let attendees and vendors participate in both the Mammoth and the Bonsai-a-Thon (big fundraiser the following weekend in San Marino). You are encouraged to submit your bonsai for consideration to be included in the Mammoth Auction as soon as possible. Items will be considered on a first-come-first-considered basis. The Bonsai Garden will be open 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and Noon to 4 PM on Sunday, so you can check out the many changes that have been made this year. For more information or to sell trees, email [bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com](mailto:bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com) and visit [www.gsbflakemerritt.org](http://www.gsbflakemerritt.org)



## ***BSSF Officers and Board of Directors***

**President – Eric Schrader 415-823-7984**  
**eric@phutu.com**

**Vice President – Catherine Wolf**

**Treasurer – Dave Gomberg**

**Secretary – Christian Werk**

**Board Members-at-Large – Dan Casey,  
John Dale, Thom de Cant, Oscar Patzan,  
Brian Schindler**

### **Additional Contributors:**

**Newsletters– Diana Lum and Dave Gomberg**

**Raffle – Bill Daniels**

**Fundraising – Alison Seaman**

**Cherry Blossom Show – Brian Schindler**

**Librarian – Bernard Marque**

**Web Site & Collateral Design – Eric Schrader**

### **About the Club:**

The Bonsai Society of San Francisco exists to encourage the enjoyment of the art of bonsai. Whether defined simply as a tree in a tray or taken to the heights of a living fine art form, we come together to share our joy and curiosity for growing living trees and our enthusiasm for keeping them healthy and beautiful. We invite new members who share these interests.

BSSF General Meetings are on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of the month at **7:15PM**. The Members Workshop is the following Thursday (**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** of the month) at **7:00PM**. BSSF Board Meetings are held on the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday** at **7:00PM**. All meetings occur in the **County Fair Building** at the corner of **Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way**. Enter through the parking lot at Tenth Ave and Lincoln and walk along the path behind the building to the doorway to the Recreation Room.



*Map to the County Fair Building,  
Golden Gate Park*

**BSSF Website: [www.bssf.org](http://www.bssf.org)**



**BSSF Bonsai Society of San Francisco Membership Application or Renewal**

**Primary Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email (used only for BSSF business):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City / State / Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phones (home and cell):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Membership Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount paid:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dues: \$30 for Individual members, \$50 for Family, \$20 for Seniors**  
**To join between July 1 and Oct 31, send half.**

**To join after Nov 1 send full amount for current and next year.**

**Renewal due before Feb 28, 2017.**

**Send renewal form and check payable to Bonsai Society of San Francisco to:** (12/16)

**BSSF Treasurer  
c/o Dave Gomberg  
7 Gateview Court  
San Francisco CA 94116-1941**

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