

## **Official Procedures for the BGLM Mammoth Fundraiser 2027**

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Saturday January 23, 2027:**

9:00 AM: Sale items are accepted until 4:00 PM

11:00 AM: Bidder registration open until end of auction

12:00 PM: Preview of auction items open

1:00 PM: Auction official start

Auction will wrap up by 4:00 PM.

Unsold item pickup — Consignors must retrieve any unsold items between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM on the day of the auction.

#### **Sunday January 24, 2027:**

8:00 AM: Sale items accepted until 9:00 AM.

9:00 AM: Large vendor area open until 3:00 PM

10:00 AM: Consignment and donation sale open until 3:00 PM

Unsold item pickup — Consignors must retrieve any unsold sale items by 3:30 PM on the day of the sale. Items not picked up by then are automatically considered donations to the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt."

### **Auction Items**

Quality bonsai, pots or stands can be submitted to the auction. All auction items need to be approved by the BGLM auction team and received in "*show ready*" condition at the BGLM before Saturday, November 21, 2026. Each auction item will be photographed, published in a catalog, posted on social media and BGLM website. The first step to submit items is to contact the BGLM auction team. Consignment items will

have a minimum charge of 25% for sale price charge. Full donations are appreciated and tax deductible. For more information, contact Suzanne Muller, 925-787-1349, [queueinteriors@comcast.net](mailto:queueinteriors@comcast.net).

For more instructions and auction forms click on the Auction Forms button.

### **How to Bid in the Saturday Auction:**

To bid on items during the Saturday auction, simply register and purchase a catalog and bidder's card for \$5 when you arrive on Saturday. Registration opens at 11:00 AM and stays open for the duration of the auction. A bidder's card is required in order to place bids on auction items. The catalog illustrates the items that will be auctioned in sequence and includes a description of each item.

Auction items will be available for public viewing at 12:00 PM on Saturday, one hour before bidding starts at 1:00 PM. Each item will display the catalog number of the item and description.

The auctioneer will determine the opening bid. Raises above the opening bid will be approximately 10% increments. For instance, an item with a minimum bid of \$250 will be raised in increments of \$25. If any dispute arises during the auction, it shall be reviewed by the auction chairs, and their resolution will be final.

During the auction of each item, the winning bidder will receive an auction item number for your bidder's card from an auction official. Each bidder is encouraged to record on their bidder's card the purchase amount next to the item number. Bidders may exit the auction at any time when their bidding is complete. Bring your bidder's card to the cashier. The cashier will have the information and price for each item you have won.

While disputes are rare, any disputes will be reviewed by the auction chairs, and their ruling will be final. You may pay with credit cards, checks, cash, and Google Wallet or Apple Pay from your cell phone. We cannot accept peer-to-peer payment methods such as Venmo, Zell, or PayPal. After purchase you will be given a paper receipt marked PAID. Bring this receipt to an auction official and they will retrieve your item(s) for you. For

security purposes, this stamped paid receipt will be checked at the front door.

To get large and heavy items to your car, carts will be available for your use free of charge. To borrow a cart, leave your driver's license with the appropriate volunteer at the front door.

## **Sale Items**

All bonsai related items are suitable for the sale, such as pre-bonsai, bonsai, tools, pots, accent plant material, stands, books, etc. Consignment items will have a charge of 25% for the sale price charge. Full donations are appreciated and tax deductible.

Material for the Sunday sale will be accepted at the Lakeside Park Garden Center on Saturday, January 23, 2027, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (preferred date and time) and Sunday, January 24, 2027, between 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM. For more information, contact Suzanne Muller, 925-787-1349, [queueinteriors@comcast.net](mailto:queueinteriors@comcast.net).

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## **How to Buy items at the Sunday Sale (10:00 AM - 3:00 PM):**

The Sunday sale is an exceptional opportunity to discover outstanding bargains and good-quality bonsai material in one place.

While shopping, the items that you intend to purchase must be kept with you. There is no place where you can hold items that are not yet paid for. If your unattended item is picked up by another buyer, it is theirs to purchase. Carts are not allowed in the sales area.

Once you have made your selection, you may get in line to pay for your items. If you have many items, or heavy items, a cart may be provided for you. There will be line monitors to point you to the cashiers when it is your turn.

You may pay with credit cards, checks, cash, and Google Wallet or Apple Pay from your cell phone. We cannot accept peer-to-peer payment methods such as Venmo, Zelle, or PayPal. After purchase you will be given

a receipt marked PAID. For security purposes, this stamped paid receipt will be checked at the front door. To get large and heavy items to your car, carts will be available for your use free of charge. To borrow a cart, leave your driver's license with the appropriate volunteer near the front door.

**Vendor Area (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sunday only):**

On Sunday, do not miss the large vendor area, where bonsai professionals will offer an impressive selection of high-quality trees, pots, soil, tools, and other bonsai essentials. It is a wonderful opportunity to browse unique finds and shop directly with expert vendors, each of whom manages their own sales.

**Want to Volunteer?**

Volunteer signups will start in October 2026. To get an email notification and link to the *Sign-Up Genius* in October, please send an email request with subject line "Mammoth 2027 Volunteer" and your contact information to: Suzanne Muller at [queueinteriors@comcast.net](mailto:queueinteriors@comcast.net).

**Questions?**

If you have any questions about the BGLM Mammoth Auction and Sale, please contact chairperson Suzanne Muller, 925-787-1349, [queueinteriors@comcast.net](mailto:queueinteriors@comcast.net).

Thank you for supporting the BGLM Mammoth Auction and Sale.