



CBS Bulletin

December 2022

Society Christmas Fling

Beverages-Pizza-BYO



Christmas Meeting Agenda:

- Meeting open to all members and visitors.
- Meet, greet and welcome new members and member introductions.
- Yearly summary of society progress --- with bonsai surprise.
- MJ Liaw to address a Christmas Work Shop.
- Closed nominations and society election of officers for 2023.
- **Best Bonsai Christmas tree society contest. Best tree voted by society members. Prize for winning tree is free 2024 membership.**
- Door Prize drawing.
- Meeting end and cleanup.

Beverages and pizza will be furnished by the society. Please bring your own favorite holiday finger food or dessert to share with the other members.

Bring a bonsai tree for a sale or swap with another member. No workshops or working on trees for this meeting.



Meeting Time and Date

- Location: Elks Lodge
- Date: Dec. 11th, 2022
- Set-up: 10:00 am
- Meeting: 10:30 am
- 1-1:30 pm Clean-up and take down chairs and tables

Society Business

Officer Nominations

The society members will vote on society officers at the December meeting. Nominations are open for any members wishing to submit a name before the society meeting vote. The nominations for the five elected officers are thus far:

President: Ruben Rodarte
Vice President: John McDonald
Treasurer: Leo Martinez
Secretary: Michael Mattia
Show Director: Patrick Gilmore



Meeting Place to Change

By a unanimous vote, the board to move 2023 meetings from the Elks Lodge to the community room at the Chico Library. The society held its meetings at this location until the COVID pandemic. Its larger space and the societies increased membership makes it a more desirable meeting place now that the community room is again available.



Society Dues Change for 2023

The board with one dissenting vote elected increase yearly membership to \$40. For first time members, who join between Oct-Dec, the \$40 dollars will include the next year. For example, if a new member joins in Oct. of 2023, the dues are \$40 and will cover the rest of 2023 and 2024. Student membership is ½ price or \$20.

The CBS can Now Accept Donations

The society is now able to accept tax deductible donations from local businesses for the education and promotion of bonsai with the general public. This is done through teaming with the North Valley Community Foundation. The vote if the board was unanimous. Many thanks to Martan Schwabe who spearheaded this effort on behalf of our society.

CBS Potpourri

Meeting Schedule for 2023 OKs by Board

The board voted on a schedule for 2023 meetings. A copy of the monthly schedule is now posted on the web page and on the 'Members' only web page:

<https://www.chicobonsaisociety.org/>

Credit Card Scanner



By consensus of society members at the November meeting, the board voted to purchase a credit card scanner. To break even with the bank charges, the minimum charge is \$8.00.

December Board Meeting Change

Because Christmas (25 Dec) is the day of the usually scheduled board meeting has been rescheduled to 18 Dec.

Topic Committee

The next Topic Committee meeting is scheduled for 5 December. The agenda will be to complete Work Shops for 2023. The minutes for the meeting when completed will be posted on the 'Members' page. Go to <https://www.chicobonsaisociety.org/>. in the 'Members' page under 'Our Society' password is: 1976.

Bonsai Questions?

Contact Pat, Ruben or Leo for those hard questions about your bonsai collection

- Patrick Gilmore gilappl@gmail.com
- Ruben Rodarte rubenrodarte123@gmail.com
- Leo Martinez LeoRMartin@gmail.com



CBS Contact List



Twenty-one members have signed up to be on the member directory. If you would like to be included, text: 530-321-1139 or email: jemcdonald@protonmail.com John McDonald.

Treasurers Report



Leo Martinez reported that the society has a total cash asset of \$8652.38 as of 14 November. The full treasurer's report when completed will be posted on the 'Members Only' page. Go to chicobonsaisociety.org. in the 'Members Only' page under 'Our

Bonsai Work Shop in Chico

With Bonchi Bonsai Sensei Matthew Walker



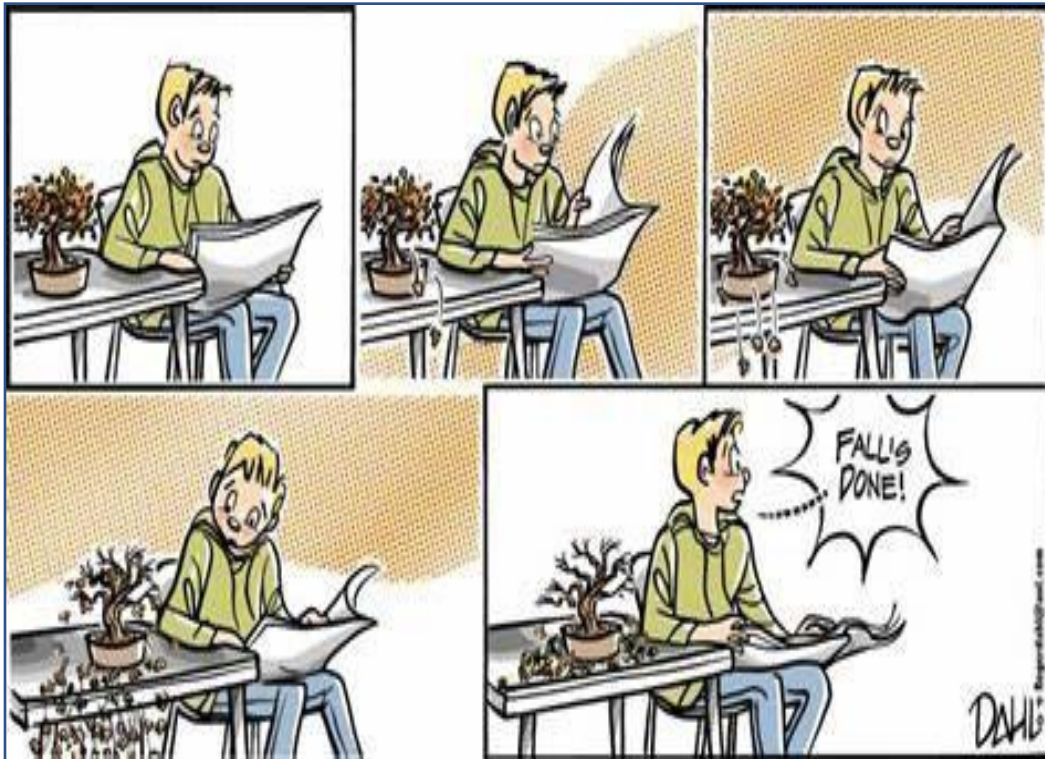
Tentative Details:

- Date[s] 18 & 19 Feb 2023
- Time 9:00 – 5:00 pm class each day
- Spots 6 people for each Work Shop
- Location 443 Stilson Cyn Rd.
- Final payment needs to be made with Joel Rainey at our December meeting.

This work shop is not sponsored by the Chico Bonsai Society and is paid for by the attending members only. All spots for the work shop have been filled. There is currently a waiting list.

The final payment is due at the December meeting with Joel Rainey. Joel can accept payment by cash, check or Venmo. is by cash, check, or Venmo. [checks made out to Joel Rainey c/o Bonchi Bonsai].

Important: Because the work shop is equally divided by all participants, no refunds will be available if you decide or unable to attend, unless a person on the waiting list agrees to take your spot.



*It's a 'Not to Miss' Meeting
Be a Part of the Celebration*

