



# 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.

A new maple book, The Gardeners Guide to Growing Maples, has been donated to the library by the Pickers and will be available for checkout as soon as it is catalogued. Our thanks to Fran and Nancy for the wonderful donation.

## October - Calm and Cool by Lee Vanderpool

October should be showing its cool side by the end of the month. You should already have your tropicals under cover in northern Florida and ideas for winter protection for all your trees should be percolating

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Haiku

The lizard

Skittering down the tree

Pauses for pushups.

Davina Kosh

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through your thoughts. Now is the time to be thinking about preparing the greenhouse or other plant shelter before cold weather gets here. Plan on extra cold weather this winter - if it does not come in January or February, you are ahead of the game. If you don't plan for sufficient protections for your plants, though, you may well be out in the wind and, heaven forbid, snow in the middle of the night in late January covering those elms and maples with old blankets and sheets to keep them from freezing in their little pots.

There is a strong El Nino forecasted for this winter and that will probably mean that we will have more rain and more cold than usual. Be prepared! Now is the absolute last time to fertilize with 0-10-10 or other low nitrogen. Liquid fertilizer is best this time of year since plants will be able to utilize it quickly while solid fertilizer will still be sitting on the surface of the soil several weeks from now. Deciduous trees should be losing their leaves toward the end of the month so be prepared for that spectacle.

Fall mosses should be growing very well. Be sure to keep them moist so they give your trees a nice green ground cover. Be sure that water can penetrate the moss cover, however. Most trees should be giving you a short fall spurt of growth which will end with the first frost, around November 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the season for planning for the coming winter and for the spring which is just a few months away. Enjoy!



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site for more infor-  
mation.



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## Meetings:

Don't forget - dues are due before the end of December. See Ed Lip-pincott.

### September 17th Meeting

Many trees showed up for the meeting and everyone enjoyed dis-cussing and critiquing them. Some good lessons were learned on what to look for when selecting nursery material for potential bonsai.



## Dates to Remember:

| 2015   |  |
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| <p><b>October 6</b></p> <p>Jim VanLandingham workshop Club will provide refresh-ments.</p> | <p><b>October 15</b></p> <p>Worst Nightmare Tree. Bring your worst tree. No one has volunteered to host.</p> |

### 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-  
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ter, 1850 9th Ave,  
Board Meeting at 7  
PM, membership  
Meeting at 7:30 PM.

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