



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.

November - First of the cold days of winter (Lee Vanderpool)

If you haven't provided shelter for your tropicals, you are beginning to stretch into the danger zone - the first frost could be any day - or night! Continue to water even though the weather has turned cooler. With the dry fall winds, desiccation can take place very quickly. Many people believe that trees do not need water

Haiku

Autumn itself must die

The ghostly phantom fades into

A scarlet butterfly.

Shiko



Photo by Rosemarie Voelker

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when the weather is cool but the root systems of all trees and the leaves of evergreens continue to use water on a limited basis throughout the winter. Although there has been a definite downturn in temperatures, most trees and shrubs will continue to develop roots throughout the fall/early winter. If you have air layers left on trees from summer (some of the hard-to-root trees such as pines and junipers may need up to two growing seasons for air layers to form roots), maintain them throughout the cold weather. Make sure that the cover of the sphagnum moss is still intact so the newly developing rootball doesn't dry out. If you neglect to provide enough moisture to help keep the action going, you stand as much chance of losing your tree as you would during the summer. Junipers can be pruned drastically during this transition period and will provide an amazing amount of growth when the first warm weather returns. Most evergreen shrubs and trees can be repotted now including junipers, boxwoods and many others. You may want to wait until spring to repot the holly family: yaupon, English, etc., especially if they have berries. *Pyracantha* should be at its most showy now - if you are fortunate to entreat one to survive in a pot! Some bamboos are winter hardy, some are not. If in doubt, put your bamboo in the greenhouse or at least on a sheltered porch. After November, you can pretty much stop fertilizing your trees for the winter. A couple of applications of liquid iron during the winter won't hurt anything, though. As soon as the leaves of your deciduous trees drop is the time to spray for the first time with miscible (water soluble) oil to help control white fly and scale. It will also smother some eggs and overwintering insects so is a pretty important operation. Another spraying should be done in the very early spring just before leaf break to follow up on the fall spraying. Don't spray this oil on evergreens, only deciduous trees. Evergreens transpire throughout the year and oil clogs the pores and does not allow gas to escape, thereby eventually killing the leaf or needle. Winter's coming - be prepared!





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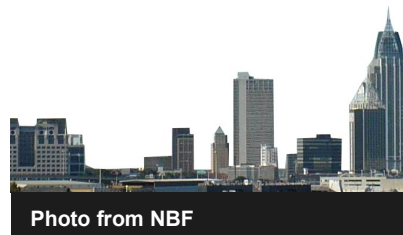


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Dates to Remember:

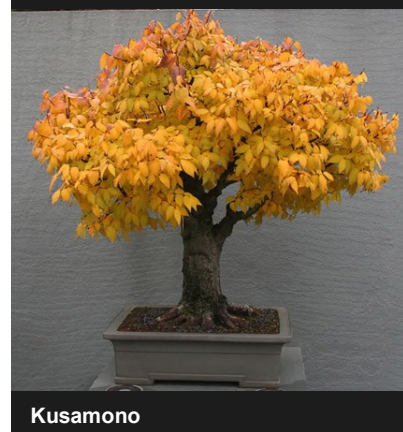
There will be no newsletter during December. Enjoy the holidays and we will see you again in January.

April 25, 2015 - Spring show in the Westwood atrium.

We are trying to arrange for Rodney Clemons to perform a demonstration on trident maple forest plantings in January. Stay tuned for more information.

Remember, exercise your rights as an American and vote on November 4th.

Lee



Kusamono



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November 4

Japanese Black Pine maintenance with the Fabians, Rosemarie is host.

November 8

Mobile annual auction. Show at 5PM, auction at 6PM.

November 20

Planning for spring. Soil by Lee, pots by Rosemarie, Selection and preparation of trees for upcoming potting/repotting season with Edgar. Host: Olya.

December 2

Club Christmas party at Edgar's home.

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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