



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.

Autumn...that awkward time of year!

Lee Vanderpool

In these waning days of summer, humidity falls and winds blow on your bonsai & will desiccate the trees in just a few hours. With the small amount of porous soil in a bonsai pot, water not only drains quickly but also evaporates quickly. I took a long weekend off to visit relatives, my lawn pump shut down and I lost a significant amount of my trees and plants. So, beware. Weather can (and probably will) get some of your trees eventually. We have avoided hurricanes so far. Hurricanes may damage bonsai not only from wind and flying debris but from too much water over a long period which may allow the initiation of root rot, fungus diseases, molds and other unpleasant things. The bad part is that, unless you have a small collection or a large storage building where you can put your trees for (pg 2)

*These butterflies of
ours*

*If they could speak,
what pretty dreams,*

*We'd hear about the
flowers.*

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Workshop with Russel-2016
Next workshop in November



'Thoughts' from Edgar Hund

The bonsai experience includes pleasurable activities of nursing a tree from a beginner plant thru progressive stages of bonsai development to a time when the owner decides that his tree is complete and fulfills his needs and expectations. This journey can be short or long depending on any number of factors and conditions. As the tree progresses, so does the master until both reach expected levels of completion and competence. To get there requires the appreciation of the art and science of bonsai and the confidence of subject mastery. It requires patience, perseverance and above all, hands-on practice.

With that in mind, the Board proposes to get the membership involved in the process by direct participation. This would involve presentations by the member of his tree's characteristics, a proposed or desired plan of action and the sharing of that with the membership. As this is expected to be a learning experience, expertise is not a prerequisite. There is virtually unlimited information on all aspects of bonsai in many forms of the media and in our own library. If you have never presented, we the members will help in any way necessary. Bring your hands and desire. A Q&A session will take place during our September meeting to explore member thoughts and to develop individual programs. Beginner members can be assigned mentors to aid in the process.

(Lee...con't)

protection, there is not much you can do about it except keep up the spraying regime to keep the bad guys under control. Of course, before any storm hits, move your bonsai to the ground or into a protected area to keep them from being damaged. Propagation is pretty much over for the year. Cuttings from tropical plants that I stuck almost a month ago have not rooted yet when, in April and May, they would have rooted in just a few days. Enjoy the remainder of summer. Fall and winter are on the way!

Come join us on Tuesday, September 4th, for pizza and a discussion on the club program schedule for the next year. Also, bring any problem trees you may need assistance with or just want to show off.



Trident Maple Nat'l Bonsai
Collection -
Photo by E Fabian

Coming Events

- Join us for 'Welcome Back to FWB Bonsai' on Sep 4
- Workshop...Bring your own tree...Sep 20
- Live Oak Discussion...Oct 2
- ...
- Workshop with Russell Coker...Nov 17

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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2018 - 2019 FWBBS Bonsai Program Schedule

Sep 4 - New bonsai year. Pizza, discuss
schedule, bring in problem trees

Sep 20 - Workshop, bring your own tree

Oct 2 - Live oak discussion, Edgar

Oct 18 - Winterizing, Club

Nov 6 - Camellias, Lee

Nov 17 - Russell workshop

Dec 4 - Christmas Party

Jan 17 - Camellia workshop, Lee, Rosemarie

Feb 5 - Conifers, Lynn

Feb 21 - Workshop, conifers

Mar 5 - Accent plant workshop

Mar 21 - Workshop, club purchased plants

Apr 2 - Open

Apr 18 - Show preparation, effects of heat on
bonsai, Ed Fabian

May 10 - Russell workshop

May 18 - Spring show

Jun 4 - Auction

Jun 20 - Tropicals, Lee, Rosemarie

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