



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.

Workshops and Lectures

Rosemarie has arranged through BSF for Ben Oki to make a final trip to the Gulf Coast in January, 2014. Ben is a longtime favorite visiting master from California and has worked on most of our trees. He is especially fond of Japanese black pines and junipers.

Haiku

The chestnut pedals gay

Fall thick upon the mountain path,

A marvelous display.

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Photo by Manuel Alejandro

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Lawrence LeClaire visit

The Ft Walton Beach Bonsai Society had the pleasure of hosting Lawrence LeClaire of Mobile at their Sep 19th meeting. Lawrence gave a superb program on the basics of Japanese black pine care and maintenance, styling, and overall general information about the tree. He went through the annual cycle of trimming, candle cutting and needle pulling and provided us with a chart denoting the periods of the year to accomplish each (See last page). He also brought some of his excellent pines and several others in various stages of development. Hopefully, we can have Lawrence return periodically to provide detailed information over the period of a year. Lawrence also gave us information about a regional Japanese black pine program which will be hosted by Lowell Tilley in Baton Rouge in the near future. More information on this when it becomes available. We would like to thank Lawrence for the very good program.

Members Workshop

Jim VanLandingham has been scheduled to host a members workshop at the Extension Annex on Hollywood Blvd at 7:00 PM on October 25, 2013. Jim is a fine bonsai artist who works at a bonsai nursery in south Florida and is particularly adept at styling tropical material but works on other trees, as well.

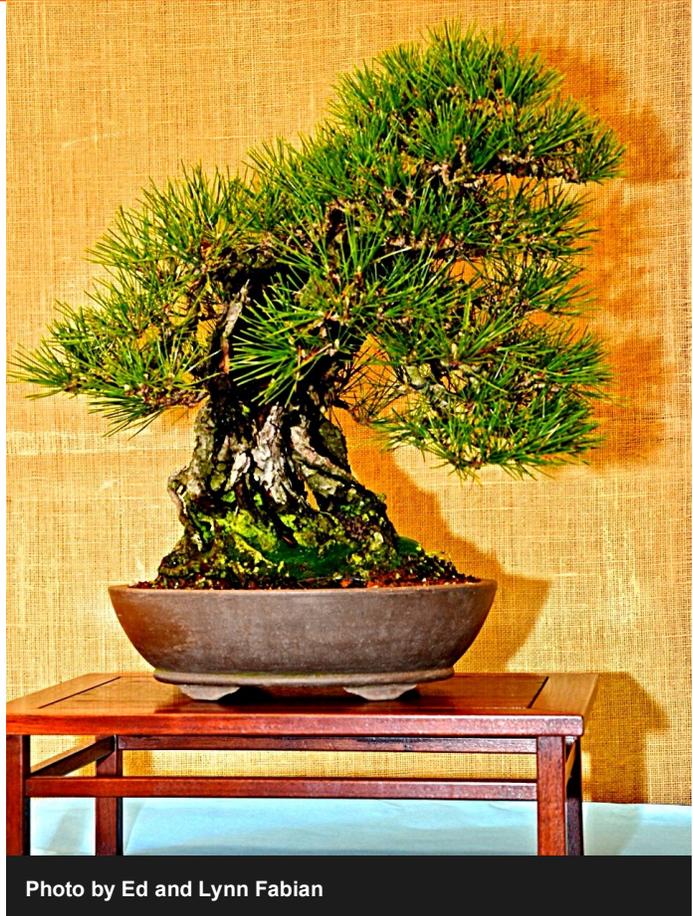


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The workshop is free to members to bring one tree to be styled or critiqued. Find some good material or choose one of your bonsai in progress and come enjoy the workshop with us.

October - Cold is Just Around the Corner (by Lee Vanderpool)

The nights are getting longer, the days shorter and plants are beginning their fall growth spurt. That means that we are not far from the cool weather of fall and cold of winter. Now is the time to begin cutting back on the nitrogen provided to your bonsai - switch to a 0-10-10 or other fertilizer with a low first number. We want bonsai to remain healthy but not put on new foliage which may be damaged or killed by the cold. Now is also time to add an iron supplement to your regimen - it is easy and convenient to water your trees a couple of times with liquid iron mixture. Granulated iron is also available and may be used sparingly. You will not see the results of this iron feeding this year but it will pay for itself in the spring when trees begin their new growth. Keep trimming the long sprouts which

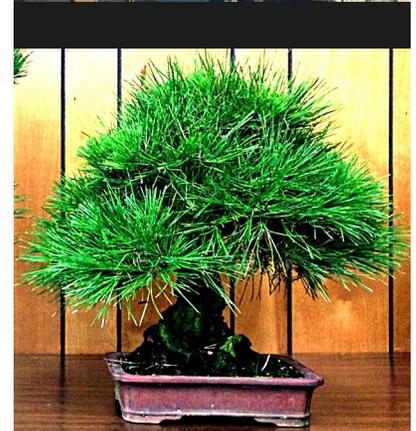


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Visit the Club website for more information.



Kusamono



will develop over the next six weeks. No heavy pruning of hard wood, though. It is also time to wash pots in preparation for the spring rush and to mix soil to be prepared for repotting. All ingredients for well draining bonsai soil mix is available either locally or in Mobile. Contact me for the address of the Mobile source. Enjoy your bonsai through the fall.

Words of Sympathy

Larry Jongewaard of Pensacola passed away on Monday, September 23rd. Larry was an active member of Pensacola Gulf Coast Bonsai Society for many years and he and his wife, Jean, sold bonsai to enthusiasts locally and throughout Florida from their farm in Pensacola. Larry will be missed. A memorial service will be scheduled in the near future.

Dates to Remember:

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<p>September 28</p> <p>Okaloosa County Master Gardeners plant sale at the BIA Home Show, fairgrounds.</p>	<p>October 11-13</p> <p>“Joy of Bonsai” at the Flagler County Extension Building. Shohin bonsai is the theme.</p>	<p>October 25</p> <p>Jim Van-Landingham workshop.</p>	<p>December 3</p> <p>Christmas meeting at Edgar Hund’s house. Details will follow.</p>	<p>January 18 (2014)</p> <p>Ben Oki workshop. This will probably be Ben’s last trip to the Gulf Coast so plan on attending this one and have good material for Ben to work on.</p>
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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.

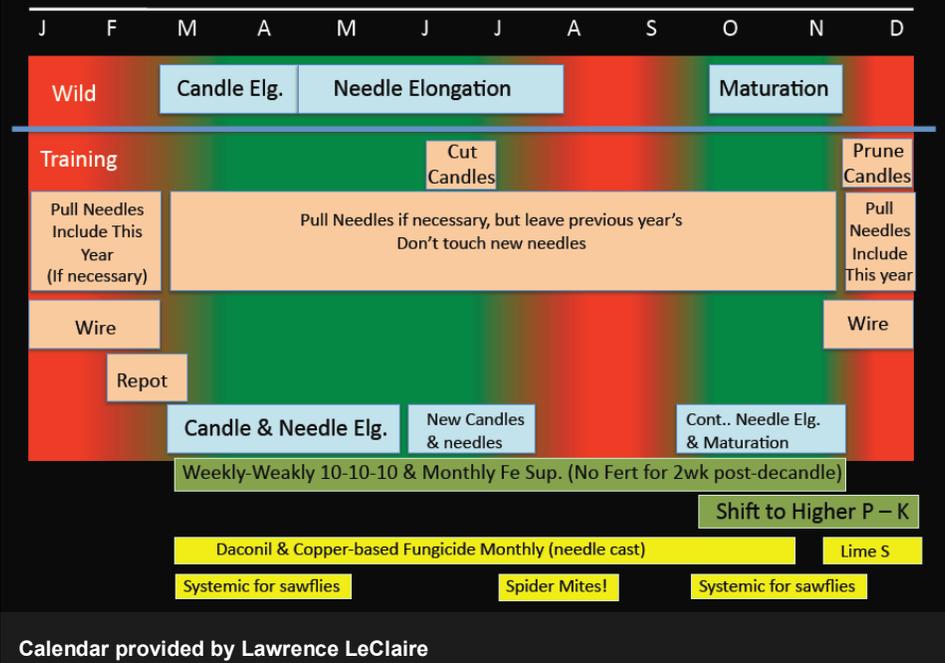
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