



# 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.

### January - Where Is The Cold?

So far this season, we have had no cold (below freezing) weather. Climatologists say it is because "El Nino" has set up over the tropical Pacific Ocean and is influencing our weather. If so, good. If not, still good - we do not have to contend with moving plants inside when cold happens then outside when warmth returns. Bad thing about this is that, if really cold weather comes later in the late winter, our plants will not be acclimated to it and may suffer severe damage if not protected. Just have to play it by ear and

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Haiku

Winter branches,

A skyful of crows coming in

From all directions

Davina Kosh, Brushstrokes

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make decisions based upon the forecasts.

Tropicals should be under cover, anyway, either in a greenhouse or in a room in the house so they should not need additional protection if it does get nasty. You may want to use this nice warm weather to mix soil for use later in the year and clean pots that you may need when repotting season happens in the near future. You should be able to begin repotting deciduous trees in January followed by pines in February or early March.

Boxwoods are not particular about when they are repotted so may be root pruned and repotted with pines. Junipers may be delayed into warmer weather, mid to late March. Tropicals, of course, should be repotted during warmer weather after the nighttime temps remain above 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Water as needed depending upon the winds and temperature. Check the moisture in your bonsai pots often and water when it is moderately dry.

Pines, junipers and other evergreens are still growing and some of the deciduous trees have not lost last years' leaves. Makes it difficult to judge when to water. Too much or too little may be harmful or even fatal at this time of year so use your best instincts and hope for the best. Hope everyone had a good Christmas and got a lot of neat bonsai things.

## Dates to Remember:

Fort Walton Beach

Bonsai Society

Visit the Club website for more information.



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# 2015

<b>January 5</b>	<b>January 15</b>	<b>January 21</b>	<b>March 21</b>	<b>March 27 - 30</b>
Club meeting. Program will be a slide show of the 2015 China BCI Convention and other sites by Rosemarie.	Kawa Joy of Bonsai, Flagler County Extension Office, 150 Sawgrass Road, Bunnell, FL	Club meeting. Thread grafting and approach grafting by Lee	Ted Matson workshop. More info to follow.	BSF 43rd Annual Convention, Florida Hotel & Conference Center, Florida Mall, 1500 Sand Lake Rd, Orlando, FL

### Meetings:

Fort Walton Beach Society – 1st Tuesdays and 3rd Thursdays, County Extension Building, 127 Hollywood Blvd, Board Meeting at 7 PM, Membership Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Hama Matsu: One day a month at a members home.

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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