



# Fresno Bonsai Society Newsletter

May 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.*

## *Greetings ,*

The next meeting of the FBS will be Saturday , May 14th at 9 AM in the reserve area at the Clark Bonsai Collection in Shinzen, at Woodward Park. Remember to bring your club badge for entry into the park.

We will discuss the events that we have participated in this year, including the Koen-Nai No Bonsai Fundraiser, the Home & Garden Show, and the Blossom Festival. We will consider whether or not to participate in the Kingsburg Flower & Garden Show the following weekend. We will discuss plans for the coming year and the Bonsai Yard Sale. Finally, we will make plans for the Annual June Potluck.

Following the business meeting, we will have a round table discussion about preparation for the summer months and protecting our bonsai from scorching Fresno summers. We'll talk about watering and timers, shade covers, and pot protection.

AT 12:30, following the meeting, Bob Hilvers will provide a walking tour of the Yamadori Exhibit in the bonsai garden. The tour will provide back ground information for docents in the exhibit. Members of the bonsai society are welcomed to attend.

### Koen-Nai No Bonsai Fundraiser

The first annual fundraiser for the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen is over. The team that organized and conducted this event have expressed both deep satisfaction with the success of the Koen-Nai No Bonsai and gratitude to the many FBS members who worked so hard to make this happen. The event attracted the attention of the entire state bonsai community. We saw attendees from San Diego to Sacramento. As a gauge of interest, our Face Book page normally sees about 40 visits per month. In the week prior to the fundraiser, we had more than 1300 hits!

Many FBS volunteers together with Shinzen Garden members devoted their entire Friday to assembling the venue. Particularly Jack Green The auction on Saturday attracted both professional and amateur bonsai artists. Thirty of the forty two trees were sold. Special thanks go to Rich Berrett and Genaro Cuan for their auctioneering skills. Abe Farr, the GSBF past president guided the auction, donated pots and trees, and volunteered at the sales table with his lovely wife, Christina.

The Toko-Kazari Tokonoma Display Competition was clearly the artistic high point of this event, thanks to the remarkable skills of Cris Saldano, and Ron Woodson. Chuck Nelson won First  
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### A Word of Gratitude to Ralph Schroeder

Many thank yous to many FBS members are expressed in this month's newsletter. This is a slight different thanks from members of the Bonsai Basics Study Group. They have asked us to recognize the generosity of Ralph Schroeder, who donated several bonsai to these new students this past month. The students, and Harold Mitchell wanted to say Thank You to Ralph.

### Bonsai Basics Schedule

The Bonsai Basics Study Group will meet at the Latimer garden in May and June. The dates will be May 21st and June 18th. Time will be 9am both days. We will be talking about more pruning again in May, and June will be a discussion of Black Pine management to include candle pruning. Intermediates are welcome. The address is 4534 East Rialto in Fresno.

**Remember to visit the FBS webpage monthly for the event schedule and bonsai information. And please like the FBS, the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen and the Shinzen Garden on Face Book.**

### Shohin Study Group for May

The Shohin Study Group will meet at Karen Baker's home on Wednesday, May 25th at 5:30 PM. Karen's address is 3520 North Locan, in Fresno (between Shields and Ashland). Her phone number is 259-9939. This will be a potluck dinner with adult refreshment as usual.



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***A Letter from Bob Hilvers, Curator of the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen to the FBS:***

Hello all,

I don't have the words to express my gratitude and how proud I am to have had the privilege of working along side all of you to make the Koen-nai No Bonsai the success it was, and make no mistake it was a resounding success. Congratulations have been pouring in all day. Words like "astounding", "beyond expectations", "totally organized and well managed", "stunningly beautiful", "great experience, when is the next Koen-nai", "material as good as at the conventions", are being used to describe how folks liked our little fundraiser. One compliment that seems to sum up how I felt about things was, "this Collection Committee stands as tall as any in GSBF, great job". You earned this praise and much more for your endless hours of tireless, back breaking work.

We will schedule a Collection Committee meeting for some time in May to critique the event and determine what worked and what didn't so that we can make the event even better next year with one question in mind. How do we do things next year to make as much or even more money with less work.

I'd like to say to everyone take a much deserved break and we'll get back together in a couple of years when we've all had a good rest. The awful truth is that a bonsai collection is a merciless task master. Once again, thanks to you all. You do indeed "stand tall".

Bob



*The set up for the Koen-Nai No Bonsai Event required about twenty volunteers from the Fresno Bonsai Society. The team was lead by Dave Soho (above with Bob Wright) and Jack Green, who is holding up the pick up below... and John Wright.*





Above: Rich Berrett selling bonsai in beautiful pots

Across Top Left: Genaro Cuan pushes bidders higher.



Top left: Array of Ray Thieme's trees for auction.  
Above: The old master  
Below: Another portion of the auction trees



Hello,

I just wanted to thank everyone for all your help with the auction and all of the work involved in the preparation of this event. We sold 30 trees out of 42 in the auction, which wasn't bad at all. If it had not been for all the efforts from each and every one of you, it would not have been so successful. Thank you to those of you who bought some of my trees. I hope you enjoy them.

I thank Richard Berrett and Genaro Cuan for their auctioning skills and a special thanks to ALL the ladies in the registration booth who kept all of us in line and everything organized. Finally, a special thanks to all the muscle men who carried my trees to and from my home and having to handle them during the auction.

Many, many thanks!!!!!!!!!!

I apologize if I have missed anyone in this email, please let me know and send me their email address.

Sincerely,

Ray





*Above left and top right: Kenji Miyata styles a beautiful old Juniper which later sold for more than \$2000.*

*Below left and above: David Nguy styles a California juniper which he had very generously donated. That tree also brought a great donation to the Clark Bonsai Collection.*



*Top: Two bonsai masters donated their talents to make Koen-nai No Bonsai a great event; David Nguy and Kenji Miyata.*

*Above: Bob Hilvers led a guided tour of the new yamadori exhibit within the Clark Bonsai Exhibit.*

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prize and Linda and Pat Galle won second and third place cash prizes respectively. The Clark Bonsai Exhibit had record number of visitors, including a well attended tour led by Bob Hilvers. Special recognition needs to go to Linda Jacobsen who worked tirelessly at the entry table, saw to the comforts of volunteers, organized and led the volunteers in numerous tasks, and created a superb wine and cheese reception for the Toko-Kazari and special guests.

A special acknowledgment is also needed for Gene and Dania Nelson who devoted hours, great planning skills, and sweat to the auction  
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*The tokonomas for the Toko-Kazari Competition were designed to be assembled and taken down for these events as needed. The displays were described as “stunningly beautiful” by visitors. The screens and back drops were built by Cris Saldana and assembled (and disassembled) with the help of Ron Woodson. The exhibitors were all members of the Fresno Bonsai Society and included Donald Hoisington, Al Keppler, Steve DaSilva, Mike Saul, Chuck Nelson and both Linda and Pat Galle. Tokonoma display provides the most artistic venue for viewing bonsai.*





### Haiku for Spring

Winter was too cold.  
Spring has warmed me to my roots.  
I feel green again.



**Remember to save Saturday, June 11th for the  
Year End FBS Potluck**

## *The REBS 33rd Annual Bonsai Show*

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society  
(REBS)  
invites you to their

### *33rd Annual Bonsai Show*

Saturday, 20 August 2016 10 am - 5 pm  
Sunday, 21 August 2016 10 am - 4 pm

Featuring Bonsai Master Artist Kathy Shaner  
Bonsai demonstrations both days 1 - 3 pm

Demonstration trees to be raffled

- \* See the largest bonsai exhibition
- \* Large bonsai vendor area
- \* Large member trees area
- \* Exciting silent auctions or "buy it now"
- \* Free admission and parking
- \* Free refreshments by the Bonsai Cafe

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## Bonsai Almanac for May

The scorching summer sun is coming soon. John Naka reminded us to continue to rotate our bonsai monthly. More importantly, watch species with tender leaves like Japanese maple, Hornbeams and Liquid Amber. On extremely hot days move them out of the direct light to filtered sun.

Watering must be more consistent but thoughtful to keep the soil moist but not soaked.

New shoots on deciduous trees may be cut back to 2 or 3 leaves if hardened off, in order to maintain shape. Juniper shoots may be cut back now for pad development and styling. Young black pines and vigorously growing old black pines may be decandled at the end of May or early June. Be aware that if decandling occurs early, the second growth candles will have more growing time and will be longer next spring. When pruning, start on the bottom branches first so you can gauge the appropriate length of the branches above.

Check on wires from last fall. Remove them if they are cutting into the rapidly growing branches.

Pomegranate, cotoneaster and pyracantha may still be transplanted.

Most species are growing rapidly and may be fertilized on a regular schedule. Consider rotating organ fertilizers on a schedule. Many of us add dilute fish emulsion weekly to a dry organic fertilizer like Grow Power Plus or Green King monthly.

Spider mites will be attacking juniper foliage and young pine needles soon. Consider Neem oil spray in the cool mornings every two weeks.



*Dr. and Mrs Howard Latimer at the Koen-nai No Bonsai.*



## Bonsai Events in California in May

### May 7, 2016, Napa, California

**Napa Valley Bonsai:** Club 38th Annual Show at Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St. Show hours are 11 AM to 4 PM, with demonstration by Jonas Dupwuch at 1 PM. Display, Silent auction, Sales, and Vendors areas.

### May 7 & 8, 2016, Sacramento, California

**Sacramento Bonsai Club:** 70th Annual Bonsai & Suiseki Show at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Show hours are Noon – 5 PM on Saturday and 10 AM – 4 PM on Sunday with demonstration at 2 PM each day. Demonstration by the well-known bonsai artist Sam Adina, followed by the demo raffle and more prizes. Free Admission. For more information contact: Gary Judd (916) 622-8048.

### May 14 – 15, Gardena, California

**Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai:** Annual Exhibit “Serenity through Bonsai” at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St. Novice to master bonsai exhibited. Hours are 10 AM – 4 PM both days with a demonstration at 1 PM ((Saturday) a round-robin and (Sunday) a Saikei demonstration by Mr. Frank Goya will be held). The demonstration items will be in the benefit drawing, which follows each demonstration. On Saturday a beginner’s hands-on workshop at 10:30 AM will be held

### May 21-22, 2016, Santa Barbara, California

**Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara:** Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Road. Hours are Saturday 11 AM – 4 PM and Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM. Demonstrations at 1 PM both days. Plant sale by the Club. Native plants suitable for bonsai in the Botanic Garden’s nursery. Books and other gifts in the Garden Shop. For more information, contact Tom Post (805) 964-2717

### May 21 – 22, 2016, Oakland, California

**Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai (BASA):** 21st Annual Satsuki Azalea Bonsai Show at the Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 11 AM – 4 PM Sunday with demonstration by Bonsai Master Artist Johnny Uchilda Saturday between 1 and 3 PM. Demonstration tree will be raffled. Sales area with beginner material and imported plants from Japan. Benefit drawing. Free admission.

### May 21 – 22, 2016, Van Nuys, California

**Sansui Kai of Southern California:** Annual Bonsai Show at the Japanese Garden at Tillman Water Reclamation Center, 6100 Woodley Ave. Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM both days, with demonstration each day. Sale table of Bonsai trees and pots. For more information contact: (818) 756-8166 (Garden) or (760) 379-8292.

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and the entire fundraiser. And thank you to Dave Soho and Bob Wright who worked for many hours in preparation and at the event. Finally, thank you to the many volunteers from the bonsai community who devoted their time and effort.

Bob Hilvers reports that 1) he received ONLY rave reviews about the weekend and 2) the CBCS netted almost \$9000. The Clark Collection Committee will meet on May 12th for a debriefing and analysis. The event was considered very successful. Discussion will surround the date and agenda of the 2017 fundraiser.