

CBS Newsletter

June-July 2020

Meeting and Picnic Planned

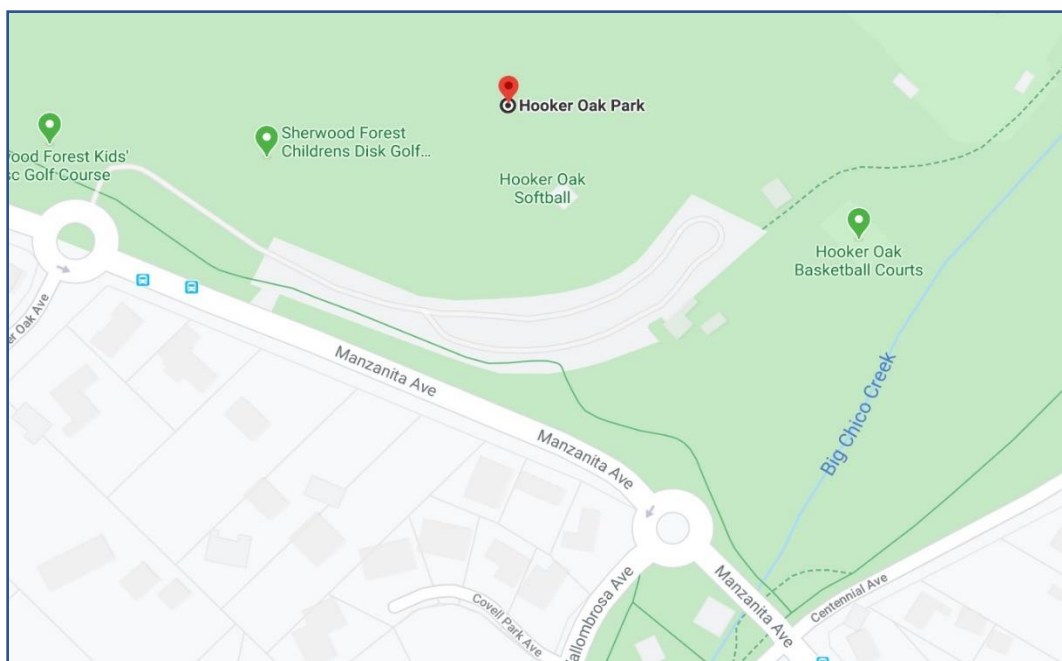
Sunday July 12, 2019 10:00 am

July Meeting Planned as COVID-19, Library Closure Continues

As of Sunday, there has not been word about when the library meeting room will open. In these unsettled times, without yet knowing a specific date, the CBS board members decided to sponsor an outdoor meeting and picnic pizza-q with pizza, soda and watermelon for society members at the regularly scheduled July 12th meeting. It will be held at Hooker Oak Park starting at 10:00 am.

Please bring in a plant for display, any spare cash/check for a plant raffle, and any unwell plant material that is in need of a diagnosis from our society sensei. A hardy appetite will help with the pizza.

We are requesting a head count to accurately plan for enough food and beverage. Please email chicobonsai.1976@gmail.com or call and leave a message if you plan to attend. Please bring a comfortable chair as seating may be limited. Social distancing and optional masks will be observed.



Location of Hooker Oak Park

What to Bring:

Time: Sunday July 12th at 10:00 am

Place: Hooker Oak Park.

What to Bring:

- Any Show Tree for Mini Show with Members
- Any plant material you need expert advice from our society sensei.
- Lucky rabbits' foot for member society raffle of bonsai material.
- Healthy appetite for society sponsored pizza, watermelon and soda. Please bring chairs as seating may be limited.
- We need a head count for the pizza. Please email chicobonsai.1976@gmail.com or call 530.321.1139 and leave your name to let us know if you plan on attending..

CBS Potpourri

Thoughts About Roberta [Walters]

Roberta had a profound influence on my bonsai life as well as that of many others. She founded the Chico bonsai society along with the 'forgotten man' Leonard Brown and several others. Under Roberta's leadership the Chico club became one of the outstanding clubs of California.

Our Sunday afternoon meetings were highly organized. A topic was established for each meeting of the year, such as mixing potting soil, repotting, choosing a pot, fertilizing, etc. A knowledgeable member would research the subject and lead the discussion. Part of the meeting would be devoted to a beginner training program. This was led by Janet, Roberta's daughter. Janet sadly passed away some years back from a brain tumor I believe. This training session would take place in a corner of the spacious CARD hall where we used to have meetings

Roberta provided workshops with outstanding bonsai masters. Some would bring plant material and others you brought your own tree. It might be an all-day workshop or possibly half day followed by an afternoon demo. The demo tree would be raffled off. Some names of the artists that come to mind are Jim Barret, Jim Gremel. Lindsey Shiba, Roy Nagatoshi, Harry Hirao, Kathy Shaner etc. All top-quality bonsai masters. Kathy by the way studied five years in Japan and was the first woman in Japan to be awarded the title of bonsai master.

Roberta led the club on three or four outings every year. It could be up highway 70 looking for decomposed granite, a local creek looking for suiseki, bonsai nurseries like Maruyama, or the Mammoth Bazaar at Lake Merritt, Oakland. On one such outing we went to assist in preparing the Bonsai Garden North. The work was mostly digging and shoveling. Thereafter some members went down on their own to assist, led by Kirk Demarest. You can visit the Bonsai Garden North when you go to the Mammoth Bazaar. They are in the same complex at Lake Merritt. On all of these outings we would car pool. We would meet at Roberta's house in Gridley and divide up. No one was ever left behind.

Random thoughts from Jerry Roche



Sketch 2002 Courtesy of Pat Gilmore



Golden State Bonsai Federation 2008 Courtesy of Pat Gilmore



Sketch 2002 Courtesy of Pat Gilmore

Bonsai Links

Pat Gilmore provided the following online links for help with developing your bonsai skills:

- Eisei-en Bonsai / Bojorn Bjorholm - <https://bjornbjorholm.com/>
- Bonsai Mirai / Ryan Neil - <https://bonsaimirai.com/>
- Lotus Bonsai / Scott Chadd - <http://www.lotusbonsai.com/>

The Three Amigo Chico Bonsai Sensei

Contact Pat, Ruben and Leo ready to go to answer questions about your bonsai plants.

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

New Video Posted

A new video, *Basic Styling and Interview with Pat Gilmore* is posted on the CBS website.

Go to this website address or click on this link:
<https://www.chicobonsaisociety.org/videos>



Board Meeting Summary 03 June 2020

- Update of CBS bylaws update will soon be available for review and approval.
- Because of the COVID 19 and shutdown, election of new officers has been delayed until next year.
- Financial status of Chico Society as of April 2020:
- Checking Acct \$6941.31 – Cash on Hand \$237.00 – Total Assets \$7178.31



Chico Bonsai Society (CBS) is a non-profit organization to promote the appreciation, knowledge, and cultivation of Bonsai through education, publicity, display and any other means which would advance the Art of Bonsai.

Membership: Chico Bonsai Society is a social hub based on the common interest of the Art of Bonsai. Membership is open to the general public, come join us. Guests and visitors are always welcome.

Annual Individual Memberships dues are \$30.00 per year plus \$5.00 for each additional member of the household. To join the CBS, mail your name(s), address, telephone and e-mail address plus a check made payable to the CBS for the correct amount to: **Leo Martinez, 1236 Whitewood Way., Chico, CA 95973.**

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The **Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF)** is an educational organization which provides services and activities promoting the wonderful art of bonsai. GSBF is made up of member clubs in California and affiliate clubs in the adjoining states.

- **Publication:** [Golden Statements Magazine](#) [free digital version], the official publication of GSBF, is printed four times each year with current bonsai articles and calendars of local club shows and events.
- **Education:** The Federation awards grants to assist the clubs with programs and provides several categories of bonsai scholarships which are available to worthy individuals. There is also an internship program in which qualified students are given assistance to study with a bonsai master in Japan or elsewhere.
- **The Chico Bonsai Society is a current member.**

The **American Bonsai Society (ABS)** is an international non-profit corporation founded in 1967 to promote knowledge of, and interest in, bonsai – and to serve as a national focal point for bonsai fanciers. The ABS publish the *ABS Bonsai Journal*, hold member conventions, and provide educational and support services to the bonsai community.

Individual Membership dues are \$45.00. Join the ABS online at: <https://www.joinit.org/o/american-bonsai-society/4n47EfHaY6Fs6oMoy>.