

GOLDEN NEWS

A quarterly GSBF newsletter with updates and events

GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous Updates

- While pre-registration is preferred, drop in registration is allowed for 3 day or single day admissions. See <https://www.gsbfbonsai.org/registration>
- Although the Saturday night dinner is sold out, registrants are welcome to join us around 8:30 pm for the announcement of the Joshua Roth Rising Star winner, the live auction of the 'Rising Star' styled trees, and our once in a life time chance to win a 400+ year old Utah Juniper styled by Bjorn Bjorholm. We will auction a special **Bonsai, Breakfast and Bjorn experience.**
- BYOB Social Hours Friday and Saturday evening are open to all registrants. Remember to bring a snack and your favorite beverage to share with friends.
- Tomodachi Groups on Friday and Saturday are great opportunities to bring a tree to style among friends as a donation to the silent auction.



October 30, 2023
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (P.D.T.)



Golden State Bonsai Federation invites member clubs to our quarterly Golden Zoom series featuring Jonas Dupuich.



During this interactive lecture, Jonas will educate us on proper bonsai pot selection followed by Q&A. Don't miss this educational evening as his presentation will not be posted on the GSBF YouTube Channel.

We will send the Zoom link to GSBF clubs, who are encouraged to share it with their membership.

See you there!

Calling Rendezvous Volunteers:

Be one of the first 30 volunteers to sign up for 4+ hours and get a limited edition Bonsai Rendezvous apron

<https://www.gsbfbonsai.org/volunteer-rendezvous>

A Message from the Chair:

Well, it's October and the BONSAI Rendezvous 2023 is approaching fast!

I'm proud to report that the Bonsai Rendezvous committee has done an outstanding job. And, they are continuing to work hard to put the finishing touches on all of the workshops, educational seminars, coordinating a wide variety of vendors, the Joshua Roth Competition, Bjorn's large Utah Juniper demo, the awards banquet, the 1st ever "All Collection Bonsai Show" and the auctions. All-in-all it's going to be a big change from the last few years. For all of you that will be attending... we are looking forward to putting on a great event!

For those that were not able to commit to a three-day event, but can join us for the day Friday or Saturday, there is still a nice offering of free events with your single day registration. We have a great vendor area, two great silent auction opportunities each day with outstanding deals, educational seminars, a chance to watch Bjorn style a 400+ year-old Utah Juniper on Saturday, our Joshua Roth contestants will be styling large 18-year-old Itoigawa Junipers on Saturday, the ability to watch the workshops as a silent observer and our 1st ever "All Collection" bonsai exhibit. Later in the afternoon and evening, you can join the BYOT Tomodachi group and style a bonsai for auction, schmooze with friends at our social hour and after the sold-out dinner, you can attend our great 'Live Auction' for a chance to win Bjorn's demo tree or any of the six Joshua Roth contestants' entries in the contest.

And... if all that isn't enough, we still have several fun workshops available. To see them on-line, click on "3 Day Admission" at: <https://gsbfrendezvous.regfox.com/gsbfbonsai-rendezvous-2023>

I want to offer a HUGE SHOUT OUT to all those that have generously donated material, money and trees! You folks ROCK! And, to all those that have registered, and to our Educational Seminar speakers, our Workshop Leaders, Vendors, our Joshua Roth 'Rising Star' contestants and all of the committee volunteers and on-site volunteers, I want to send out A HUGE THANK YOU as well! Each of you is contributing your time, expertise and knowledge to further the art of bonsai within the bonsai community. All of us at the GSBF and the Bonsai Rendezvous Committee truly appreciate your involvement. Let's get ready to have a great event!

Michael Roberts,
Chair, Golden State Bonsai Federation

Featured GSBF Board Member



Dodie Newman
Treasurer

Dodie Newman worked professionally as a Speech-Language Pathologist for 37 years. She specialized in the rehabilitation of survivors of traumatic brain injury, stroke and other neurological impairments. Additionally, volunteering in her community has always been a passion. As a young mother and while working full time, Dodie led 2000 volunteers in building a 12,000 sq. ft. playground from raw lumber over the course of five days. She became involved in her local high school by holding numerous offices in the athletic booster club. She also coordinated "Every 15 Minutes", an anti-drinking and driving program.

Her bonsai journey began in 2016 when she won a small Japanese black pine in a raffle while attending her first bonsai show. Today, she is president of the American Bonsai Association Sacramento (ABAS) as well as a member of the Sacramento Bonsai Club. In January of 2021, Dodie became treasurer and membership coordinator for GSBF. Her duties include managing the GSBF insurance program, membership as well as the financials, prioritizing financial accountability, transparent record keeping, and increased and timely communication with the clubs. Three years ago, Dodie became a member of the Rendezvous committee and later the Committee Chair.



A Rare Opportunity!

For those attending Saturday nights Live Auction, there will be a once in a life time opportunity to win this 400+ year-old Utah Juniper. This tree was collected by Tom Vuong and will be styled by Bjorn Bjorholm on Saturday and auctioned after the Awards Banquet Saturday evening. Next year Bjorn will be moving to Japan, making this one of his last demo trees available to be auctioned

Earlier Saturday evening, we will be awarding the winner of the Joshua Roth 'Rising Stars' competition. Following, we will auction all of the contestant trees. These contestants are part of the new generation of professionals and have been chosen to compete because of their outstanding ability. This is a great opportunity to win trees styled by the best of the next generation of bonsai artists.



Meet the July Golden Zoom Presenter: Jonas Dupuich

Over twenty years ago while working at his family's nursery, Jonas began his bonsai journey when he met Boon Manakitivipart. After seeing a neglected black pine tree that Boon had styled ... he was hooked.

That experience kicked off more than two decades of study with Boon. During that time, Jonas became a founding member of Boon's club, Bay Island Bonsai. Jonas also, started his own website and Blog, '*Bonsai Tonight*'.

In 2015, Jonas' turned his hobby into his full-time profession. He began running a Northern California bonsai nursery where he continues to teach and write about bonsai. Today, Jonas grows a variety of tree species, specializing in developing Japanese black pine from seed. He is the author of '*The Little Book of Bonsai*' and the '*Bonsai Tonight*' blog, as well as being a co-founder of the Pacific Bonsai Expo.

Jonas' primary aim in bonsai is the same today as it was more than twenty years ago: to help as many people as possible appreciate beautiful bonsai. Learn more at bonsaitonight.com.

Golden Zoom 2024 Tentative Schedule

January 22 - Mike Lane, (Florida)

April 22 - Yannick Kiggen - (Belgium)

July 22 - Caz Scott - (UK)

October 28 - Tyler Sherrod (North Carolina)

New Bonsai Rendezvous Educational Seminar Speaker:



Laurent Darrieux, a bonsai profession from Capbrenton, France will share his avant-guard approach to bonsai on Saturday, Oct 21 from 1:30 - 3:00.

All Rendezvous Educational Seminars are free to registrants. Don't miss out these wonderful learning opportunities:

Friday, October 20:

9:00 - 10:30. **John Kim** - Bonsai Tools: What you need to know

11:00 - 12:30 **Jonas Dupuich** - How to Shop for Pre-Bonsai Material

1:30 - 3:00 **Adam Toth** - Tree Styling and Development

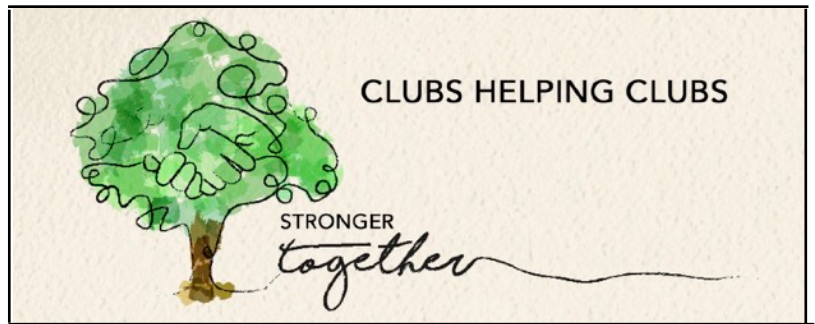
3:30 - 5:00. **Mike Pistello** - Applying Raffia: When, Why and How

Saturday, October 21:

9:00 - 10:30. **Peter Tea** - Bonsai Structure and Development: How Bonsai are Built from the Ground Up

11:00 - 12:30 **Julian Tsai** - Bonsai Art vs Craft: Finding a Balance in Contemporary American Bonsai

1:30 - 3:00 **Laurent Darrieux** - Cosmic Bonsai



One of the primary goals of GSBF is to help clubs become stronger and more dynamic.

The GSBF Board has been brainstorming ideas to assist our member clubs. Some ideas generated include:

- Creating a President's Club Blog section on the GSBF website. GSBF Member Club Presidents can network with each other.
- Guide GSBF Member Clubs in joining forces to share transportation costs. This networking may allow several clubs to bring in outside an speaker that typically an individual club might not be able to afford alone.
- The recent New Member Recruitment contest indicated the value of a website to recruit / retain members. To that end, GSBF can assist clubs in developing a basic website utilizing Wix, a website platform used by GSBF. Clubs would then independently develop and maintain their future content.
- Show clubs how to use information posted on the GSBF website, such as the club directory and events pages, to be more aware of the activities of other local clubs thus improving networking.

If you have suggestions regarding ways GSBF can assist our member clubs, please contact us at gsbonsaifed@gmail.com

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS



Silent Auction

2 silent auctions each day Friday and Saturday
 Consignment Sale opportunities available
 Donations to the silent auction will be greatly appreciated

Live Auction

Open to all Saturday registrants - Saturday evening after dinner
 Bjorn's styled Utah Juniper (400 to 500 years old)
 6 Joshua Roth Rising Stars trees

A special to-be-announced option



Silent Auction / Consignment Sales & Donations:

We encourage all GSBF clubs to donate one or more items to the silent auction helping us raise funds for ongoing and new programs. Consignment sale opportunities are also available to all. Clear some space on your crowded benches or shelves by selling bonsai trees and/or bonsai related items. Sellers set their starting price and will receive 70% of sale price. For more information, check out: <https://www.gsbfbonsai.org/auction-info-forms-1>

During the silent auction, a **Bid War** will be called when silent auction items have multiple people actively bidding at the close of the auction.

Interested parties will be allowed to continuing bidding in \$10 minimum increments. Once there's a substantial pause in bidding, the item will close.

Bid often, sell a tree on consignment or donate an item to help...



Thanks to all for supporting GSBF through our silent

In Memory:

David Meyer, founder of the Tucson Bonsai Society, passed away on May 30, 2023. A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Tucson Botanical Garden on September 30, 2023. More information on David's life and legacy may be found at <https://www.tucsonbonsai.org/david-meyer-profile>

Rendezvous photos and videos wanted!

Share your Rendezvous experiences; by uploading your photos and videos to

[Bonsai Rendezvous 2023 Photos](#)

After the Rendezvous, we will share many of these photos on the GSBF website as well as use them in future promotional materials.

Saturday evening Special Live Auctions

After Saturday night's dinner, the six Joshua Roth Rising Stars contestant trees and Bjorn's styled Utah juniper will be auctioned. In addition, a special experiential auction item, **Bonsai, Breakfast and Bjorn**, will be offered. The lucky winner will have breakfast with Bjorn on Sunday morning, discuss the styling of a raw juniper and take home the Bjorn-styled juniper following his demo and Q&A on Sunday.