



# Fresno Bonsai Society Newsletter April 2019

## *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.*

We hope you are all enjoying a beautiful Spring! It will continue to be a busy bonsai season!

We will kick off the Shinzen Multi-Cultural Fair on Saturday April 7th with the Koen-nai Bonsai Event. We will help the GSBF-Clark Bonsai Collection with guided tours of the bonsai exhibit and ongoing demonstrations within the exhibit area. There will be bonsai tree sales throughout the day. The highlight of the bonsai artistry will be the Toko-Kazari Tokonoma Display.

The following Saturday, April 14th, will be the General Meeting of the Fresno Bonsai Society. We will discuss the May 11th Bonsai Hop. That Saturday will be a bonsai garden tour of members of the FBS. We will also discuss the plans for the April 27th, Asia Fest at Fresno City College. Following our general meeting, we will work on our bonsai and provide advice about Spring Bonsai Tasks. Everyone should bring a tree. The Bonsai Basics Group will be free to review the curriculum from the year and ask questions. Dave Soho will lead the Bonsai Basics group in April.

Finally, the Asia Fest will take place on Saturday April 27th, at 9 AM on the Fresno City College Campus. We have 10 volunteers who will display eight bonsai in front of the Student Center and five bonsai within the Sake Garden in the Bookstore Patio. The volunteers will explain the art of bonsai and provide some demonstrations. The purpose will be to familiarize visitors with the Shinzen Japanese Garden and the Fresno Bonsai Society.

As the season for the Fresno Bonsai Society begins to wind down, it is time to consider officers for the coming two years.

## MARCH MEETING OF THE FBS

Our general meeting last month was devoted to a group discussion of members trees...both horticultural and styling. This was a wide-ranging and free discussion about members visions and plans. The goal was to encourage thoughtful development of a plan, not an "instant" Bonsai. This has been a popular activity with a more diverse group of participants! The spectrum from beginners to senior members seemed to enjoy it.







### March Shohin Study Group

The Shohin Study Group attempted to re-invent itself in March. Attendance had dropped off for a variety of reasons, and some members felt that the meeting had become so “unstructured” that the goals were unclear. With that in mind, Steve DaSilva provided a discussion and Power Point display about Shohin Bonsai Display Principles and how they contrast with larger trees. Despite Mike Saul’s technical failings, the discussion was active and there were 10 attendees.

The topic for the April 17 meeting will focus on pruning to control inter-node length and foliage density. Contact Karen Baker or Steve DaSilva for details. The meeting will continue at the Denny’s Restaurant on Herndon in Clovis.

There has been discussion about moving the Shohin meeting to an hour before the general club meeting.



**Special Thanks to Kim Black and Seng Tran for their photography at the FBS meeting and the Home & Garden Show!**

### April FBS Schedule

**April 7th, 10 AM, Koen-Nai and Shinzen Multi-Cultural Fundraiser**

**April 14th, 9 AM FBS General Meeting followed by Bonsai Basics**

**April 17th, Wednesday, 5 PM Shohin Study Group at Denny’s Restaurant on Herndon Ave**

**April 27th, 9 AM Asia Fest at Fresno City College Campus**





## Annual Fresno Home & Garden Show

The FH&G Show has continued to grow each year with better display, more visitors, and larger vendor sales. Each year we have added just a few more members and another demonstration.

The most gratifying aspect of the show this year was the remarkable number and enthusiasm of our FBS members...new and old! Dave Soho and I tried to recall the people who devoted exceptional time and energy to the show, but we fear that we might have missed a thank you somewhere. These people included Genaro Cuan, Kim Black, Lori Lewallen, Gene Nelson, Cris Saldana, Tom Coppler, Dustin Blaylock, Don and Jean Stephens, George Lopez, Bob Wright, Tyler Thomas, Steve DaSilva, Estaban Aguirre, Dwayne Berrett, Bob Hilvers, Pete Schaffert and



Jack Green. There were almost certainly others whom we overlooked, but our sincere thanks to everyone!

We continued to generate sufficient income to maintain our goals and activities. Most importantly, we continue to expose more of our community to this art form.

Next year we hope to up our game with more refined trees, more accents plants and perhaps vertical back drops? Ultimately, of course, the dates of the FH&G Show and our Spring weather will have a huge influence on the qual-



# The American Bonsai Association of Sacramento Annual Bonsai Exhibit

Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park, 3330  
McKinley Blvd, Sacramento

April 12 & 14th

10 AM to 4 PM



With Bonsai Master Dennis Makishima

Large Vendor Sales and Free Parking





# 2018-2019 SCHEDULE FOR FRESNO BONSAI SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 8 FBS MEETING 9 AM FOLLOWED BY BONSAI BASICS

OCTOBER 13 FBS MEETING & RAFFLE AND BONSAI BASICS

OCTOBER 25-28 GSBF CONVENTION SACRAMENTO

NOVEMBER 10 TRIP TO MARUYAMA BONSAI NURSERY

NOVEMBER 10 BONSAI BASICS

DECEMBER 1 BONSAI YARD SALE CLOVIS BOTANICAL GARDEN

JANUARY 12 FBS MEETING FOLLOWED BY BONSAI BASICS

FEBRUARY 9 FBS MEETING FOLLOWED BY BONSAI BASICS

MARCH 1-3 FRESNO HOME & GARDEN SHOW

MARCH 9 FBS MEETING BONSAI BASICS

APRIL 13 BONSAI BASICS

MAY 11 BONSAI HOP (MEMBERS GARDEN VISITS)

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