



# THE GSBF COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON

## GOLDEN STATE BONSAI FEDERATION COLLECTION SOUTH

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### Message from the Chairman

How does one become chair of the GSBF Collection at the Huntington? The prior chair Bill Wawrychuk told me he wanted me to take the position after he moved to New Mexico with little notice. He had been mentoring me for a year and a half, preparing me to be the chair...without my realizing it.

Thank you Scott Chadd for appointing me to be the chair of the GSBF collection at the Huntington committee last May. I very much appreciate the support and input that the committee has been giving me since I started running the meetings. My sole focus has been getting ready for this year's Bonsai-A-Thon. I've had a lot of help recruiting an army of volunteers. The Viet Bonsai Today club will be the sole host club. They will be providing volunteers, exhibition trees, demonstrators and auction trees.

The Harry Hirao collection in the sales area at the 2016 Bonsai-A-Thon was a resounding success. This year the sales area will feature over 1000 trees from a generous donation by the San Gabriel nursery. We will also have trees for sale from the members of the Viet Bonsai Today club.

We received a tremendous donation of black pines from Peter Chen for the auction. We will feature demonstrations from Al Nelson, Fred Miyahara, Kathy Benson, Frank Goya, Bob Pressler, Roy Nagatoshi, Tom Vuong, Bob Hilvers, Dinh Nguyen, Mel Ikeda and Cesareo Perez.

This year the GSBF committee at the Huntington intends to visit local private collections to bolster its already impressive collection. We plan to request a donation of quality pots, display stands, books and spectacular trees from well-known artists. We are also working on updating the website with pictures and bios of those responsible for the collection. I very much look forward to seeing you at the Bonsai-A-Thon.



*Keith Martin, Chairman*

### BONSAI-A-THON 2017

Just a few of the wonderful trees to auctioned off starting at 2:00pm, Saturday and Sunday.



More photos of auction trees will be posted on the Collection website: [www.gsbfhuntington.com](http://www.gsbfhuntington.com)



# BONSAI-A-THON 2017

## Fundraiser for THE GSBF COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

GSBF Early Bird Passes & Bonsai Club Members 7:30am - 5:00pm  
General Public 10:00am - 5:00pm

The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens  
Brody Botanical Center, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, California

### *Viet Bonsai Today - 2017 Bonsai-A-Thon Hosts*

[www.vietbonsaitoday.com](http://www.vietbonsaitoday.com)

#### **DAILY SCHEDULE - Some activities are for Saturday or Sunday Only where noted**

7:30–9:30	<b>Early Bird Registration &amp; Pancake Breakfast for Bonsai Club Members Only</b>
8:00–5:00	<b>Extensive Bazaar Area:</b> Select vendors selling top-quality tools, pots and trees (raw material to display-ready); masterpiece trees on display.
8:00–5:00	<b>Bonsai Exhibit:</b> By Viet Bonsai Today, 2017 Host Club
9:00-Saturday Only	<b>Huntington Sponsored Beginner's Bonsai Workshop - Saturday Only - SOLD OUT</b>
9:00–2:00	<b>Demonstrations:</b> Initial training and advanced styling by experts
10:00- Sat & Sun	<b>Guided Tours:</b> Led by Jim Folsom, Director of the Huntington Botanical Gardens.
10:00-2:00	<b>Sale Area benefiting the Golden State Bonsai Federation Collection at The Huntington</b>
11:30-1:30	<b>Lunch:</b> Hotdogs and Hamburgers available.
2:00-4:30	<b>Live Auction followed by Raffle:</b> Demonstration and donated trees, pots, tools and more. Please bring your donations of bonsai related items for the drawing and auction!
9:30-Sunday Only	<b>Behind the Scenes Tour of Huntington Bonsai Nursery – Led by Ted Matson, Curator of the GSBF Collection at The Huntington - Sunday only.</b>



There will be a behind the scenes tour of the  
bonsai nursery led by Ted Matson  
10:00am Sunday, February 26th Only



## BONSAI-A-THON 2017

### DEMONSTRATIONS

Bonsai styled by these experts will be available in the auction starting at 2:00pm.

#### Saturday 9:30-2:00

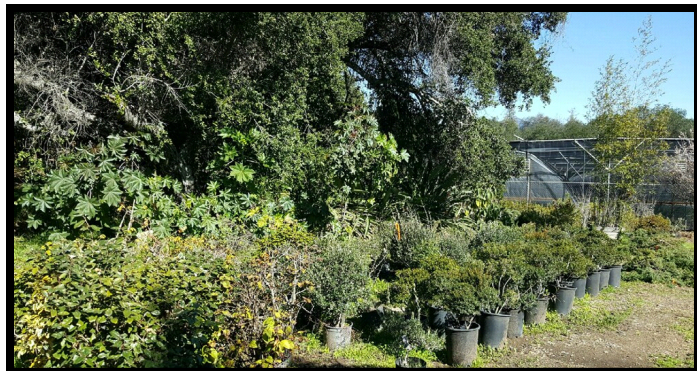
Cesareo Perez  
Frank Goya  
Fred Miyahara  
Kathy Benson  
Tom Vuong  
Albert Rivera

#### Sunday 9:30-2:00

Al Nelson  
Bob Hilvers  
Bob Pressler  
Dinh Nguyen  
Mel Ikeda  
Roy Nagatoshi

### The sales area will be open from 10:00am to 2:00pm Saturday and Sunday.

Come pick up items from the Viet Bonsai Today club and the GSBF Collection at The Huntington. A special Thank You to the San Gabriel Nursery (632 S. San Gabriel Blvd, San Gabriel, CA 91776) for their generous donation of 1,000 trees for the sales area at the Bonsai-A-Thon.



## GSBF Collection News

### Ted E. Matson Message, February 2017

We continue to bring more and more trees into greater levels of refinement thanks to the efforts of our growing volunteer force, who have been coming in every Wednesday morning (9:00am-1:00pm) and on many scheduled weekend sessions (nearly every other weekend). Many of our volunteers are coming directly from the Bonsai Gakko classes at The Huntington. They are proving to be some of our best, most dedicated and effective volunteers as they see the volunteer opportunity as a means to continue their bonsai education. However, I'd like to see more volunteers from the bonsai community.

We've had a number of curation team sessions as well, with Lindsay Shiba, David Nguy, Tom Vuong and Ryan

focused, intense work sessions on select California Junipers. Tom has continued working on the trees where he made major trunk and branch bends, and some of those have had their heavy tape and towel layers removed, and are now growing out in preparation for the next detailed wiring and trunk cleaning. When Ryan was here for 3 days, the focus was on final detailing. He directed the group in foliage cleaning and fine wiring in preparation for final branches/foilage arrangement. He also gave very explicit instructions on his techniques for cleaning both dead and live areas of trunks, and spent time teaching these processes. As a result, we have a group of experienced volunteers who will be able to do the same level of work on many of our other trees. In addition, Ryan and Tom are collaborating on the reworking of one tree, where Tom will do the major bends and Ryan will do the refinement. **Continued on Page 4...**

## GSBF Collection News, Continued

Ryan also did a show grooming on one GSBF tree that was then displayed at the 2016 GSBF convention in Sacramento. It was a California Juniper that Masahiko Kimura styled at the 2006 GSBF Sacramento convention, where Ryan was his assistant. It was a nice irony to have the tree—quite a stunner by the way—go back and be displayed at that same venue where Ryan was now a headliner.

We started a photography project over the summer which resumed this fall and winter. We flagged all GSBF trees and gave them brass tags to make identification easier. With the work we've been doing, I'd guess that some trees are much different than when they were first photographed, so some might have to be reshot. I've asked one of our volunteers to help with a plan to make photography a more seamless and consistent part of our work.

We continue to host bonsai visitors from out of town. We've had people from Florida, Arizona and New Mexico, as well as many from other parts of California. Most all have heard about the improvements in our bonsai and wanted to see for themselves. Most come away pretty impressed.

Dennis Makashima, former GSBF president, had donated a very nice shohin pine in a Sarah Rayner pot to the GSBF collection. It originally came from Saburo Kato's nursery in Japan. Dennis also donated a camellia that will be used for a bonsai exchange with Japan. The camellia, a Sasanqua collected from a Bay Area yard 20 years ago, will go to Ritsurin Garden, located in Takamatsu and one of the most historical gardens in Japan, in exchange for an unstyled collected native Shimpaku.

At the 2016 GSBF convention in Sacramento I accepted a check for \$7,000 from the California Shohin Society on behalf of the GSBF Collection at The Huntington. It represented 1/3 of the earnings from the 2016 California Shohin Society Seminar. The earnings were shared equally among the three GSBF collections.



Wednesday Morning Work Session with Ted Matson

### For More Information about The GSBF Collection at The Huntington

Visit our Website:  
[www.gsbfhuntington.com](http://www.gsbfhuntington.com)

Or



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