



# 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.

## Ted Matson

We are honored to have bonsai teacher Ted Matson lead a club workshop at the Extension Annex, 127 Hollywood Blvd, on March 11 at 7:00 PM. Club members will have dinner with Ted at Slick Mick's on Eglin Parkway at 5:00 PM prior to the workshop. Although Ted is known for his work with small and very small bonsai, his expertise extends to any size and any variety of

Haiku

In spite of cold and chills

That usher in the early spring

We have the daffodils.

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Photo by Rosemarie Voelker

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potential bonsai.

From the Bonsai Societies of Florida webpage, the following excerpt was taken: "Although Ted is a lover of shohin bonsai, his collection includes trees of all sizes, styles and a range of species. They are known for their proportion, refinement and detail. Perhaps most notable of his bonsai is a 7-tree Foemina juniper grove on a granite slab that was selected for photographic display in the 1999 JAL World Bonsai Contest. In February 2000, the tree was featured in an article in the Bonsai Shunju, the official publication of the Nippon Bonsai Association."

This is a free workshop for club members and participants will be limited to one tree.



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## March - The Beginning of the Busy Season by Lee Vanderpool

With the extraordinarily mild weather all winter, our trees are leafing out and blooming far earlier than normal. Two downsides to this are: First, if there is a freeze or even a mild frost in early March, both foliage and flowers on small trees may be damaged or killed. Second, fewer plants will be in early spring growth and flower for the Ft Walton Spring Bonsai Show on April 29. Unfortunately, there is no simple way to stop these actions from happening. The best preventative is good care and good bonsai practices such as routine fertilizing and watering. If these things were done during the past summer and fall, potential damage should be minimal.



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Visit the Club website for more information.



Repotting should be well underway now with the goal to be completion by the end of March. Do not wait too long, though, or you will miss the repotting window completely. This is also the time to collect from the wild and to pot up trees for the first time out of their temporary growing containers into pots. The pots should be on hands since you inventoried last fall and ordered the pots you would need this spring. Keeping a good supply of pots on hand is a good idea so you may be prepared when something untoward happens such as a favorite tree blows off its bench during a windstorm and the pot shatters.

## Dates to Remember:

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<p><b>March 11</b></p> <p>Ted Matson from California will conduct a workshop at the Extension Annex at 7:00 PM. Ted works on any variety of tree and specializes in small and very small bonsai.</p>	<p><b>April 29</b></p> <p>Ft Walton Beach Bonsai Society spring show at Meridian at Westwood. More information to follow.</p>	<p><b>May 26-28</b></p> <p>ABS/BSF Convention at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando. Go to <a href="http://bonsai-bsf.com">http://bonsai-bsf.com</a> for registration forms and schedule.</p>	<p><b>June 10</b></p> <p>Ft Walton Beach Bonsai Society spring auction.</p>

### 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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