



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.

Joe Day by Rosemarie Voelker

An almost full house of Ft Walton Beach Bonsai Society was present to hear Joe Day.

Cypress can be grown in any medium and as long as they are well fertilized they will thrive and grow very fast. If you wish for a manageable root system, however, you must use coarse bonsai mix. Oxygenated water will help growth of knees according to Joe's long time experience.

Haiku

Beneath the autumn sky

Some blossoms grow

Which never see,

A bird or butterfly

BASHO



Photo by Rosemarie Voelker

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In shaping and developing a cypress, pattern and rhythm is of the greatest importance. It means the mass volume of lower trunk should be equal to the mass on the top of the tree, if you visualize the tree in two halves.

Training begins in very early spring before budding out, when you style and wire. During growing season until August, clip back branches almost on a daily basis in keeping the C-Y pattern on the pads for the future.

October - Summer is Past by Lee Vanderpool

Days are shorter, nights are longer - that first nip creeps into the early morning twilight - it must be October! During October, you must begin to seriously consider of winter protection for your trees. Remember, the first frost date for the Ft Walton Beach area averages around November 15th, so you have about six weeks to get your plan made and executed. This will probably consist of organizing materials such as lumber, fiberglass, plastic sheeting, railroad ties, mulch or other items required to assist you in providing a sheltered area where your trees may safely overwinter, be it a greenhouse or a simple mulch area in which you can bury your plants and pots.

The mulch area is a simple and effective solution for overwintering hardy trees. Move four railroad ties, landscaping timbers, logs or other retaining material into a square, fill the square with pine or cypress mulch and bury your trees at least to the top of the pot but to the first branch, if possible. Tropicals, of course, require more elaborate protection such as a heated porch, spare room in the house or a heated greenhouse. The cost of external greenhouses may be from as little as a few dollars for a simple plastic covered frame to several hundred dollars for a professionally constructed building.

Together with a shelter for cold and wind protection, you must not forget to continue good horticultural practices: water, fertilize with low nitro-



Photo by Rosemarie Voelker

gen fertilizer, treat with fungicide and insecticide. Before you attempt to move your trees inside for the winter, you should put them through a period of acclimatization lasting several weeks. Move them first to the shade of a tall tree or house overhang then onto a porch and finally putting them inside. This procedure should minimize shock to the tree and, although you may expect some leaf drop, it should not be too drastic. Preparing for winter takes time and effort but it all pays off in the end!



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Visit the Club web-
site for more infor-
mation.



Notice from the Treasurer:

2015 dues are due before the end of November.

Dates to Remember:

2014				
<p>October 4</p> <p>Continuing Education "Broadleaf Trees" Sponsored by Gulf Coast Bonsai Founda- tion, Eastside Volunteer Fire Department, 15094 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge, La</p>	<p>October 8</p> <p>"Lindsay Shiba workshop, 7:00 P.M. at the Extension Annex. Club will provide light refreshments.</p>	<p>October 18 & 19</p> <p>Carolina Bonsai Expo, North Carolina Arbore- tum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Ashville, NC</p>	<p>October 25</p> <p>MSGCBS 9th Annual Bonsai Show, Biloxi Public Library, 580 Howard Ave, Biloxi, MS</p>	<p>November 8</p> <p>ACBS Fall Auction, St Lukes Episcopal School, 3975 Japoni- ca Ln at Azalea Rd, Mobile, AL 36693</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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