



# Fresno Bonsai Society Newsletter

March 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.*

## *Welcome to the busiest portion of the Bonsai Year!*

The Fresno Bonsai Society will break new ground this year as we dramatically expand our display and activities at the Fresno Home & Garden Show, March 4th through 6th, at the Fresno Fair Grounds. Our annual bonsai show will be a three day event at this event and this will substitute for our monthly meeting. If you were not at the February meeting and plan to display one or more bonsai in the H&G Show, please notify Dave Soho (530-722-7132) with the number of trees, species, and years in training for each of the trees you plan to show. Every member of the FBS, from beginners to veterans, is asked to display at least one tree. Pre-bonsai, trees with clamps, guide wires, wiring, and all phases of development are needed for the "Bonsai-in-Training" table. Mr. Soho plans to show trees in all stages of training as part of a greatly expanded exhibit this year. He has also arranged for multiple mini-demonstrations of styling techniques through out the three days.

Set up for the show will be Thursday, March 3rd from 3-6 PM. Help with setup and tear down on Sunday will be crucial. Set up must be complete by Thursday evening. The exhibit area at the H&G show will be much larger this year.

The Shohin Study group will be asked to provide a Shohin display.

In addition, volunteers are needed to serve as docents in the exhibit from 11AM to 7PM Friday, 10AM to 7PM Saturday, and 10AM to 6PM Sunday. Please contact Peter Schaffert (559 960-5028) if you have not already signed up to help with exhibit those hours.

Finally, each member of the club is asked to donate 1-2 small bonsai for the Sales Table. This is how we finance our activities through the

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our activities and expenses for the coming twelve months.

Steve DaSilva will have a limited number of free tickets for entry into the H&G Show. Contact Steve for these.

### **Shinzen Garden Blossom Festival 2016**

Just two weeks following the Fresno Home & Garden Show, the Annual Shinzen Blossom Festival will spring forth, on Saturday, March 19th at Woodward Park. This will be a one day event this year. The Fresno Bonsai Society will provide their display as always, but adjoining the Clark Bonsai Collection in the shaded area. Set up will begin at 7:30 AM. The event will start at 10 AM.

Arrangements will be made for unloading and temporary parking adjoining the park service area, along Friant Road.

We will have a sales table at this event also. Member donations are requested for this sale and volunteers to operate the tables are needed.

A raffle is planned for the Blossom Festival. Volunteers are still needed to conduct the raffle.

Fresno Bonsai Society members will be asked to donate one or more small bonsai for sale to benefit the club at both events.



### **February Bonsai Basics Study Group**

The Bonsai Basics group met at Howard Latimer's garden in last month. Dr Latimer discussed bonsai soil components and repotting.

The students toured his collection and worked on their trees with guidance from Howard, Harold Mitchell and others. Participants expressed that the session was very informative.

### **Bonsai Basics for March and April**

Bonsai Basics, for March will be on the 26th and again at the Latimer home. Topics will include watering and fertilization. The April meeting will also be at Howard's home on the 30th. The group will be talking about pruning techniques. Please bring a chair and tree to work on. Please note that this is a change in dates due to conflicts with the Home & Garden Show and the Blossom Festival May and June will be back to the third Saturday of the month. Please take a photo with your smart phone and send it to your newsletter editor at

[tinytreeme@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tinytreeme@sbcglobal.net)

Bonsai Basics members are asked to display at least one tree in the Home & Garden Show.

Visit the new Clark Bonsai Collection web site at [www.clarkbonsaicollection.com](http://www.clarkbonsaicollection.com).

And please LIKE both the Fresno Bonsai Society and the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen on Face Book.

And invite your Face Book friends to visit us also.



*Above and below; the FBS Shohin Study Group display included trees from Ken To, Steve Da Silva and Al Keppler.*



*Above: Master Kenji Miyata and friends*

*Below: Steve DaSilva that he Shohin Seminar*

*Far below: an outstand shohin juniper*

### Shohin Seminar 2016

The semi-annual convention, held by the California Shohin Society, happened in Santa Nella, Feb 5-7. The FBS membership was well represented. The FBS Shohin Study Group provided a beautiful display (pictured above and below) in the exhibit. Classes in shohin Ficus were provided by Steve DaSilva and Harold Mitchell, Bob Hilvers taught a class in Shohin-Boxwood. The vender area was larger than ever before with numerous trees, pots, tools, supplies and bonsai paraphernalia. Many FBS members drove in for the day.



## February Meeting of the FBS

The February meeting was held in the Clovis Botanical Garden. This was an excellent venue with comfortable seating, quiet, and access to water. The business meeting focused on the Home & Garden Show Exhibit, the Blossom Festival, propagation of tree material for future classes and sales, and the April Fundraiser for the Clark Bonsai Collection, including the giant auction of Ray Thieme's collection. President Pete Schaffert confirmed the Ted Matson Workshop on Sunday April 10th. Harold Mitchell announced that Bonsai Basics would be moved to the fourth Saturday of March and April to accommodate the Blossom Festival and Fundraiser. Bob Hilvers outlined plans for the Koenai No Bonsai, the fundraiser for the Clark Bonsai Collection April 16-17. The meeting adjourned to begin teaching bonsai skills.



## Bonsai Almanac for March

March brings us to the end of the primary re-potting season. Generally, pines, junipers and other conifers are repotted during this month, as many of the deciduous trees have already begun to leaf out.

As the weather warms, trees which are subject to infestations should be sprayed with dormant spray in order to kill eggs which may have wintered in the crevices of bark and roots. Elms should be sprayed for scale insects and scale junipers need a Spring bath to ward off spider mites in particular.

As temperatures and breezes are unpredictable, trees should be checked for moisture daily. Water as needed.

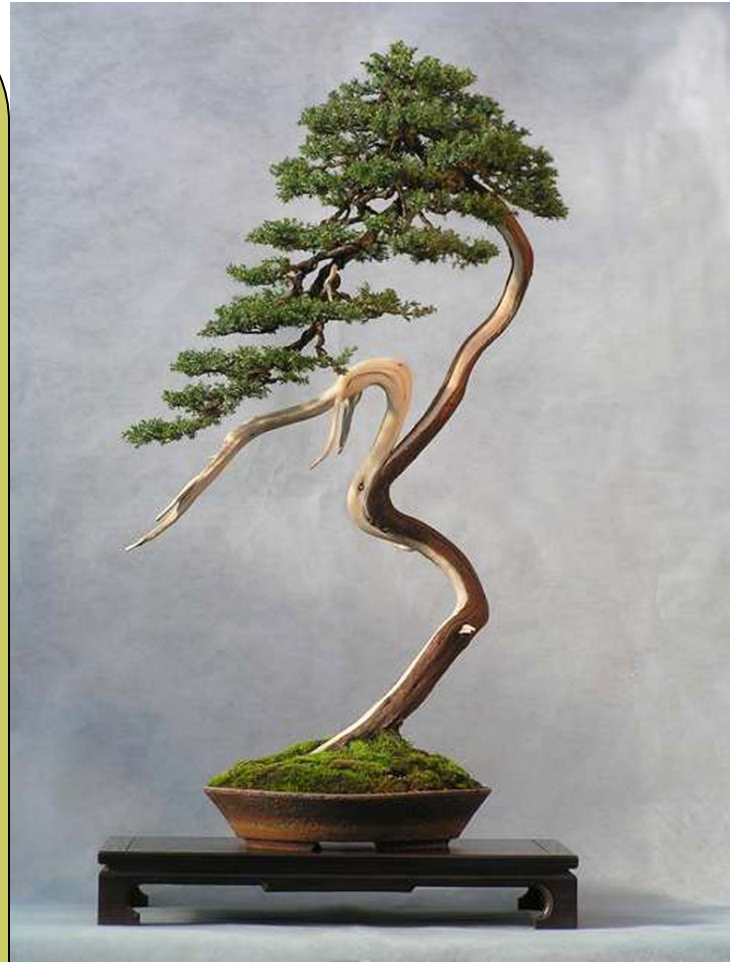
Deciduous species who are starting to leaf out should be moved into the bright sun, if they were shaded during the winter, in order to prevent weak leaf development.

Spring moss may interfere with water and should be removed if so.

Conifers, which have not been transplanted within the last month may now be fertilized. Trace elements, like iron supplements can be given in dilute solutions.

Deciduous trees which have not yet leafed out may be thread grafted now.

For flowering or fruiting bonsai, once 80% of the buds have blossomed, all the flowers and remaining buds should be removed to prevent the tree from dissipating too much strength on fruit. A few buds may be left on fruiting trees for decorative purposes.



*Above; A bunjin I just like. Anonymous.*

*Below: The iconic California juniper collected by Harry Hirao and donated by Ray Thieme, repotted last week at the Clark Collection*



## Other Bonsai Events in California

**March 12 – 13, 2016, Oakland, California**

**Bay Area Bonsai Associates (BABA):**

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonsai Exhibition** at the Lakeside Garden Center at Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are Saturday 5:00 – 9:00 PM with light dinner, and Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Demonstration by Mr. David De Groot, award winning bonsai artist and author . Continuous plant sale including bonsai pots, tools, soil, wire, and more, both days. Admission is free.

**March 16 – 20, 2016, San Mateo, California**

**Bonsai Society of San Francisco:** Annual Bonsai Exhibit at the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, San Mateo County Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive. Show hours are Wednesday – Saturday 10 AM – 7 PM and Sunday 10 AM – 6 PM. There will be trees for sale and demonstrations.

**Apr. 2 – 3, 2016, Santa Cruz, California**

**Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai: 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Show** at the Museum of Art & History, 705 Front Street, 10 AM – 5 PM both days with demonstrations at 2 PM. Saturday's demonstrator is Mike Pistello and Sunday's will be Katsumi Kinoshita. Raffle drawing for demonstration tree and trees especially prepared by club members are part of the raffle each day. Sales area will include quality vendor and member trees, pots, and other related bonsai items both days. Fresh items will be in the vendor area on Sunday. Admission price of \$5.00 to the Museum includes entry to bonsai show/demo and complementary coffee, tea and cookies





Above, right and below, Bob Hilvers repotting the iconic Harry Hiraio California Juniper at the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen. The tree was donated to the collection by Ray Thieme. The next step will be wiring and styling the foliage.

### Ed and Linda Clark's Round Valley Nursery

offers a huge volume and variety of both Shohin and Katade-Mochi size bonsai material at reasonable prices. The nursery is located at 24022 Avenue 230 in Lindsay. It's worth the drive!

Call 559 562-1019 to make an appointment.



### Save the Date

The FBS will sponsor a Workshop with Ted Matson

Sunday April 10th, at 9 AM in CBCS

Participants bring one or more trees. Fee \$20

Observers are free. Business meeting at noon.



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**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](http://fresno-bonsaisociety.com). Then like the FBS, the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen and the Shinzen Gardens on Face Book!**

## **Fresno Bonsai Society**

### **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 <sup>st</sup>	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	Blossom Festival	Shinzen Garden
April 10	Ted Matson Workshop	Shinzen Garden
April 16-17	Shinzen Fundraiser: Tōen-nai no Bonsai	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