



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

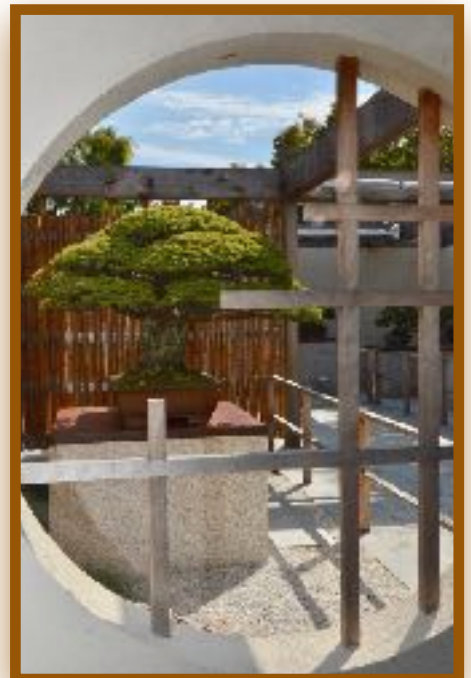
Take advantage of the club library. There are wonderful bonsai books with beautiful pictures for examples to style bonsai and more advice than you can use in a lifetime. Books and CD's have been added to the club library. If you know of one we should add, give us the details.

February - Work Now Begins

We finally had some cold weather - I am ready for it to be over! Repotting should begin in a few weeks with deciduous trees being first on the list followed by evergreen shrubs such as ilex and pyracantha. Junipers and pines can wait until later, even into March if not too much root work is done. Pots should be cleaned and soil should be on hand to get the plants repotted with a minimum of stress either to you or to the bonsai. Be sure to protect newly repotted trees if a cold snap threatens.

From now until about the end of April, we can expect (and probably will get) any form of weather. We have had snow in mid-March and this is usually accompanied

*Come out! Come
out with me!
It's worth a
tumble in the
snow
The wondrous
sight to see
Basho*



Yamaki Pine, NBF

Ben Oki was a mainstay on the bonsai circuit for many years. January 26 is his birthday. If you still have a tree he worked on, give a thought to Ben and his humor. As far as we know, he is still living in California.

Happy Birthday, Ben!!



Juniperus Procumbens nana

Dates to Remember

February 6 - Elm lesson by Ed H. Participation encouraged!!

Rosemarie provides host and tokonoma...always a treat!

February 15 - Elm workshop. Bring your elms. This is a club participation night. Lead by Lynn.

May 15 - Our annual workshop with Russell Coker. Great time to cut back azaleas. This is one of Russel's favorite trees.

by winds. Although your trees are dormant or semi-dormant, you need to watch your watering so all trees stay hydrated, especially when the dry spring winds blow. Even dormant trees can become dehydrated and desiccated. More trees are probably lost from dryness than from overwatering.

Dormant oil spray should be done when the temperature rises above 70. Oil should be applied twice about two weeks apart. This will insure that you hit all the bugs with at least one spraying. Fungicide should also be applied in early spring to help prevent root rot and other fungal diseases. Again, two applications about two weeks apart.

It will soon be time to begin pinching new growth on deciduous trees and to begin trimming junipers and pines. Pine candles should be cut in late March to force new, shorter candles in April.



Pauper's-Tea/Sageretia Thea
Chinese Collection, NBF

Photo by Ed
Fabian

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.

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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Pyracantha Firethorn - NBF

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