



THE GOLDEN STATE BONSAI FEDERATION COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON NEWSLETTER

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GSBF volunteers are at the Gardens working on our bonsai under the supervision of Huntington Bonsai Curator Ted Matson selected weekends and every Wednesday and Friday morning. We're up in the Ben Oki Bonsai Nursery, where both GSBF and Huntington trees are kept and cared for when they're not out on the bonsai courts at the Huntington. And we're out on the courts themselves trimming and touching up the trees there, and talking with Huntington visitors about the world of bonsai. Most asked question? You guessed it-- "How old is that tree?" Second most-- "Are those trees really regular trees or miniatures?"

And of course, on the First Thursday of every month, which is a free admission day at the Gardens, Cheryl Manning, Marie Minton, and other volunteers are out chatting with visitors. Our First Thursdays program is important to us and to the Huntington, so if you have some time, come on over on the first Thursday of the month. I'm handing our free Huntington aprons to volunteers!

Peter Macasieb was out one weekend in July to oversee work on the pines. Mauro Stemberger and Bjorn Bjorhold both spent a day working on junipers. As usual, volunteers worked on both bonsai belonging to the Huntington itself and the GSBF collection. We do not discriminate between the two; whatever needs trimming, weeding, cleaning, wiring, feeding, re-potting, etc. gets it.

We've just finished taking pictures of all our fifty plus trees (see photos above and below), in the capable hands of volunteer photographer Jim Martellotti. The photos will be posted on our website and on our Facebook page. The GSBF Committee has also put together a Bonsai-A-Thon Manual. Amazing the huge amount of work that goes into such a weekend event. No wonder we need so many volunteers to pull it off! If you're interested in volunteering to work at the Bonsai-A-Thon, contact me at ekeneshea@socal.rr.com or call or text 818-521-7569.

If you want to work on the bonsai at the Huntington, contact Ted Matson, (tmatson@earthlink.net). It's a great opportunity to work on some wonderful trees, learn some things, and get to know your fellow bonsai enthusiasts.

Ellen Keneshea, Chairperson, GSBF Committee at the Huntington

Please remember to bring your bonsai related items to donate to the daily BAT raffle and live auction. Thank You!!!



GSBF Bonsai Collection News

Our bonsai collections continue their recovery from the intense heat of this summer which caused quite a bit of damage—especially and surprisingly in our native species. While some trees successfully back budded and are growing, there have been a couple that were too stressed. Specifically, a GSBF California juniper cascade donated by Kathy Boomsma and re-engineered by Ryan Neil died. Although it lost foliage, it looked like it had stabilized. Then, in mid-October, it dried up. Maybe it got hit by some extremely dry weather that came with some aggressive Santa Ana winds as it turned crispy in just a couple of days.

We also continue to have health issues with some of our pines, with yellowing and burned foliage. Recently we tried to address the salt buildup by applying gypsum. Most likely, we will attempt a change of soil to help get them healthy again.

In September, we repotted three tropical buttonwoods that were part of the Bergstein family gift. They were so pot-bound that the roots were growing out the drain holes into large pads. With the need to do some heavy root pruning, that put those trees at risk so after repotting we placed them in water and on heat mats in the Teaching Greenhouse. All three have sprouted new growth and appear to be doing well. They will remain under protection through winter.

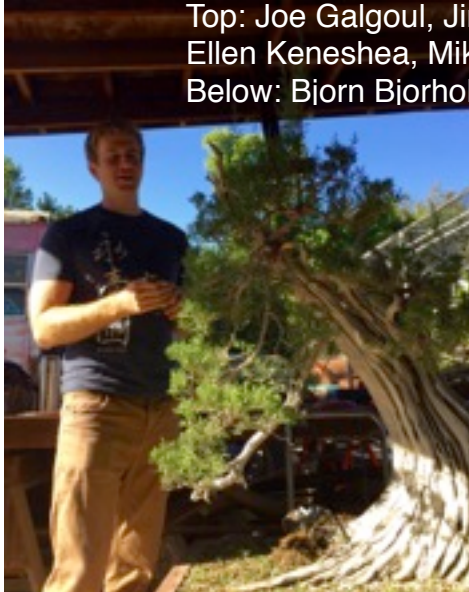
Fall work has focused on wiring, both de-wiring trees that needed it and also wiring other trees that had been resting.

After the GSBF convention, Bjorn Bjorholm came to SoCal and HG invited him to spend a day at the collection. He selected a GSBF CA juniper that came in from the summer sale. We had over 25 volunteers attending as he spent the day doing a complete, refined styling.

Several trees have been rotated out of the display courts to remove those that need maintenance (wire removal) and replace them with bonsai that highlight our late fall/ early winter season



Top: Joe Galgoul, Jim Martellotti, Ellen Keneshea, Mike Kelly.
Below: Bjorn Bjorholm



The volunteer force continues to grow, specifically with the addition of students from my fall Bonsai Gakko classes at HG. Eleven new volunteers signed up from the October class.

Walter Zipush donated a small refrigerator to the work area. As a final note, HG has been tearing out several hedges of quite old myrtus compacta in the Rose Garden, and luckily, they've been hauling them up to the bonsai nursery where volunteers have been cutting them to stumps and planting them in pumice. The myrtus hedge material continues to hang in there. Trunks continue to sprout, although things have slowed down with the recent cold snap. We ended up gathering around 300 plants so we'll have a substantial addition to the BAT sales offerings this year.

Mauro Stemberger came and worked with volunteers on the three trees he's adopted. One had weak foliage so we did very little to that tree. A second tree was wired and Mauro repositioned branched and balanced foliage. The third tree, a very large formal upright was completely wired and Mauro did a detailed branch and foliage arrangement. That tree will be repositioned in its pot this winter. This tree has really undergone a major transformation to highlight it's structure and a repot will complete the design changes.

Ted Matson

Above, Tom Vuong water spray cleans a California Juniper.

Below, Kathy Benson helps Ron Macaraeg repot an elm clump at a GSBF workshop.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ROAM THE UPPER AND LOWER BONSAI COURTS AT THE HUNTINGTON GARDENS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH TO CHAT WITH VISITORS AND TELL THEM ABOUT THE WONDERS OF BONSAI!!

**FREE ADMISSION AND FREE HUNTINGTON APRON TO ALL VOLUNTEERS!
YOU WILL LOOK AND BE TOTALLY OFFICIAL!!**

**THE GARDEN IS OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 5PM
COME FOR A FEW HOURS, COME FOR THE DAY**

CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL YES! TO CHERYL MANNING cheryl@betterbonsai.com (323) 935-1012

The Bonsai-A-Thon is held each February as the annual fund raising event benefiting the Golden State Bonsai Federation Collection at the Huntington. Through the generosity of the Huntington, GSBF affiliated Clubs and bonsai artists like you, this collection thrives.

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE 2018 BONSAI-A-THON

We sincerely hope we have not overlooked anyone.

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129 hand crafted bonsai pots

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Bonsai-A-Thon 2019

Saturday & Sunday, February 23th & 24th, 2019

7:30AM – 5:00PM

We invite everyone – bonsai novices, enthusiasts and experts – to our annual fundraising event on behalf of the Golden State Bonsai Federation Collection at the Huntington. At the Huntington Brody Botanical Center Building, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA, 91108.

- **Featuring**
- **Extensive Bazaar Area** – Select vendors selling top-quality tools, pots and trees (raw material to display-ready); masterpiece trees on display
- **Bonsai Exhibit** – By the California Bonsai Society
- **Antique Bonsai Pot Display**
- **Demonstrations** – Initial training and advanced styling by experts
- **Daily Raffle & Auction** – Demonstration and donated trees, pots, tools, etc.
- **Guided Tours** – Led by Jim Folsom, Director of the Huntington Botanical Gardens, and Ted Matson, Bonsai Garden Curator.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Early bird registration and Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Bazaar and Bonsai Exhibits
9:00 AM–2:00PM	Initial styling and advanced refinement demonstrations (see details below)
10:00 AM –11:30 AM	SATURDAY Jim Folsom tour: Bonsai Court and Chinese Garden
10:00 AM –11:30 AM	SUNDAY Ted Matson tour of the Bonsai Nursery
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Hotdogs and Hamburgers Lunch Registered Bonsai-A-Thon attendees may purchase breakfast and lunch in the Head House
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Raffle and live auction

Saturday Demonstrators

Kathy Benson, Mel Ikeda,
Dennis Makashima, Cesareo Perez,
Tom Vuong

Sunday Demonstrators

Jim Barrett, Ann Erb, Frank Goya,
Bob Hilvers, Cheryl Manning

Bonsai styled by these experts will be available in the auctions and raffles. This is your chance to own a great tree with a pedigree!



CHINESE PENJING ART DEMONSTRATIONS

By Huang Jui Wei, Lu Zhiquan, and Che Zhao Sheng

SUNDAY
MARCH 10, 2019

10 AM - 12:30 PM



Huntington Library,
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Classroom,

Brody Botanical
Center

1151 Oxford Road
San Marino,
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At this special event, **Huang Jui Wei** and **Lu Zhiquan**, two recognized masters of Chinese Penjing art of the Guangdong Penjing Association, assisted by the Huntington's Penjing artist **Che Zhao Sheng**,

WILL CREATE TWO LARGE TRAY LANDSCAPE PENJING

Huang Jui Wei and Lu Zhiquan both live and work in Guangzhou, China.

Over thirty years ago, Huang Jui Wei and Che Zhao Sheng were students of Mr. Lu's father, Lu Xueming, who was the leading master of Lingnan style of penjing in southern China.

This is a rare chance to see three leading Chinese specialists together in the United States.

The two penjing art arrangements will be donated to the Huntington for the Penjing Courtyard now under construction.

Bonsai Club members should park in the west parking lot and go directly to the Ahmanson Classroom to receive a badge for the event.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH HUNTINGTON GENERAL ADMISSION

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