

# 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

The chestnut petals gay,

Fall thick upon the mountain  
path,

A marvellous display.

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Photo by Ed Fabian

## In This Issue

Oct 3, 2017 Regular business meeting.  
Boxwood discussion lead by Edgar.  
Lee brings snacks

Oct 19, 2017 - Boxwood workshop lead  
by Lynn w/ club participation. Bring a  
boxwood. Need sign up for host

Oct 2017 - Mobile Show, date to be  
announced

Nov 4-7, 2017, BCI 2017 Convention,  
Shanghai & Taichung Taiwan

## Cool Fall Nights, Cloudy Days

by Lee Vanderpool

Fall has begun to show its face. Days are cooler and nights have been downright chilly. With the height of the hurricane season still to come, it seems a little premature to be thinking of winter but think of it we must.

Fertilizing of your trees should have been changed to only 0-10-10 with light fish emulsion or cotton seed meal applications to pines and junipers. The conifers do not cease growth in our climate as do the deciduous trees so must continue to get some nourishment throughout the year, even on the coldest of Januarys.

Time also to begin acclimatizing your tropicals for winter by moving them into a more shaded place such as under a tree or onto a back porch or deck. They need to receive the shade so they can better handle overwintering in a sheltered place. If tropicals get too chilly, they will drop their leaves but will perk up again if given warmth and sun. Better not to take chances, though, and protect them as temperatures fall below 50 degrees F.

Keep to your watering schedule.

Remember, more trees are lost from lack of proper watering practices than from almost anything else. Water if the soil is dry down to the first joint of your finger. If the tree is wilted, bottom water with warm water for about 30 minutes then drain. The plant should recover its turgidity shortly. Be especially careful and watchful if there is a dry wind blowing since a tree in a bonsai pot can desiccate in as little as an hour.



Photos by Rosemarie

This is a good time of the year to begin preparing for next spring by cleaning your benches, pots and mixing soil and other routine jobs that come along with our wonderful hobby.





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## Bonsai Society

Visit the Club web-  
site for more  
information.

### Meetings

Fort Walton Beach Society -  
1st Tuesdays and 3rd  
Thursdays, County Extension  
Annex 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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