



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.

May - Summer is Here by Lee Vanderpool

All repotting of temperate trees should be done and no more root pruning should be undertaken until fall. Emergency repotting in which no root pruning takes place may be done in certain instances such as pot breakage, etc.

Haiku

The stars are shining bright,

And here and there a single frog,

Croaks in the silent night.

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Photo by Rosemarie Voelker

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Tropical bonsai may be repotted after consistent daytime temperatures reach high 70's or low 80's and may continue through August. Tropicals will also require constant trimming during this period since practically all their growth takes place during only the hottest months of the year.

Japanese black pines should have large candles now and it is difficult to wait to remove them. Early June is the best time to remove these candles since removal at that time will result in shorter needles in the fall.

Trim and lightly prune elms, maples, hornbeam, quince and other temperate deciduous trees as needed.

Junipers should be trimmed to maintain their shape. A new school of thought has appeared pertaining to the trimming of junipers; instead of pinching, trim small, juvenile growth out of the twigs to encourage smaller mature growth. This technique is still under scrutiny in this area so, if you are more comfortable with the conventional pinching of junipers, continue to do so.

Most important activity for this time of year is to closely observe watering. Missing one watering period can easily result in a damaged or dead tree. If soil in a bonsai pot is dry one inch down in the pot, watering is needed.

Another thing to observe is wiring which you performed during the dormant period of the winter. Trees which are growing rapidly will increase the girth of their trunk and branches quickly and wire retained after its function is completed may cut into the bark of the tree, scarring it for years or maybe forever. Observe wiring closely and remove the wire before wire damage is done.

Enjoy this late spring and early summer. Your trees should be at their best.



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Visit the Club website for more information.



Club Spring Auction

The club auction is the primary fund raiser for the club each year. Members are asked to donate bonsai and bonsai related items for the auction. All moneys raised by the auction go directly into the club treasury and is used to pay for visiting teachers and other club activities. The auction this year will have plants, including some bonsai, pots, books, stones and other items of interest to bonsai enthusiasts. This is a "must attend" function so come on out and participate in this fun event.

Dates to Remember:

Russell Coker from Mobile will lead a workshop on May 13th at 1:00 PM at the Extension Annex. We will have a pizza luncheon at noon so come and eat with us and stay for the workshop.

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May 26-28

ABS/BSF Convention, Florida Hotel, Orlando, FL.

June 10

Club spring auction.

May 13

Russell Coker workshop

Meetings:

Fort Walton Beach
Society – 1st Tues-
days and 3rd Thurs-
days, County Exten-
sion 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, Pen-
sacola Garden Cen-
ter, 1850 9th Ave,
Board Meeting at 7
PM, membership
Meeting at 7:30 PM.

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