



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.

May - Summer Is Here In Earnest

Lee Vanderpool

We have had the most lengthy Spring in my recollection - almost two months! Spring here in Northwest Florida usually lasts from a week to 10 days! This month, nighttime temperatures should climb into the 70's or low 80's, perfect for rooting cuttings and starting new plants by division, grafting, air layering or sticking cuttings. Any of these procedures will result in new plants, some better than others. I have grafted about 20 camellias on to japonica rootstock and some of them have already begun to put out new leaves, a good sign of success. Do not be intimidated by any of these reproductive methods. All of them may easily be accomplished by even the most basic gardener and the results are very gratifying. An added bonus is that you will gain new plants for potential bonsai trees. This is the time to begin a regular fertilizing routine. Pick a day of the week and

When clouds drive
o'er the moon,
Too quickly flies
the lovely night,

The morning
comes too soon.

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Bonsai Exhibit

presented by
**Fort Walton Beach
Bonsai Society**

May 4, 2019
10 am until 3 pm

Come and enjoy the **Bonsai
Exhibit**

at
The Meridian at Westwood
1001 Mar Walt Dr
Fort Walton Beach

fertilize on that day, possibly each week, with a weak strength liquid fertilizer. Alternatively, give small amounts of granular or organic fertilizer every two weeks. Don't forget to rotate your trees on their benches every few days so that all sides of the plant will get full exposure to sunlight on a regular basis. Leaving the same side of the plant in the full sun all the time will eventually result in lopsided growth of new foliage. If you have not already begun, trim elms, maples, sweet gum and other deciduous plants back to one or two leaves or pair of leaves as soon as they have put out five or six internodes. Pine candles may be removed now to encourage more and shorter candles in the late summer or fall. Junipers should be kept trimmed so they do not get out of their design.

This is a busy bonsai activity time.

Don't forget the show on May 4th or the auction on June 1st. Have a good summer.

Dates to Remember

May 4 - Ft Walton Beach Bonsai Society, Inc **Spring Bonsai Show**

Start thinking about what you want to show and work to bring it to perfection!

You only have 4 more days!

May 11 - Workshop with Russell Coker
at the Extension Annex

Pizza at noon, workshop begins at 1:00

May 24-26, 2019 - Bonsai Societies of Florida
annual convention in Orlando.

See BSF website for details

June 1 - FWBBS Bonsai auction

Sep 17, 2019 - Bonsai Clubs International
Convention begins in Guizhou, China.

See BCI website for more info

Get ready for the show!
Lots of work to be done.



The 'one branch' bonsai

To All FWBBS Members...

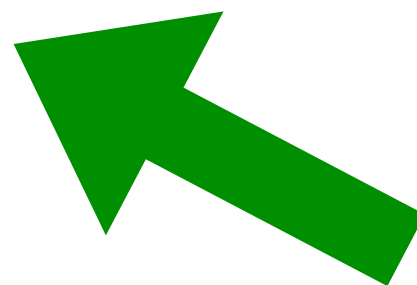
We will begin setting up for the show at The Meridian about 4:00 pm on Friday afternoon. If you can make it, plan to come and help. It will not be a long session but willing hands and all that...

And on Saturday morning we will be bringing in trees, accent plants, mats, stands, and lots of other 'stuff'. There is something for everyone to help with.

If you are inclined, bring some nibbles the day of the show. Bonsai is hard work!



And just in case
you missed it...



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<http://www.bonsai-fwb.com>



Meetings

Fort Walton Beach Society - 1st Tuesdays and
3rd Thursdays, County Extension Annex
Building
across from the VW dealer
(dark in July & August)
127 Hollywood Blvd - Board Meeting at 7 PM,
Membership Meeting at 7:30 PM.

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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