



Bonsai

News & Notes

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Club Happenings

Your Club Needs YOU...to sign up for host and 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 older 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.

April - The Month of Big Changes

Lee Vanderpool

The transitional month between winter and summer, April goes from cool and relatively dry weather to wet and windy/dry and windy weather. Either way, the wind will damage trees just in their first flush of new growth. Dry wind will desiccate trees and parch the soil in just a few hours. Wet and windy can be almost as bad. If tree roots remain wet for too long, they will probably contract one of the waterborne funguses which can kill a tree in a matter of days. The wind may knock flowers and new foliage from the branches of trees. Azaleas are particularly susceptible to wet and wind. Azalea flowers contract azalea blight from water hitting the petals and the wind can spread the disease from plant to plant. If you want to preserve the blossoms of an azalea, bring it into the house or a sheltered area when watering or when rain threatens.

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Far across hill
and dale
The blossoms of
the plum have
cast
A delicate pink
veil.
Kiho



'and the trees will dance'

photo R Voelker



photo by R Voelker

Water only the root area of the tree and keep water off the petals of the flowers. Now is the perfect time to apply the first round of insecticide. Aphids, leaf miners and thrips all thrive in the late spring and early summer warmth. Any of the commercially available insecticides are good on almost any plant. Some trees, such as buttonwood, are sensitive to some insecticides so get guidance from an experienced bonsai person in your area before you spray some of the more exotic bonsai. Enjoy the spring weather and the new growth of your trees!

Coming Events & Dates

-April 3, 2018 - FWBBS meeting.
Podocarpus lecture by Edgar. Host and tokonoma, Rosemarie

-April 19, 2018 - Podocarpus workshop.
Janis family will host

-May 12, 2018 - Russell Coker workshop at the Ext. Annex

-May 12, 2018 - Azalea City Bonsai Society in Mobile, bonsai exhibit at the West Regional Library, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

-May 24-28, 2018 - BSF Convention, "Learning From Our Legacy", Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 8001 Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando FL 32809

-June 16, 2018 - Club auction at the Extension Annex, 127 Hollywood Blvd, Fort Walton Beach FL

-October 12-14, 2018 - BCI Convention, Mulhouse, France



photo by E Fabian

FWBBS had the pleasure of hosting Juan Andrade as he turned wannabes into the bonsai we all hoped our tree would be.

From the comments of the audience, we would gladly have Juan come back again. We all learned something about every tree worked on whether we grew that species or not.

Thanks, Juan. The workshop was a treat.

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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