



# Fresno Bonsai Society Newsletter January 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.*

Greetings Friends!

Happy New Year! Here's hoping for a great bonsai season, no matter what the political and economic future holds!

Our first meeting for 2019 will be Saturday, January 12th at 9 AM. Our efforts to secure an indoor meeting place during the next couple months were not successful, so we will meet at the GSBF-Clark Bonsai Collection as always. We will have more gas heaters. Dress warm.

We will discuss your needs for bonsai soil components and a plan to obtain those. Look at your trees now and try to come to the meeting with an estimate of how much soil you will need for repotting this year. We will discuss preliminary plans for the Fresno Home & Garden Show in early March. We will conduct plant sales at that event, along with demonstrations and an exhibit. We will also mention the two big fundraising events in February for the Lake Merritt and Huntington Collections.

Following the business meeting we will adjourn to work on trees.

The Bonsai Basics group will discuss the preparation and composition of bonsai soil. They will also review the fundamentals of pot selection.

## 10th Annual Bonsai Yard Sale

The Bonsai Yard Sale was chilly and damp this year, but that did not reduce enthusiasm. It did reduce participation a bit; for the first time in years, we had some available table space. As always, it was really pleasant to see some old friends and meet some new ones. We had a few visitors from Sacramento and Southern California. We had lots of volunteers, particularly from the Bonsai Basics group. Special thanks to Lin Faeth, Lori Lewallen, and Mrs. Don Stephens!

The shoppers peaked about 10 AM this year, and by 1 PM, the crowd was gone. The sellers were anxious to go home, just as lunch arrived.

We may consider forgoing lunch next year and ending the sale at 1 PM. The weather is always the unknown factor, but everyone manages to have a good time.



## Ryan Neal at the Clark Collection

### Once More

Perhaps the premier Bonsai Master in Western Hemisphere returned to the Clark Collection on December 1st and 2nd. Unfortunately, many of us were occupied with the Yard Sale during his first day here. The following day was an outstanding example of artistic mastery and a steady flow of practical information.

Attendance at an all day demonstration by Ryan is free to those who donate time to the Clark Bonsai Collection.

The date of his next visit has not been set at this time, but he will likely return at least twice in 2019.

*Thanks to Steve Da Silva for his Photography*

## Shohin Study Group in January

The Shohin Study Group will meet at the Dennys Restaurant at the corner of Herndon and Clovis Avenues at 5 PM on January 16th. The topics will include pot selection, soils, and repotting for Shohin trees. The group is open to everyone in the FBS. Participants are encouraged to bring Shohin bonsai for show and tell. Food may be ordered (off the menu only.)

Remember to Like and Follow the Fresno Bonsai Society and the Clark Bonsai Collection on Face Book!



## FBS Events for January

**Bonsai Basics Trip to Steve DaSilva's Jan 5th, Sierra Vista Mall at 7:45 AM**

**General Meeting at CBC Jan 12th 9 AM**

**Shohin Study Group Jan 16th at Dennys in Clovis**

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## Bonsai Almanac for January

January is the month of unpleasant tasks in bonsai. Clean off those benches and remove dead leaves and debris from the soil surface.

It is the time to sieve and blend soil for repotting. Pots will need to be scrubbed with Sand-flex or other coarse textures to remove lime deposits.

Now is the time to study the design of each tree and carefully consider the branch structure, trunk line and particularly the potting position and angle, if it is to be repotted.

Make a list of the trees that you intend to repot.

This is a good time to apply dormant spray for sleeping insect eggs, on pines, junipers and elms.

Junipers may be pruned this late and multi-flush pines (Black and Red Pines) may still be needle pulled and buds selected.

## Haiku for January

Delightful display

Snowdrops bow their pure white heads  
To the sun's glory.



# 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 (TOKONOMA DISPLAY) BONSAI BASICS

APRIL 13 BONSAI BASICS

MAY 11 BONSAI HOP (MEMBERS GARDEN VISITS)

JUNE 1 ANNUAL PICNIC