



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.

February - Is It Winter Yet? - Lee Vanderpool

Winter is normally the time to be spraying for fungus, scales, mites and other critters which overwinter in litter on on your trees. This February, however, looks like it is going to be another kind of month when most trees, shrubs and other plants are actively growing and many trees are in full leaf or flower. There may still be time before the weather gets too warm to spray with dormant oil to control scale and with a miticide to control red spider mites. Each of these sprays should be applied to appropriate plants twice, two weeks apart, to be most effective. The key to spray-

Haiku

The years may come and go

'But still the pine tree flourishes

So sprinkled with the snow

Momban



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-ing, especially for scale, is to do so on a dry evening when the temperature is not over 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The dormant oil used to control scale must completely cover the trees and must remain on the tree as long as possible to be effective.

It is also important to drench with a systemic fungicide a couple of times in an attempt to control root rot which may have set in during the winter. Root rot is usually not noticed until the tree does not leaf out in the spring or puts out only a small amount of leaves. Those indications usually come too late to be of much use in control; the tree is normally in decline and control is not of much use.

Repot as soon as possible. Repotting may be risky on deciduous trees leaves are too well developed. Get that part of your repotting done as soon as possible. Pines and junipers should be repotted now, as well, but may be delayed until the end of the month. Hit the nurseries during the coming active selling period. With spring workshops coming up, you will need new material to style. Enjoy spring!

Dates to Remember:

September 10-11 - 5th US National Bonsai Exhibition, Rochester, NY. For additional information and to submit photos for entry contact: Wm. N. Valavanis, wrv@internationalbonsai.com, 585-334-2595

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Visit the Club website for more information.



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<p>February 2</p> <p>Club meeting. Host and tokonoma - Rosemarie. Program - Clip and Grow, Rosemarie.</p>	<p>February 18</p> <p>Club meeting. Host - Jarma. Program - Rescheduled Grafting Program - Lee.</p>	<p>March 21</p> <p>Ted Matson workshop. More info to follow.</p>	<p>May 27-30</p> <p>BSF 43rd Annual Convention, Florida Hotel & Conference Center, Florida Mall, 1500 Sand Lake Rd, Orlando,</p>	<p>September 2-4</p> <p>BCI 2016, Vilnius, Lithuania. Details at: http://www.bonsailithuania.com/.</p>
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Meetings:

Fort Walton Beach
Society – 1st Tues-
days and 3rd Thurs-
days, County Exten-
sion 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, Pen-
sacola Garden Cen-
ter, 1850 9th Ave,
Board Meeting at 7
PM, membership
Meeting at 7:30 PM.

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