



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.

FWBBS Club Auction

The club auction is the largest annual fundraiser of the club. We rely upon the proceeds of the auction to sponsor free workshops and other member activities. This year, much of the material available for bid was donated by the widow of our former First Vice President, Mac Caruthers. Included are many fine pots, some basic tools, basic bonsai books, soil mix, miscellaneous other items such as plant stands. Come out on Saturday, May 3, 2014, and help us make your club even better by supporting the auction.

Haiku

The sun shines in the sky,

And far a across the moor flies

A single butterfly.

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Photo by Manuel Alejandro

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Jim VanLandingham Workshop

The Jim VanLandingham workshop is always one of the highlights of the year. Jim is an expert at styling tropical bonsai but works with any plant material to start it on the road to a developed bonsai. He also will restyle or retouch developed bonsai to make it even better. This is a free workshop paid for by the club auction proceeds. Come and share the day with us on May 7.

Russell Coker Workshop

Russell Coker will conduct a workshop on Saturday, May 10, 2014. Russell is a former member of the Ft Walton Beach Bonsai Society, joining when he was a mere child. He received several years training in Japan as an intern at a major bonsai nursery. He currently works as a landscape designer at a major company in Mobile, AL. Russell specializes in styling and maintaining azalea bonsai but works with any tree or shrub material to create great bonsai. Come out and support Russell.

April - Beginning of the Hot

by Lee Vanderpool

If you haven't begun (or finished) repotting bonsai, shame on you! Some repotting may still be accomplished on boxwoods, very late flowering trees and shrubs (don't try it after the new leaves begin to unfold, though), azaleas soon after they finish blooming and semi-tropicals. It is not time to do tropicals yet; they can wait until May or June. The watering frequency should have been stepped up as soon as the spring leaves began to unfurl.

The initial fertilization should be done as soon as possible as well as the first application of fungicide. Benomyl, Isotox or any of the other commercial fungicides are acceptable. Fertilizing and fungicide treatment should be done about every two weeks throughout the growing season. Do not forget the bugs! Small green aphids should be attacking new foliage on many deciduous trees such as maples, elms, sweetgum, apples, peach, plum etc.



Photo by Manuel Alejandro

A forceful water spray will make short work of them if done on a regular basis. A good insecticide, either foliar or systemic, will get rid of the more persistent insects and should be applied regularly. Nip, pinch and prune. Start now, do not delay. Every day you miss doing this might mean an extra twig that will not develop this growing season. Care must be exercised, though, that slow growing plants such as camellias and sasanquas are not over pruned which may cause branch dieback.

Pine pruning is still a few weeks away. Wait till the candles elongate but the needles have not left the sheath - you may be looking at a one or two day period which is the absolutely correct time to decandle.



Photos by Manuel Alejandro

If you do not decandle or trim the candles, the trees' branches will elongate several inches and no twigs will form this year. Collecting is about over for this year. If you have not dug your red maples, sweetgum or other deciduous saplings for that forest you were planning next year, it is probably too late unless you can find some small trees which have been shaded by a larger one and they have not leafed out as quickly as the rest. If there are a lot of small trees, dig a few and experiment. You might be pleasantly surprised that they all survive and grow enough this summer to do that forest, after all.

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Visit the Club website for more information.



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Dates to Remember:

2014

April 1	April 17	May 3	May 7	May 10	May 22-26
Pruning and trimming by Edgar Hund, Host: Sue Gebelein, Tokonoma: Rosemarie Voelker	Azalea care and training by the Fabians, Host: Lee Vanderpool	Club auction.	Jim Van-Landingham workshop	Russell Coker workshop	BSF Convention, May 22-26, 2014, Orlando. See: http://bonsai-bsf.com/ for information and registration.

Meetings:

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

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Annual Bonsai Auction

May 3, 2014

Preview Items at 12:30 p.m.

Auction Begins at 1:00 p.m.



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Pots
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of development**

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