



Fresno Bonsai Society Newsletter

January 2016

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.

Happy New Year Everyone!

The first meeting of 2016 will take place in the Community Room at the Woodpark Public Library, just west of the corner of Champlain and Perrin (see map on page 2.) Thank you to Dwayne Berrett for arranging this large, comfortable space. The meeting will begin promptly at 9AM, on Saturday, January 9th.

During the business meeting we will discuss upcoming events such as our annual exhibit at the Fresno Home and Garden Show, the Shinzen Garden Blossom Festival and the First Annual Fundraiser for the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen.

Donald Hoisington will discuss a possible second collecting trip near Prather next month.

Following the business meeting, we will all grimace through the Annual Ugly Tree Contest. The judges, again this year will be our esteemed emeritus members, Dr. Howard Latimer and Mr. Ray Thieme. Remember that entries must be in a bonsai pot and must have been in the possession of the contestant for at least one year. The Ugly Tree entries must be a legitimate attempt at a bonsai, albeit a dismal failure...

Following the Annual Ugly Tree Contest there will be a video presentation about "How to Prepare and Display Your Bonsai for Exhibition."

If time permits (we must vacate the room by 10:30 AM), and if there is interest, there will be a second video presentation of "The Bonsai of the Artisan's Cup Exhibit."

The Eighth Annual Bonsai Yard Sale was a Success

Each year the Bonsai Yard Sale expands as more vendors and more buyers attend. This year, the eighth time, continued that trend. We are seeing more commercial suppliers like George Muranaka from Nipomo, Barry Altshule from Hacienda,

Many of our own commercial folks brought beautiful material like Ed Clark from Round Valley Nursery and Donald Hoisington from Bullseye Bonsai.

Dave Soho, Ralph Schroeder, Harold Mitchell, Steve DaSilva and Mike Nishitani brought some excellent trees for sale.

Kora Dalager, Bill Hashimoto, and Mel Ikeda offered some beautiful high quality pots from Japan.

We had the pleasure of seeing Nancy Schramm from Carman's Nursery in Gilroy. Nancy brings beautiful and unique plants for kusamono and shohin each year.

The FBS conducted a raffle this year for the first time at this event. Thanks to some excellent donations from members and vendors, we netted a tidy profit...more than enough to cover cost of the event. The raffle proved very popular and we will plan to expand it next year.

The real fun of the Yard Sale is simply seeing old friends, like Yoshio Fujimoto, and Greg Wynn.

If the Yard Sale grows much more, we may be forced to find a new venue. For now, thank you to Ray and Evelyn Thieme for once again hosting the is event!



Top: Nancy Schramm from Gilroy with unusual accents

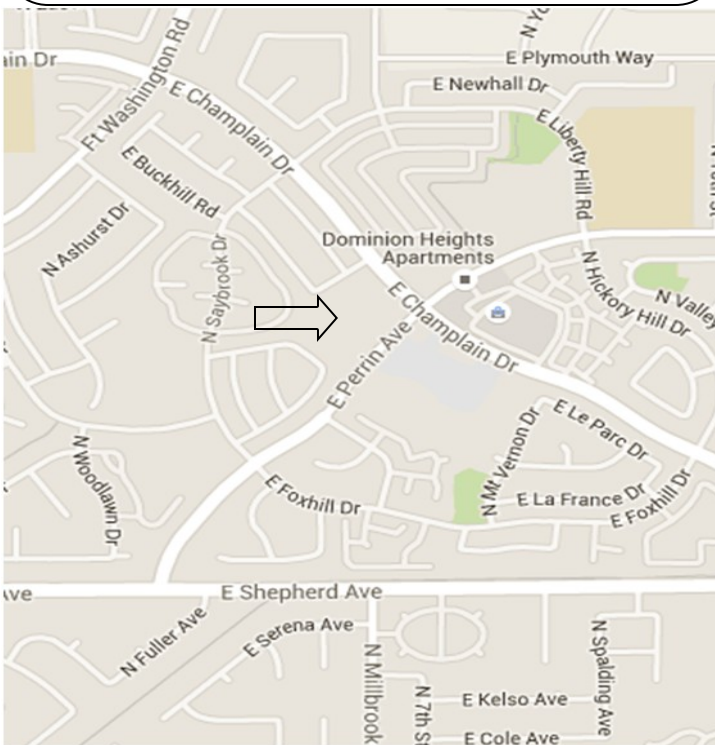
Above: A fraction of the selection of tree material to select

Below: Pots offered by Donald Hoisington of Bullseye Bonsai





The January 9th meeting of the FBS will be 9AM in the Community Room in the Woodward Park Public Library. The library is directly behind the shopping area on the North West corner of Champlain and Perrin. The community room is immediately to the right as you enter the building through the doors pictured above.



The January Meeting of the FBS will be at the Woodward Park Public Library and Remember to bring your Ugliest Bonsai for the Annual Ugly Tree Contest!

The Annual Bonsai Rendezvous at the DaSilva Ranch

Steve DaSilva will host the Annual Bonsai Rendezvous at his home in Fowler on January 16th, 2015. The address is 6470 East Manning Avenue, just a quarter mile west of highway 99. The activities start at 10AM. The Bonsai Basics Study Group (and Intermediates) and the Shohin Study Group will hold their meetings at this event.

There will be two demonstrations; Tim Robinson will finish his raft style juniper and Al Kepler and Steve DaSilva will begin a rock planting.

The Shohin Study Group will plan their group display for the Annual Shohin Convention in Santa Nella in February.

There will be field grown trees available for purchase to be dug that day.

This will be a pot luck. Judy Mitchell will serve her outstanding winter stew. Participants are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to pass.

Contact Steve at treekutter@hotmail.com or call 349-1228 for more information.

Winter Silhouettes at the Clark Bonsai

Sunday, January 17 which is the official opening of the Winter Exhibition of the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen Garden. Weather permitting, there will be an orientation for Docents that morning, and a walk-around talk by Bob Hilvers introducing the Winter Silhouettes Exhibition, as well as a walk-around presentation for the visitors later in the day (at times to be announced.)

Winter Silhouette at the Shinzen

If you have a deciduous bonsai with a good ramification for winter silhouette display and if you would like to display your tree in the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen Winter Silhouettes, please take a picture of the tree with your phone and message the image to Bob Hilvers. Bob's cell phone number is 909-1051. The deadline for submitting entries is January 2nd.



Round Valley Nursery Hosted Ted Matson Shohin Workshop for 2nd Year

Ed and Linda Clark from Round Valley Nursery hosted a Ted Matson Shohin workshop on December 12th. Though the event was not officially sponsored by FBS, our members took full advantage of this great opportunity to purchase excellent raw material and learn from a master. The Shohin Study Group was well represented.

Participants were very impressed by the selection and quality of material at the nursery. A great many new trees have new homes.

Ted discussed Black Pine management and shohin development before working with individual participants. Senior members like Harold Mitchell, Gene Nelson, Steve DaSilva and Al Keppler were on hand to help.

Perhaps the best part of the day, according to Ray Thieme, was the delicious warm lunch provided by Linda Clark!

Top: Suzie Follett and others at the Shohin workshop.

Above: Ron Woodson works on his pine.

Below: Chris Saldana snips while Ted Matson contemplates the future of a branch.

Opposite page lower left: a product of the shohin workshop



Bonsai Almanac for January

“A bonsai is more than a special plant, it is more like a pet, and a little time each day should be spent on its care.”

John Naka

January is the beginning-of-the-year month and there is no idle time for bonsai, even in winter.

- This is the time to do clean up chores. Remove dead leaves which harbor insects and fungus. Clean benches and wash pots with a dilute mixture of soap and bleach. Scrub with Sandflex or other coarse textured sponge. Rinse and dry in the sun.
- This is the best season to study the design of each bonsai by carefully reviewing the branch structure, trunk line and pot placement. However, avoid pruning or heavy wiring until sap flows in Spring
- Make a list of the trees which require repotting in a few weeks.
- It is too early to fertilize (except lightly for some conifers) but the right time to add trace elements and/or gypsum to help reduce alkalinity in the soil.
- January is the time to apply Dormant Spray



and insecticide to kill mites and pest eggs.

- Trees need very little watering.
- This is the time to remove two year old needles from black pine and to reduce needle bundles to improve balance and light to finished or mature black pine bonsai.
- Now is the time to evaluate your needs for bonsai soil components , obtain those components and to begin sifting and mixing bonsai soil based upon your repotting plans.
- Most bonsai texts suggest not to repot in January, but our climate zone will permit repotting of some species (pines and junipers) by late January in temperate years.
- Deciduous species should be kept in darker and cooler areas to avoid early budding during unexpected warm periods. If a deciduous tree does sprout early, however, it should be moved into the sun, because new growth that develops in shade tends to be weak and leggy.
- John Naka advised that this is a good time to graft pines and conifers.



Bonsai Events Around California

January 16-17, 2016 Los Angeles, California

Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai: Winter Silhouette Show, Location: Los Angeles Arboretum, 10:30am to 4:30pm
For more information, contact Lindsay Shiba at (626) 806-0937

February 27 – 28, 2016 San Marino, California

Bonsai-A-Thon XX at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road; annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at The Huntington. Admission to the event is free with Bonsai-A-Thon “early bird” registration

between 8am – 9am. Event hours are 8am – 4:30pm both days. Demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle and auction. Sunday only: a behind the scenes tour of The Huntington Bonsai Nursery with Ted Matson. For more information, contact Bill Wawrychuk at (818)790-9415 or b_wawrychuk@yahoo.com.

February 27 – 28, 2016 Oakland, California

GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: The annual Mammoth Fund Raiser will be held at 666 Bellevue Ave. (Garden

Center Building). Saturday: Auction preview at noon with Auction starting at 1pm. Sunday: Vendor Sales start at 9am, Plant Sales start at 10am, and Demonstrations at 1pm. Bonsai Garden will be open 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Noon to 4pm on Sunday. For more information or to sell trees, email bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com and visit www.gsbf-lakemerritt.org.

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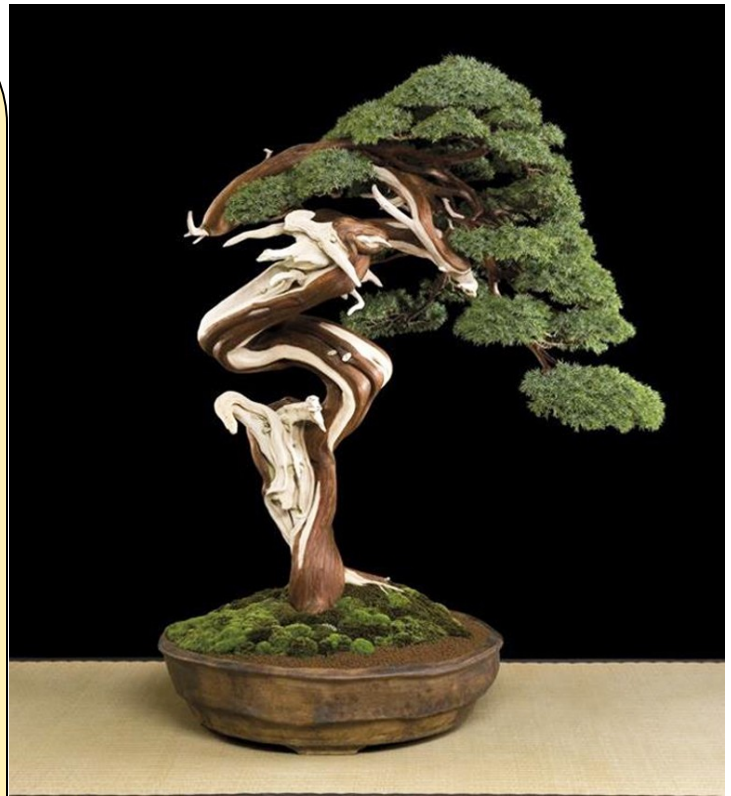
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From Dwayne Berrett and the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen

First, thanks to everyone who donated time and energy to the collect this past month: especially Gene Nelson, Greg Wynn, Ron Woodson, Bob Wright, Ray Thieme, Dave Soho and anyone else whom I've forgotten.

Secondly, we encourage everyone in the Bonsai Community to come and enjoy the Winter Silhouette Exhibit which will open January 17th.

And finally, you or your chosen friends are also encouraged to be hosts in the garden for 2-hour shifts. It is such fun to witness the oohs and awes of visitors as they see the trees! Email Dwayne to volunteer for a spot; dberrett@me.com. Shifts are for weekends only from 10 - noon, noon - 2 and 2 - 4. The bonsai exhibit will be closed unless a host is available so thanks in advance for your help.



Another Yamadori Dig Soon?

Donald Hoisington from Bullseye Bonsai tells us that he is attempting to put together another dig in the Prather foothill area in the next few weeks. Stay tuned for more information.

Special thanks this month to Al Keppler for the excellent photos from the Ted Matson Shohin Workshop.

If you are attending any FBS or local bonsai event, please take pictures and email photographs to Mike Saul at tinytreeme@sbcglobal.net.

Note that the recent editions of the FBS Newsletter are all posted on the FBS web-page, together with the club calendar and contact information.



The Fresno Bonsai Society website is now more beautiful than ever. New content and images are been added and updated. Go to fresno-bonsaisociety.com. Then like the FBS, the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen and the Shinzen Gardens on Face Book!

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Schedule for 2015-2016 Season

September 12	First Meeting of the Year	Shinzen Garden 11AM
September 19	Bonsai Basics Group	1416 Roberts, Clovis 9AM
October 10	Monthly FBS Meeting	Shinzen Garden Azumaya 9AM
October 7-18	Big Fresno Fair Bonsai Exhibit	Entry Deadline Sept 12
October 17-18	Grand Opening Clark Exhibit	Shinzen Garden
October 24	Bonsai Basics Group	1416 Roberts, Clovis 9AM
Oct 28-Nov 1 st	GSBF Convention	Riverside Convention Center
November 14	Monthly Meeting	Shinzen Garden (Pruning Day)
November 21	Bonsai Basics	4534 East Rialto, Fresno 9AM
December 5	Annual Bonsai Yard Sale	736 W. Browning, Fresno
December 5	FBS Christmas Dinner	Wasabi Off the Hook Restaurant
December 12	Bonsai Basics	Ted Matson Shohin at Round Valley Nursery
January 9	Monthly Meeting	Woodward Park Public Library 9 AM
January 16	Bonsai Basics and Shohin Group	6470 East Manning Ave, Fowler
February 5-7	Shohin Convention	Santa Nella, California
February 13	Monthly Meeting	Shinzen Garden 9 AM
March 4-6	Home & Garden Show	Fresno Fair Grounds
March 19-20 (?)	Blossom Festival	Shinzen Garden
April 10	Ted Matson Workshop	Shinzen Garden
April 16-17	Shinzen Fundraiser	Shinzen Garden
May 14	Monthly Meeting	Shinzen Garden
May 21	Bonsai Basics Group	4534 East Rialto, Fresno 9AM
June 11	FBS Year End Potluck	To Be Decided