

## Topic Committee 18 July 2022 Meeting

Attending:           John McDonald   Linda Thomas   Joel Rainey  
                          Martin Schwabe   Scarlet Rhoads   Chris Carrigan

Absent:               Jim Rocca [emailed suggestions]   Carol Crljenica

### **Start Time: 7:00 pm**

Review two surveys – 1. Go over meeting topics. 2. Make any edits or additions.

Discussion was opened up to the group for comments, edits and additions.

#### I. Topics For Meetings

- a. Chris: Care for tools, pots, fertilizer...Teaching topic – Possible Work Shops. Types of tools, iron stainless steel, best prices and practical.  
Linda: Handouts for pre-printed material to husband has a copier that can make copies for topic hand outs for meetings she will be attending.
- b. Joel: Water quality, RO unit. Zones in summer heat, Soil system and water, how relates to fertilizer. Tree health, water quality, substances to reduce leaf tip burn, Shade cloth and were to buy. General acclimation that committee wants Joel to talk, Joel is willing.
- c. Martin: Write down when [dates and times] of bonsai topic on a bulletin board, have a directory of resources, including member directory.
- d. Chris: Put documents on Google Docs.
- e. Jim [via email]: Workshops in Jan & Feb like we had in 2022. Bonsai Styling, pruning and branch selection in summer. Seeds and cuttings, fall for seeds and spring for cuttings. Managing roots and wiring for early movement on trees.

#### II. Work Shops

- a. Joel: Mathew Walker: Bochi Bonsai workshop Jan or Feb 2023  
[www.bonchibonsai.com](http://www.bonchibonsai.com). Approx. \$400/day. He would come here. Hands on trees wiring tech, styling repotting nursery can to bonsai soil and game plan. Trained under known sensei. Grafting bonsai foliage. He can do heavy bending that needs rebar and has a forward-thinking bonsai approach. Bring your special tree for hands on workshop. Favorable consensus, especially if paid for by people who attend rather than a society sponsored event.

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### III. Field Trips

- a. Joel: Yamadori June or May 2023
- b. Ed Clarks Round Valley Nursery – Field grown bonsai material. Bonsai ready to dig out. It is in central California.

Ed Clark is the owner of Round Valley Nursery in Central California, and has become a staple vendor at many of the large California bonsai shows, and his offerings are impressive to say the least. Once a commercial Japanese Maple and Magnolia grower, Ed now uses his skills and talent to grow a wide variety of pre bonsai material, including Shimpaku, Japanese Black Pine, Maple, Cedar and Elm amongst many others. The Princess Persimmon was particularly popular. He is well known for his wire wrapped technique for developing twisted trunk material, and there were many examples on display.

### IV. Other

- a. Joel: Pacific Bonsai Expo: November 12-13, 2022  
<https://www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com/>

#### The Venue

- The Pacific Bonsai Expo is a juried exhibition featuring 70 outstanding bonsai displays and a selection of the community's top vendors.
- Jurors Bjorn Bjorholm, Ryan Neil, and William N. Valavanis will select the trees. The exhibitors are the judges. Your trees are the stars.
- Vendors will be at the venue.
- They are looking for volunteers.

- b. Martin: Introduce everyone and where from and how long bonsai [we have been forgetting].

**Meeting End 7:38 pm**

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