



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.

Let the March Winds Blow... by Lee Vanderpool

March is probably the finest month of the year in northern Florida. Temperatures as well as humidity are up but not too hot or too damp. Azaleas, quince, crabapples and other spring blooming plants are in flower while deciduous trees are just beginning to show green. Pine candles are sprouting at a prodigious rate but junipers are still waiting for the correct time to begin growth. Most of your repotting should be completed while tropicals and maybe some junipers and azaleas are left to

Haiku

Clear from the hilltop high,

The temple lamp shines down to say,

The snow will soon pass by.

SHIKI



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Photo by Rosemarie Voelker

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site for more infor-
mation.

Cascade Bonsai Pot

finish off during this month. Now is the time to increase watering frequency, keeping in mind that, as Mother Nature waters with rain, you will have to decrease the frequency of providing extra moisture. Begin to spray with fungicide and make the first application of half strength fertilizer to your bonsai. Trees and shrubs in nursery pots may get full strength fertilizer. About the middle of March is the last frost day - but beware! The odd cold night could still happen with drastic results. Be prepared to protect tender new foliage if frost is forecast. Most of your trees should be back on their benches by March 15th and enjoying the spring sunshine. Again, be careful. If a tree has spent the past couple of months in a greenhouse or inside your house, it can sun scald rapidly if put directly into the sunlight. Move tender plants into full sun gradually. Azaleas will need trimming and repotting after they flower if you did not repot in early spring. Pines require only to be repotted and three year old needles as well as some unruly two year olds plucked. Leave candle care until later in the spring. Enjoy your trees now. They are probably at their best.



Dates to Remember:

2014				
<p>March 4</p> <p>Fabians will talk about pests. Host: Olya</p>	<p>March 20</p> <p>Rosemarie will conduct a workshop on kusumono. Host: The Pickers</p>	<p>March 22</p> <p>ACBS Day of Bonsai - "Bonsai On the Rocks" at the West Regional Library, Mobile. Guest speaker is Rodney Clemons.</p>	<p>May 1</p> <p>Club auction. More information next month.</p>	<p>May 22-26</p> <p>BSF Convention, May 22-26, 2014, Orlando. See: http://bonsai-bsf.com/ for information and registration.</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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