



Fresno Bonsai Society Newsletter

June 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.

Wow, what wild winter and spring weather we had! With Bonsai, you never know what you are going to get. This translates into completing tasks necessary to keep you trees healthy while potting, transplanting, trimming and fertilizing. I certainly had to balance long periods of storminess and frenzied mild weather times to complete bonsai tasks. I hope you had a successful bonsai season and are looking forward to improving your trees throughout the summer.

This will be my last message as I complete my time as club president. I had a wonderful time leading club activities such as Sacramento nursery and soil gathering trip, the Fresno Home and Garden Show, the boxwood dig at the golf course, and the Bonsai Hop to members garden just to name a few. There have been many other great activities such as the Bonsai Basics Classes plus the Asian Fest led by Mike Saul, the Koen-Nai to support the Clark Bonsai Collection (many FBS members), the Shohin Group led by Steve DaSilva, and the juniper dig led by Peter Shaffert. Our club is diverse and growing. I hope you found something valuable for your bonsai journey.

Our last scheduled event for this FBS bonsai season is our fun annual BBQ and mega raffle on Saturday June 1 at the Clovis Botanical Garden. Bring a bonsai item(s) to swell the raffle table and a pocket full of change to buy tickets. The BBQ is free to FBS members and their families. Bring some six-pack water, soda, or maybe beer to share with others. I like the beer part. Desserts will be provided by gener-

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of change to buy tickets. The BBQ is free to FBS members and their families. Bring a six-pack of water, soda, or maybe beer to share with others. I like the beer part. Desserts will be provided by generous donations from several FBS members and/or spouses. Everyone should have a fun time at the June BBQ.

Thanks for all your help during the last few years. Your involvement will make the 2019-2020 Bonsai season even better.

Sincerely,

David M. Soho

Bonsai Hop 2019

Our May meeting was unique. The FBS members were treated to a garden tour of three gorgeous bonsai collections from our community.

Seng Tran treated us to a spectacular display of beautiful bonsai which accented an equally spectacular koi pond. Seng demonstrated his detailed knowledge of both arts as well as his technical skills. Everyone there expressed their admiration for his collection. Seng also graciously hosted the visitors to coffee and donuts.

The group then travelled to Dave Soho's home where we saw his huge collection of yamadori bonsai and naturalistic styled trees. Many had been collected from his former home in Northern California.

Finally, we saw Pat and Linda Galle's marvelous bonsai garden. They have created a serene and inviting display of their trees. We were fortunate to enjoy several of Pat's satsuki azaleas



in full bloom. All of his bonsai showed his meticulous care and grooming.

The Bonsai Hop was truly inspiring this year. We will plan to do it again next Spring with hope that more will have an opportunity to enjoy it.

Our sincere thanks to Seng Tran and family, Dave and Caroline Soho and Pat and Linda Galle!



Special thanks to Kim Black and Cris Saldana for their photography!

PLEASE RSVP TO DAVE SOHO REGARDING THE JUNE 1ST FBS BBQ AT CLOVIS BOTANICAL GARDEN. MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME. PLEASE BRING WATER, SODAS OR BEER TO DRINK. THE FBS WILL PROVIDE EVERYTHING ELSE. WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY WILL COME!

Our Annual Spring FBS Picnic will be

Saturday, June 1st

At 11 AM

**FBS Members and their Families are All
Invited**

**The FBS will provide the BBQ and Side
Dishes and Tableware**

Some Members will provide Desserts

**Please Bring Water, Sodas or Beer to
Share**

**YOU MUST RSVP BEFORE TUESDAY, MAY
28TH, TO DAVE SOHO BY EMAIL OR
PHONE! sohofive@yahoo.com**

The Slate of Officers for the 2019 FBS Election

President.....Mike Saul

Vice President...John Wright

Secretary ...Marilyn Shelton

Treasurer...Bob Wright

The vote will be conducted at the FBS Spring Picnic on June 1st.

**This is a good time to thank our faithful FBS Web
Master,**

**Mr. Mike Reynolds, for his skillful production of
our website.**

Thank You , Mike!

Bonsai Activity for June

By now all healthy bonsai should be in full foliage and new growth hardened off. We are normally entering the hot season.

Remember to rotate your bonsai in relationship to the sun so that growth is balanced throughout the summer. John Naka recommended soaking the foliage, soil, ground and even overhead shade to increase the local humidity. If you anticipate that your tree will dry out before you can return to water, water now.

June is the correct month to defoliate. The purpose of defoliation is to reduce leaf size, slow growth (to reduce internode length) and allows light into interior branches. Defoliation makes wiring easier. (Defoliating does NOT produce back budding. Some species, such as hornbeams, Japanese maples, and beeches do not tolerate defoliation as well.)

Pruning can be done now, both to maintain shape and encourage back budding in some species. This is an awkward time to wire new growth if the foliage is soft and green. Some species, such as Trident maples may still be thread grafted this time of year if the green shoots are partially defoliated for use as the graft.

Rapid growing species should be fertilized now and Marty Mann says that foliar feeding with Miracle Grow is "excellent" .

Insecticide spraying should begin now to prevent scale and spider mite damage. This should be continued every 2 weeks throughout the summer if you have evidence of infestation. Neem oil may be applied in early morning and washed off after 2 hours.

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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