

# 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.

Now that the summer showers  
Have passed away, the country

lanes

Are hidden in flowers.

GOSEN



Photo by Rosemarie Voelker

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## First Meeting of the Bonsai Year

Come and help us celebrate the first meeting of the bonsai year on September 3. We will have pizza and dessert with a program consisting of discussion of plants which have been problems over the summer. With so much rain and heat, some trees have grown out of control. If you have any trees which need some tender loving care (tough love!!) and possible harsh maintenance, bring them so we can have a good discussion about their care. There will also be a short talk on pests and pesticides by Ed Fabian.

## Hot and Wet - by Lee V

You should not be fertilizing your trees right now. Most trees go semidormant during extremely hot weather and cannot utilize fertilizer at the same rate that they could during the active growing period of spring and early summer. Some trees, especially Japanese black pines, need small amounts of fertilizer now, though, since they are putting on new candles. With the huge amount of rain we have had this summer, it is difficult to know how much and when to water. You have to judge on any particular day how to water. If the soil is dry over one inch down in the pot, water. If you have had a deluge in the morning, you may not have to water that day at all. Above all, do not let your trees dry out. That is almost certain death and surely loss of leaves and possible branches.



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Wind is a huge factor in the times and amounts you need to water. If a hot, dry wind is blowing, you can almost certainly expect your pots to dry in a few hours, requiring supplemental watering. Keep pruning and pinching. Letting rampant growth take over can ruin a good bonsai in a few weeks, making it necessary to sometimes completely restyle the plant. Wisteria should have been pruned hard in August, allowing for new growth to become established before cold weather comes. Elms and maples will begin fall growth shortly and junipers should be watched closely to ensure that they do not lose their bonsai style. Fertilize azaleas lightly the middle of September. Summer will be over soon.

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Bonsai Society  
Visit the Club web-  
site for more  
information.

Meetings

Fort Walton Beach Society -  
1st Tuesdays and 3rd  
Thursdays, County Extension  
Annex 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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## **Dates to remember:**

October 2017 - Mobile Show, date to be announced

November 4-7, 2017 - BCI 2017 Convention, Changhui & Taichung Taiwan

## **Planning Programs for 2017-18**

The board will meet on August 30th to develop a program schedule for the next year. If you have a program which you can present or a subject you would particularly like to see addressed, please let one of the board members know.