



# Fresno Bonsai Society Newsletter

April 2017

## *Our Mission*

*The purpose of the Fresno Bonsai Society is to expand the knowledge and skills of Bonsai within its members while offering opportunities for appreciation of this art form to the broader community. We do this through the inspiration of the beauty of the natural world and the rich cultural heritage of Bonsai.*

Greetings,

Spring is flying past us. We are quickly into sunny days that bring bud break and tall candles but too warm to transplant!

**The General Meeting and the Bonsai Basics Class will be combined on Saturday, April 8th, at 9AM at the Clark Bonsai Collection in Shinzen Garden.** The topic will be Bonsai Design and Styling and How this Effects Your Purchase of that New Tree. Our guest speaker will be that master of T-Shirt Artistry... Al Keppler!

In addition, we will finalize plans for the upcoming Kōen-Nai No Bonsai and the Spring Celebration of Culture on April 22nd and 23rd. We will need every member to help that weekend. That event will require numerous volunteers for the auction, plant sales, and demonstrations.

The auction and plant sales will offer an opportunity for new members to acquire good material at reasonable prices.

Members are asked to donate some bonsai, pot, plant, or other item for the sales table or silent auction. Non-bonsai items like wine or art or bonsai books may be donated too.

## We Had Fun at the Fresno Home & Garden Show 2017

Our annual bonsai exhibit this year was indoors at the Home & Garden Show. Despite the loss of our traditional back drops, we produced an artistic and interesting display of finished bonsai and trees in development. The Shohin Study Group put up an outstanding exhibit of shohin bonsai. This year, we had an excellent selection of bonsai tables and stands for both trees and accent plants, thanks to the generous loans of several of our senior members. The accent plants were very good and the overall preparation of pots and display was much better than



Previous years. We have had at least three new members join us as a result of the show.

As always, the demonstrations attracted many visitors and many questions.

It has been suggested that we provide a suiseki display with explanation next year.

To our knowledge, all the trees returned home safely and in good condition from the show.



## Ryan Neal at the Clark Collection

Ryan Neal is probably the most sought-after bonsai master in America. He is a headliner from California to England to Italy to Japan. The Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen managed to get him to Fresno last month for two days. During that time he styled and restyled several spectacular conifers and offer direction for numerous bonsai in the collection. Several members of the FBS were able to observe, ask questions, and interact with Ryan. They described this as one of the most enlightening educational experiences they had ever experienced. It appears probable that Ryan Neal will return to the CBCS regularly in the future and the volunteers from the FBS will be able to take advantage of this unique opportunity.



Docents Volunteers are Still Needed for the Clark Bonsai Collection Shinzen. It takes only a couple hours once per month. It is Fun and Gratifying. Contact Linda Jacobsen.



**Next Month at the FBS:** JT Thompson on Native California Oak Bonsai (and what ever else you show up with for the workshop.) JT is a funny and talented bonsai artist who is nationally known for his work with native oaks. He is a wealth of information and very entertaining. Plan on being there.



### Bonsa Basics in March

The Bonsai Basics Study Group met at the CBCS in March. For the second month, the focus was on transplanting. There were lots of experienced members on hand to help with questions and how-to issues. Gene Nelson provided a thorough education of plant physiology to explain photosynthesis and why trees require carbon dioxide, oxygen, water, and the macronutrients in fertilizer. He gave out a handout. Dave Soho provided a detailed handout on repotting to supplement his previous discussions. Students seem to really enjoy these classes and nobody seems to leave early.



Visit the FBS webpage for new bonsai educational articles and more photos of FBS activities. Like us on Face Book!

Then follow the Clark Bonsai Collection on Instagram and Face Book.

## Upcoming Bonsai Events In April

**April 1 & 2, 2017 San Jose, California:** **San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club: 46th Annual Bonsai Exhibition and Demonstration** at the San Jose Buddhist Church, 640 North Fifth Street. Show hours are: Saturday Noon - 5 PM, and Sunday 11 AM - 4 PM with styling demonstrations at 1 PM on both days by Peter Tea.

**April 1 & 2, 2017 Sacramento, California:** **Bonsai Sekiyu Kai: 40th Annual Bonsai show and demonstration** at Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Hours are 10 AM – 4 PM with demonstration at 2 PM by Yuzo Maruyama.

**April 8 & 9, 2017 Sacramento, California:** **American Bonsai Association, Sacramento: Annual Spring Show** at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Show hours are Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM, and Sunday, 10 AM - 4 PM with demonstrations by Jonas Dupuich at 1:30 PM both days.

**April 8 & 9, 2017 Santa Cruz, California:** **Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai: 29th Annual Show** at the Museum of Art & History, 705 Front Street. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM both days with demonstration at 2 PM. Saturday's demonstrator is Eric Schrader and Sunday's will be Mr. Katsumi Kinoshita. Admission price of \$5.00 includes the Bonsai Show as well as admission to all the Museum exhibits.

## The Köen-Nai No Bonsai...*Bonsai in the Park*

April 22nd and 23rd Starting at 9 AM in the Parking Lot of the Shinzen Gardens

Set up will begin on Friday, April 21st.

### Volunteers Need All Day and All Three Days

There will be Bonsai Auctions Both Days, Demonstrations by David Nguy and Peter Tea, Silent Auction, Shohin Workshops, Plant Sales, and Vendor Area

and Toko-Kazari Display Competition.



## Fresno Bonsai Society Calendar for 2016-2017

DATE	EVENT	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
September 10	First General Meeting	Book Sale and Bonsai Work	Shinzen Garden
September 17	Bonsai Basics	Introduction to Bonsai	Shinzen Garden
October 5-16	Big Fresno Fair	Bonsai and Suiseki Display	Fair Grounds
October 8	FBS General Meeting	Pot Selection- Bob Wright	Shinzen Garden
October 15	Bonsai Basics	Wiring, styling and growth	Kareen Baker's
October 26-30	GSBF Convention	Exhibits, Workshops, etc	Sacramento
November 12	FBS General Meeting	Tool Care- John Wright	Shinzen Garden
November 19	Bonsai Basics	First Annual Bonsai Development Team Challenge	2152 Carson Ave Clovis
December 3	Bonsai Yard Sale	Bonsai, pots, books etc for sale	736 West Browning Ave
December	FBS Christmas Party		TBA
December 11	Bonsai Basics	Students encouraged to attend David Nguy Workshop	Round Valley Nursery
January 14	FBS General Meeting	Annual Bonsai Raffle, Bonsai Critique, and "Preparing Your Bonsai for Show"	Woodward Park Library
January 21	Bonsai Basics	Bonsai Potluck, Pre-Bonsai in the Ground Sales, and Rock Planting Project	6470 Manning Ave, Fowler
February 11	FBS General Meeting	Workshop with Sam Adina Olive Bonsai	Woodward Park Library
February 18	Bonsai Basics	Bonsai Development Team Challenge Repotting	TBA
March 2-5	Fresno Home & Garden Show	Bonsai Exhibit, Demos, Bonsai Sales	Fair Grounds
March 18	Bonsai Basics	Bonsai Development Team Challenge	TBA
April 8	FBS General Meeting	TBA	Shinzen Garden
April 15	Bonsai Basics	Bonsai Development Team Challenge	TBA
April 22-23	Koen-Nai & Blossom Festival	Bonsai Show, plant sales, Bonsai Auction, Demos, Toko Kazari	Shinzen Garden
May 06 8AM	General Meeting & Workshop	Oak Bonsai- JT Thompson	Shinzen Garden
May 20	Bonsai Basics	Bonsai Development Team Challenge	TBA
June 10	FBS General	TBA	Shinzen Garden