



Bonsai

News & Notes

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Club Happenings

Please 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. New books and CD's have been added to the club library so check them out. Email Lynn to request a specific book.

Potting and Repotting - NOW is the Time

Lee Vanderpool

If you have not begun potting or repotting your deciduous trees, now is the time to do so. Hornbeams, elms, maples, grapes, ginkgoes and any other deciduous trees need to be repotted when as nearly dormant as possible. After repotting, remember to keep the plants out of direct sun and out of the wind. Water well the first time then water only when the soil is dry to the touch.

Evergreen hollies such as yaupon can be set aside for the time being as can pines, junipers and other evergreen trees and

*Come out! Come
out with me!
It's worth a
tumble in the
snow
The wondrous
sight to see.*

Basho



Cherry, non-baring...photo by E Fabian

shrubs. This is also a good time to repot bald and pond cypress. Remember to keep cypress in a container of water for at least the first few months after repotting although they can remain in water for extended periods.

The key to success when potting or repotting trees is to have a very porous potting mix. The club mix works very well for this area but any well draining mix of organic and inorganic products may be used with good results. Trim trees for shape and remove any branches or twigs which will not be used in the design.

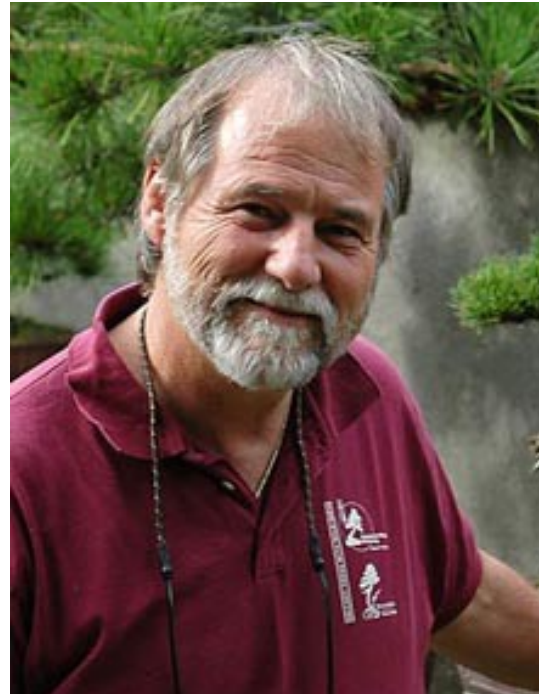
This is the best time to trim deciduous bonsai since you can easily see the branch structure and eliminate the things which are not needed. Do not fertilize until the new buds begin to swell then use a weak mixture of liquid fertilizer. When leaves begin to unfurl later in the spring then you should begin to use solid fertilizers and stronger liquid mixes.

Enjoy the spring!



Hornbeam, Ed L. Photo by R Voelker

No Meeting on Feb 21...Workshop
with Jim Doyle Feb 27



Jim Doyle: photo by Walter Paul

Dates to remember...

Feb 5 - Regular meeting. Conifers with Lynn, also hosts.

Feb 21 - NO MEETING

February 27 - Jim Doyle-Workshop, BSF visiting teacher. Dinner at Slick Mick's at 5:30p, workshop begins at 7:00p at the Extension Annex

May 4 - Spring bonsai show

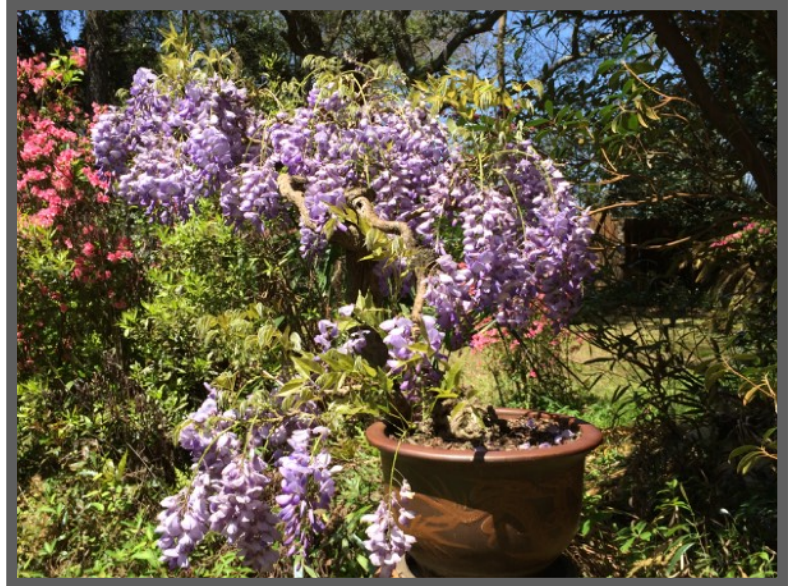
May 11 - Workshop with Russell Coker

June 4 - Bonsai auction



Remembering last year's Show. Start thinking about what you want to show and work to bring it to perfection!

Ficus and Kingsville boxwood
Photo by R Voelker



Wisteria-J Smith
Photo by E Fabian

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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.

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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