



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

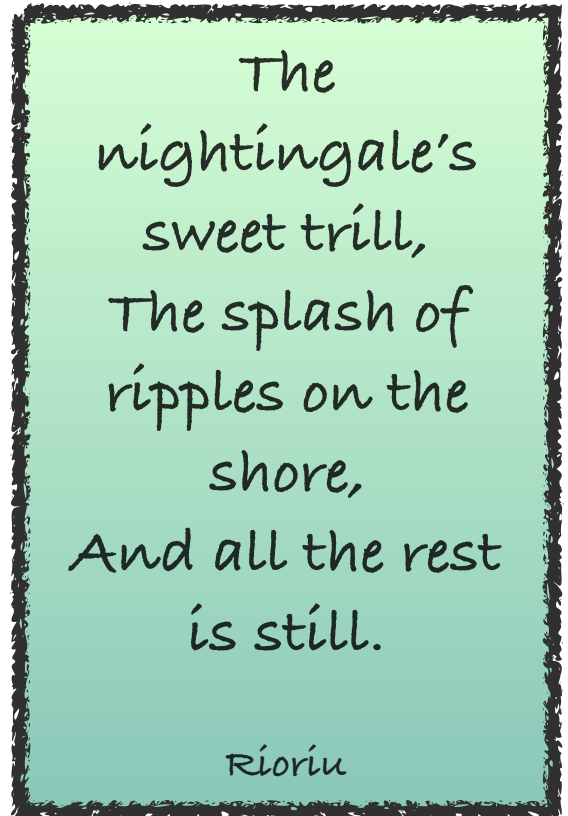
Take advantage of the club library. There are wonderful bonsai books with beautiful pictures for examples to style bonsai and more advice than you can use in a lifetime. Books and CD's have been added to the club library. If you know of one we should add, give us the details. Check them out. Email Lynn to request a specific book.

NOTE: No Meeting on May 1 —Join us for Russell's workshop on May 12

May is Here!

Lee Vanderpool

Although we had a slow start to spring with nighttime temperatures in the low 50's and high 40's, May heralds the true beginning of spring (followed closely by summer!). With such low nighttime temperatures, many plants were reluctant to grow. This excludes, of course, elms and maples. Most of the warm weather, and especially tropical plants should really take off with a vengeance now. It is past time to repot your temperate trees and not quite time to repot tropicals. The most important things you can do right now is to keep your trees trimmed, fertilized and watered.



A look at the trees in the National Bonsai Foundation collection...

Program for May

Photo by E Fabian

Concentration!



Bob, Ed and Fran comparing notes???



Coming Events

-May 1 - NO MEETING

-May 12 - Russell Coker workshop. Club will provide refreshments. Lunch with Russell at 11:00am, location to be announced. Workshop will begin at 1:00pm

-May 17 - Program will look at the progression of the bonsai at the National Collection. In addition, bring your tree from Russell's workshop for discussion. Jarma will provide refreshments

-May 25-27, 2018 - BSF convention in Orlando. See bonsai-bsf.com for more information

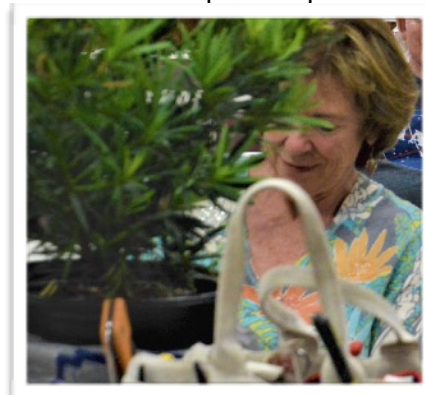
-June 16, 2018 - Club auction

-October 12-14 - BCI convention in Mulhouse France

Doing those three things should insure that your trees enter the really hot summer months with enough vigor to withstand the heat and humidity. The first defoliation of elms and maples is just around the corner, just as soon as the new foliage hardens off. Defoliation should only be done on healthy trees and usually not more than once a year. Do not defoliate Japanese red maples or cutleaf maples. Azaleas need to be cut back to form now that blooming has passed and the plants are in active growth. Japanese black pines can be trimmed and the new candles removed as soon as new needles begin to form.

This will force new, shorter candles to sprout. Begin a regime of applying fungicide and miticide to junipers. Be on the lookout for scale insects on the branches and trunks of your trees and treat with ultra light oil if you discover them. Whiteflies will also appear now and, although not really harmful to your plants, they are annoying and can be treated with a spray insecticide. Enjoy this season of the year. Much of your yearly growth will occur now so try to keep up with it.

Nancy working hard on a new potocarpus



Jarma contemplating the next cut



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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No podocarpus??? The elms need trimming just
as much. Elm...the cut and come again bonsai!!



Andy



Andy & Vince

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