



# 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.

## Lindsay Shiba - Visiting Artist

Lindsay Shiba from California will host a workshop for the club at 7:30 P.M. on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Lindsay works on most kinds of trees. He trained with John Naka, Ben Oki and Khan Komai from a young age and is very knowledgeable about all styles of bonsai. The club has levied a \$20.00 charge for participation in this workshop since we must pay a portion of the transportation and one half of one night hotel charge. The workshop is limited to 12 participants so get some good material ready and prepare to enjoy an evening with Lindsay.

Haiku

The crystal waters flow,

Lead you gently unto where,

The flowering mosses grow.

KAKO



Lindsay Shiba

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## Pensacola Camellia Club

There will be a meeting of the Pensacola Camellia Club on September 16 at 6:30 P.M. at the Garden Center, 1850 N 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pensacola. The program will be presented by Dr Mack Thetford of the University of Florida and will be dealing with the propagation of camellias by root cuttings. This may be of some interest to members of FWBBS.

## Meco Bonsai

This company has mica pots for sale in various sizes. Prices have reduced in recent months and these good quality pots are again reasonably priced. Prices are not easy to find; you must first click on "pots and trays" then double click on the particular item of interest.

The URL is: <https://www.mecobonsai.com>

## September - Things To Do

by Lee Vanderpool

Look forward to another short burst of growth during September and the first part of October. This fall push of lush growth should be encouraged right now with the resumption of normal fertilizing. This flush of growth provides sugars for storage in the roots and trunk which allows your trees to withstand the rigors of winter and the breaking of dormancy in about six months. It should, therefore, be encouraged by not pruning too much. Trees, especially deciduous ones, may look ratty with the new and uneven growth but it may be trimmed as soon as a frost occurs and the leaves drop. It will help your trees and should boost survivability through the winter. Along with this last burst of growth comes an increase in the size of branches and trunks so be sure that wire placed on the tree in the spring or summer is removed before it has a chance to make marks on the bark. Azaleas and camellias have set buds for their winter or spring blossoms so trimming of these varieties must be done very carefully. Be sure that you do not cut off the fat flower buds. This is the time to begin thinking about winter storage for your trees, too. Although most trees other than tropics may be left outside



Old Tree Bark

on the benches during most of the winter, even deciduous and evergreens must be protected during harsh conditions such as those which happened last winter. Simply making a plan to place them on the soil surface during extremely harsh cold will do wonders for their survival. Enjoy this last flush of green-ness from your trees. It will soon be gone and you will be left with bare bones until spring.



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Visit the Club web-  
site for more infor-  
mation.

Bonsai Work Stand



## Programs for September

September 2 - We will have pizza for dinner so come to the meeting with an appetite! We would like to see as many members as possible bring a tree and accent plant and, if you have them, a backdrop and a scroll to accompany the tree. The object is to set up mini-tokonoma's and talk about them after dinner. This will be a very interesting program and should teach members how to properly set up a tokonoma-type display.

September 18 - Joe Day from Mobile will conduct an informal workshop on cypress. Bring a cypress you have worked on or some raw material so Joe can show you how it should be styled. There is no cost for this workshop.

# 2014

September 2	September 18	October 7	October 8	October 16
Exhibiting trees (set up small exhibit of club members' trees)- Club	Cypress Workshop- Joe Day	No meeting	Lindsey Shiba Workshop	Winterizing - Ed Lippincott



### 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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## **Suggested FWBBS Programs for 2014-2015**

Sep 2 - Exhibiting trees (set up small exhibit of club members' trees)- Club  
Sep 18 - Cypress Workshop- Joe Day  
Oct 7 - No meeting  
Oct 8 - Lindsey Shiba Workshop  
Oct 16 - Winterizing - Ed Lippincott  
October 18, 2014 – ACBS Fall Auction, St Lukes Episcopal School, 3975 Japonica Ln at Azalea Rd, Mobile, AL 36693  
October 25, 2014 – MSGCBS 9th Annual Bonsai Show, Biloxi Public Library, 580 Howard Ave, Biloxi, MS  
Nov 4 - Japanese Black Pine Maintenance - Fabians  
Nov 20 - Planning for spring - Soil - Lee, Pots - Rosemarie, Selection and preparation of trees for upcoming potting/repotting season - Edgar Hund  
Dec 2 - Christmas Party - Edgar Hund's home  
Jan 6 - Planning a forest planting - Edgar Hund  
Jan 15 - Constructing a forest planting - Club  
Feb 3 - Fertilizers and making fertilizer cakes - Lee Vanderpool  
Feb 19 - Maples - Fabians and Olya Nemetseva  
Mar 3 - Pinching and pruning - Bob Bowlby  
Mar 19 - Evaluation of members' trees - Club  
Apr 7 - Open  
Apr 16 - Show preparation  
Apr 25 - Show  
May 9 - Russell Coker workshop  
May 21 - Kusamono - Rosemarie Voelker  
Jun 2 - Tropical plant maintenance, pruning and care - Club  
Jun 18 - Picture show of Australia and Japan - Rosemarie

### Notes:

Jan 15 - Eleven tree trident maple forest, trees from Joe Day. Will pick up.  
Jan - Possible workshop by Rodney Clemons. TBD  
Feb - Peter Tea if he makes the tour. One meeting will be sacrificed if he shows up.  
Apr 7 - To be determined.