

GSBF Collections: Learning Opportunities in our Gardens



Bonsai Class – Introduction to Bonsai Hosted by the East Bay Bonsai Society.

Free two hour class, fourth Sunday of the month except February and December, from 1-3 at the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt

Have you recently gotten a bonsai tree and wondered how to take care of it? Have you gone through our Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt and wondered how we develop and maintain these wonderful trees? Then come to our Introduction to Bonsai class and get an overview of what bonsai is about. You'll learn about seasonal maintenance work such as repotting, trimming, watering and fertilizing, as well as the basic styles of bonsai and the techniques we use to shape the trees.

This free class is structured for beginners. To register go to <https://bonsailakemerritt.com/events/>



Volunteer at the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen Japanese

Garden in Woodward Park!

Volunteers help maintain the serene ambiance of our garden and its impressive, carefully crafted bonsai. If you enjoy working with your hands, or learning about the art of bonsai, and Japanese culture, you will enjoy volunteering in the garden.

The Clark Bonsai Collection is in serious need of volunteers to keep the garden open to the increasing numbers of visitors.

Please consider becoming a member of the Clark Bonsai Collection Volunteer Family!

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Landscaping Tenders
- Bonsai Tending
- Host/Docent
- Gift Shop Sales
- Organizational Support: Clerical, I.T./Social
- Media
- Photography/Videography
- Event Support

<https://gsbfclarkbonsaicollection.org/volunteer/>



The First Thursday Program at the Huntington

The Huntington offers free tickets to the library and gardens on the first Thursday of each month, which is one of the busiest days for The Huntington. The GSBF started the First Thursday Program over 15 years ago.

As a bonsai garden specialist, volunteers interact with visitors. They answer questions about specific trees in the collections, local bonsai clubs and classes. It is like working a club show, only at The Huntington on the first Thursday of the month.

There are no requirements to be a volunteer, other than a love for the art of bonsai and an interest in promoting this hobby.

If you have any questions, or wish to volunteer

<http://www.gsbfhuntington.com/get-involved.html>