



GOLDEN STATE BONSAI FEDERATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Dear Club President or Correspondent:

The Golden State Bonsai Federation would like to invite your club to renew your membership or join our organization. Some programs the GSBF uses to promote the Education and Art of Bonsai are: An intern program, grants and scholarships, workshops and demonstrations by local and visiting bonsai masters. We have permanent Bonsai Collections in both Northern and Southern California, and an annual autumn Convention. Also, as a supplemental benefit to member clubs, GSBF offers a low cost insurance policy for an additional fee. (For more information about insurance contact Abe Far, abefar@cox.net.)

Enclosed is the Annual Membership Application Form. (This form is also available at the GSBF web site www.gsbf-bonsai.org.) Annual dues for GSBF membership are \$40.00 and must be paid by February 10, of each year. Affiliate (non-California) Clubs are offered membership for the same \$40 annual dues. Please complete this application, include a check made payable to GSBF Membership Dues and mail it by February 10, to:

**Bill Burns
5212 Dredger Way
Orangevale, CA 95662**

Please type or legibly print the information. It will be posted with other member clubs in the GSBF website Club Directory for communications between you, other clubs and bonsai enthusiasts. *(The privacy of home addresses will be respected and will not be posted in the website directory or indiscriminately shared.)* PLEASE INCLUDE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS TO FACILITATE CORRESPONDING AND TO SAVE ON MAILING COSTS.

The Application form is designed and formatted to correspond with the website Club Directory. It provides a space for your club's website to allow a more readily and in-depth way information can be obtained about your club. The form also asks for your club's primary meeting time, date, location, and the name of two club contact persons and their contact information. The form also provides space for a second meeting time, as some clubs have monthly workshops or other assemblies. The information will be included on the GSBF website, which is the most visible and readily accessible venue for anyone who seeks information about GSBF member clubs. Please provide names of two club members who are receptive to inquiries and will readily share information about your club.

Every club has a valued member who is highly active and could be considered the mainstay of the organization. Please consider naming this person as one of your club's contact. The GSBF website is the most likely way someone new to your area could contact your club for information, so it is essential that reliable contact persons and correct information are provided. *(Again, please provide e-mail addresses, if possible. Clubs might consider a generic club e-mail address that can be easily transferred to another member when club positions change.)* Again, providing your club's website, if available, would allow another contact mode.

Please check the accuracy of your club's information on the GSBF website at: www.gsbf-bonsai.org. To help us improve our organization and to better serve you, we welcome your ideas, suggestions and comments. If you have any questions or need to make any corrections or updates to the information (i.e., new president, new correspondent, change of phone, e-mail or street address, or any other information), please feel free to contact me.

**Bill Burns, Membership Chairman
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Renewal



New Member

Date: _____

Club Name: _____ Club Website: _____

Meeting Day: _____ Meeting Time: _____ Number of members: _____

Place/Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Second Meeting Day: _____ Meeting Time: _____

Place/Address of Meeting: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CLUB PRESIDENT: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____ E-mail: _____

CORRESPONDENT: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____ E-mail: _____

If a contact person and/or information changes, please notify me immediately, so I can update the website. All mail from the GSBF, other correspondence and *Golden Statements* magazine will be sent to:
(Choose One)

Club President _____ Correspondent _____

Include a \$40 check made payable to *GSBF Membership Dues* and mail it to:

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