

Fort Walton Beach Bonsai Society Newsletter Vol. XXVIII, No 9

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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.

## Club Christmas Party

The club Christmas Party will be held on December 1st at the Extension Annex building at 7:00 PM. Club will provide the meats, everyone should bring a side dish or dessert. All family members and guests are invited so let's make this a Christmas to remember!



Photo by Rosemarie Voelker

#### Haiku

Cutting the branch

Sudden fragrance

Of the Black Pine

Davina Kosh



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## Russell's Workshop

Russell Coker from Mobile will lead a workshop styling trees or improving those already styled. Russell works on any species of tree and is especially fond of azaleas.

Russell was born and raised in Ft Walton Beach, studied bonsai for several years in Japan then attended college in Alabama, finally settling in Mobile. He has a varied bonsai collection of mostly large trees. He is presently Vice President of the Azalea City Bonsai Club of Mobile. Russell always provides excellent tips and styling hints.

# Jim VanLandingham Work-shop

Jim visited us on October 6th and lead a workshop. As usual, everyone enjoyed the tips Jim provided while working on members' trees. We have agreed that he will visit twice a year in the future and should return in late February or early March when he will work on deciduous trees and yaupon.

### **National Bonsai Foundation**

The club responded to a solicitation from the National Bonsai Foundation for contributions to help fund the restoration of the Japanese Pavilion at the National Arboretum. Ed Fabian spoke about the planned work and encouraged individual members to contribute to the Foundation. NBF needs to raise about two million dollars to fund the work and has already received about 1.3 million. The Foundation is funded primarily through citizen's donations with some funding received from the Federal Government. If you would like to have additional information, contact Ed Fabian or Lee Vanderpool.



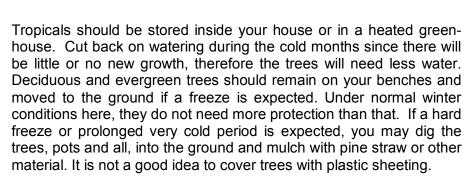
# November - Winter Is Coming (by Lee Vanderpool)

First frost date for this area is around November 15th - just around the corner. With the formation of a very strong El Nino in the Pacific, the long range forecast is for a very wet and cold winter for us. You should be well into your planning for winter protection for your trees and warm storage for tropical species. If you fertilize, use a low nitrogen fertilizer such as 0-10-10. Use of a higher nitrogen fertilizer will cause trees to initiate new growth which, at this late date, will not have sufficient time to harden off before first frost. You could lose twigs, branches or even the entire tree under those conditions.



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After the cold has passed and temperatures return to normal, heat will build up under the plastic and cause the plants to scald or to initiate new growth, neither if which is good for the trees. Take care of your trees and they will reward you in a few months with vigorous new growth. Remember, there will be no newsletter in December so have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



### Dates to Remember:

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November 3  Bring a tree to work on.  Now is the time to style deciduous.	November 19  No meeting	<b>November 21</b> Russell's workshop	<b>December 1</b> Club Christmas party.

### Meetings:

Fort Walton Beach Society – 1st Tuesdays and 3rd Thursdays, 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, Pensacola Garden Center, 1850 9th Ave, Board Meeting at 7 PM, membership Meeting at 7:30 PM.

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