



# Bonsai

## News & Notes

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### Club Happenings

**Your Club Needs YOU...**to sign up for host and or tokonoma. This is the only way we can have snacks at each meeting and distribute the logistics evenly among the members. If you do not have appropriate trees, accent plants, stones or backdrops for the tokonoma, ask one of the other members to assist you. Most of them have the necessary materials to make a good looking tokonoma.

### Club Library

Take advantage of the club library. There are wonderful bonsai books with beautiful pictures for examples to style bonsai and more advice than you can use in a lifetime. Books and CD's have been added to the club library. If you know of one we should add, give us the details. Check them out. Email Lynn to request a specific book.

Beneath the  
autumn sky  
Some blossoms  
grow which never  
see  
A bird or butterfly

Basho

### November — Winter is Coming

Lee Vanderpool

If you have not provided arrangements for cold protection for your bonsai, you are pushing the limit. The first frost could happen any day - or night! Although the National Weather Service has forecast a milder-than-average winter this year due to El Nino conditions, we can still expect to have a few freezing events during the winter season.

Continue to water your bonsai although the weather has turned cooler. A cool day with north or west wind will quickly dry a shallow bonsai pot and your bonsai could be in danger of desiccation, leaf loss and possible death. Deciduous trees should be losing their leaves now and will remain dormant throughout the winter, requiring no fertilizer and less water than usual.

Evergreens on the other hand, never go completely dormant in our climate with their root systems continuing

\*\*\*Jingle Bells\*\*\*

Club Christmas party scheduled for  
December 4th. We'll have more details  
soon.



Staring down the wild juniper  
Andy does it well  
Photo by R Voelker

to develop and the requirement for water, although reduced, is still present. A couple of applications of super fine oil spaced two weeks apart will destroy hibernating insects and most of their eggs. **Do not apply oil spray to evergreens such as junipers and pines since it will clog their pores and not allow them to breath.** You can prune junipers now to prepare them for the burst of growth as soon as warm weather returns. If careful and roots are not disturbed too much, repotting of junipers, pines, boxwoods and most other evergreen plants may be undertaken. Wait until late winter or early spring to repot deciduous plants. This is a good time to do those jobs of mixing soil, cleaning pots, sharpening tools and other necessary but tedious actions needed to prepare for the spring repotting frenzy.

Enjoy the season!

As I read Lee's article, I listened to my 'head bonsai man' spraying away with oil on the junipers and pines.

WHOA!! WAIT!! Now what??

A strong stream of water applied to all the bonsai cleaned things off and further research says to use a soap spray to take care of the insects and their eggs.

Maybe another strong stream of water...just to be safe?

### Workshop with Russell Coker

Russell Coker from Mobile, will conduct a workshop on **November 10** at the Extension Annex at 1:00 PM. We will have pizza at 12:00 PM so bring your appetite. Although he specializes in azaleas, Russell will work on any variety of tree. Born and raised in Ft Walton Beach, Russell was a member of the Ft Walton Beach Bonsai Society for many years. He served an extended apprenticeship in Japan and currently has a landscaping business in Mobile. Take advantage of his expertise in styling bonsai and in refining already show quality trees.

(Note the date change. It is one week earlier than first announced.)

## Coming Events

- First meeting in November Lee will share info on camellias
- Russell Coker from Mobile, will conduct a workshop on November 10 at the Extension Annex at 1:00 PM
- A Non-Event...No FWBBS Newsletter in December
- BSF 2019 convention. See [bonsai-bsf.com](http://bonsai-bsf.com) for information as it is added
- June 16, 2019 - Club auction



If you hunt long enough, says Andy, there really is a trunk in the juniper.

Photo by R Voelker



And we begin with this...

## Meetings

Fort Walton Beach Society - 1st  
Tuesdays and 3rd Thursdays, County  
Extension Annex Building

across from the VW dealer

127 Hollywood Blvd - Board Meeting at 7  
PM, Membership Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Workshops as announced...

Pensacola Gulf Coast Bonsai Society:  
2nd Thursday, Pensacola Garden  
Center, 1850 9th Ave, Board Meeting at  
7 PM, membership Meeting at 7:30 PM.

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## The Truth About Bonsai

There is an image of bonsai as a mystical magical practice belonging to an ancient culture, requiring apprenticeship to the master and knowledge of foreign terms.

Bonsai is actually an engaging, challenging, intimate form of horticulture, that functions as a form of creative expression.

Based on a one-on-one relationship between a person and a plant, it requires practice, persistence and patience.

Bonsai gardeners lovingly tend to their subjects, and the plants respond with health and beauty. The art of bonsai is a study in vitality, produced by the thoughtful and careful management of perpetual growth.

Source unknown. Possibly from the National Bonsai  
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