



Fresno Bonsai Society Newsletter May 2018

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 everyone! It has been a great Spring so far!

The Koen-Nai fundraiser, thanks to a lot of hard work from the FBS membership, was a great success. Thank you to all the folks who supported the bonsai society and the Clark Collection! The Clark met their fund raising goals and the Toko-Kazari was as beautiful as ever!

The next meeting of the FBS will be Saturday, May 12th, at 9 AM at the Reserve Area of the Clark Bonsai Collection in Shinzen Garden. This will be a SUPER meeting. Al Keppler will discuss all aspects of Trident Maple horticulture and styling. The official title of his presentation will be "Trident Maples: A Deciduous Primer". This will be a learning opportunity for all of us! Bring your own deciduous bonsai for Al's guidance.

During the business meeting we will discuss the plans for the Field Trip to Round Valley Bonsai Nursery the following week and the year-end party in June. Finally, Dave Soho will offer a proposal for the FBS to develop a Bonsai Educational Scholarship to honor the late Ray Theime.

Following the FBS meeting, members may wish to join Steve DaSilva pruning in the Shinzen Garden. You are always welcome to bring your bonsai for advice or help. If there is time at the end of the morning, members may work on their own bonsai or work on Clark Collection bonsai, under the guidance of Bob Hilvers and curatorial staff.



Above: one of Al Keplers many beautiful Trident maples.

The Koen-Nai and FBS Mini-Exhibit

The FBS and the Clark Bonsai Collection took a new approach to our fundraising event this year and followed the lead of the Shinzen Japanese Garden. We joined Shinzen in a single day event (Sunday, April 15th). The Shinzen Spring Multi-Cultural Faire drew more than 600 visitors. The event was certainly a success from the perspective of community exposure, and all three organizations appeared to meet their fundraising goals.

Gene Nelson deserves very special appreciation for conducting a very well organized and successful Silent Auction for the Clark Collection. Bob Wright did an equally effective job running the FBS plant sale. Thanks too, go to Genaro Cuan, Cris "Superman" Saldana, Tim Coppler, Ron Woodson, Sean Crawford and all the others who helped activities!

Special thanks to the ladies who slaved in the cashier's table!

Congratulations go to Steve Da Silva, Chuck Nelson, and Cris Saldana for achieving first, second, and third place awards in the Toko Kazari Display Competition. The entries were extraordinarily beautiful this year!

This one day event was much less stressful and laborious than our previous two day events. Perhaps the most important point was that it was, therefore, more fun!

Our mini-display was attractive and popular.

Two items that we failed to carry out as previously planned: we forgot to provide written directions for bonsai care to buyers. Second, we did not station an individual at our bonsai display to explain and promote the Fresno Bonsai Society. Next year?



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Left: Steve Da Silva's winning tokonoma

Far top: Chuck Nelson obscuring his display

Above: Dave Soho at the FBS Plant Sales

Below: Cris Saldana's display and his handsome self



Bonsai Basics for April

The Bonsai Basics group is growing like topsy! Nineteen students met in April for a discussion from John Wright about bonsai tool care, sharpening, and what tools are truly essential for a new bonsai artist. Following a coffee break, in which everyone enjoyed a beautiful Spring morning, we discussed a bit of biochemistry and tree physiology as a segue into why, how and when to fertilize our bonsai.

Handouts on both topics are available to anyone who missed the class and wants one.



Above: John Wright teaching at Bonsai Basics

May Bonsai Basics Field Trip

The May 19th meeting of Bonsai Basics will be a field trip to the Round Valley Nursery in Lindsey. We will car pool down to Ed and Linda Clark's bonsai farm. We will park in the Sierra Vista Mall, South of Red Robin Restaurant. We will leave at 8 AM. Those who do not drive are asked to donate \$5 for gas. When we arrive at the nursery, We will provide brief presentations on 1) How

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To select the best front for your bonsai and 2) How to select the raw material with the best potential for a bonsai.

Linda Clark will provide lunch for us for \$7 per person. We will finalize our plans at the May 12th FBS meeting.

Please email Mike Saul if you would like to go. The trip is open to all members of the FBS. We need additional drivers at this point.

Memorial for Ray Theime

A few weeks ago we lost a dear friend and a great bonsai guy in Ray Theime. Ray was special to many members of the FBS and they did everything they could to encourage him and support his family during his long, difficult illness.

On Saturday, April 21st, his family and friends gathered in the Clark Bonsai Collection to celebrate his life and his achievements.

The Curatorial Staff had the exhibit area, with Ray's Bonsai, in immaculate shape. The Reserve Area where Ray spent so many hours was transformed into a very nice venue for more than fifty friends and family from all over California. Those same friends and family spoke of their admiration and appreciation for Ray.

There were lots of photos of his years of devotion to family, friends, and bonsai.

His family asked to express their thanks to all the people in the bonsai society who made that day special. Thank you to Gene Nelson and Linda Jacobson and to Bob Wright, Dania Nelson, Lori Lewallen, and Charlene Wylie.



May Shohin Study Group

The Shohin Study Group will meet at Al Keppler's home on Wednesday, May 16th. The Address is 1595 West Indianapolis, in Fresno. This potluck dinner will start around 5:30 PM. Please bring a dish to past. Tableware and condiments will be provided, along with beverage.

Adult beverages are welcome.

This is an opportunity to view Al's many beautiful bonsai.

Above: The memorial for Ray Thieme at the Clark Bonsai Collection

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Bonsai Events in May Around California

May 4 - 5, 2018 Sacramento, California

Sacramento Bonsai Club: 72nd Annual Show Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Show hours are Noon - 5 pm , Saturday and 10 am - 4 pm Sunday with demonstrations at 2 pm by Bonsai artist Sam Adina both days, followed by benefit drawings. Free Admission, open to the public. Club member sales of bonsai-related items.

May 5 - 6, 2018 Gardena, California

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai: 33rd Annual Bonsai Exhibit & Sale "Serenity through Bonsai" Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd Street. Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM. The show features an exhibition and sales area. Saturday events: beginner's workshop, round-robin demonstration, and our club auction. Sunday events: Saikei demonstration by Frank Goya. The public is welcome and admission and parking is free.

May 19 - 20, 2018 Santa Barbara, California

Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara: Annual Bonsai Exhibition and plant sale in Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 N. La Cumbre, (Corner of Foothill Rd.). Hours are 11 AM - 4 PM Saturday and 10 AM - 4 PM Sunday with demonstrations by Ann Erb and Mel Ikeda. Free admission. For more information, contact Joe Olson 805-964-0869, email joeyuccaseed@verizon.net, or visit www.santabarbarbonsai.org.

May 19 - 20, 2018 Oakland, California

Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai (BASA): 23rd Annual Satsuki Azalea Bonsai Show, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday with demonstration by Johnny Uchida Saturday 1 – 3 PM (Demonstration tree to be raffled). Beginning bonsai workshop Sunday 1 – 3 PM limited space available, \$20 fee and sign-up required. Participating vendors – North American Satsuki Bonsai Center – Rick Garcia and Shojuen – Darren and Laura Wong.

May 19 – 20, 2018 Sacramento, California

Satsuki Aikokai Association: Annual show held at Shepard Garden Center 3330 McKinley Blvd. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM Saturday and 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday with demonstrations at 1:30 PM both days by botanist and bonsai nurseryman Yuzo Maruyama. Create your own azalea bonsai class at 11 AM both days. Raffles, vendors and Satsuki information booth. Free entrance and parking. For more information contact: Ronn Pigram (916) 428 8505 or email - satsukiaikokaisac@sbcglobal.net

May 19 - 20, 2018 Palo Alto, California

Akebono Bonsai Club and Kashu Suiseki Kai: Annual Show held at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Road. Show hours are Noon - 5 PM with a demonstration at 2 PM both days. Free Admission. Raffle drawing for door prizes and demonstration tree immediately following each demonstration. Must be present to win. There will be bonsai trees available for sale by the club. For additional information, contact Carl Yanari at (408)781-5937.

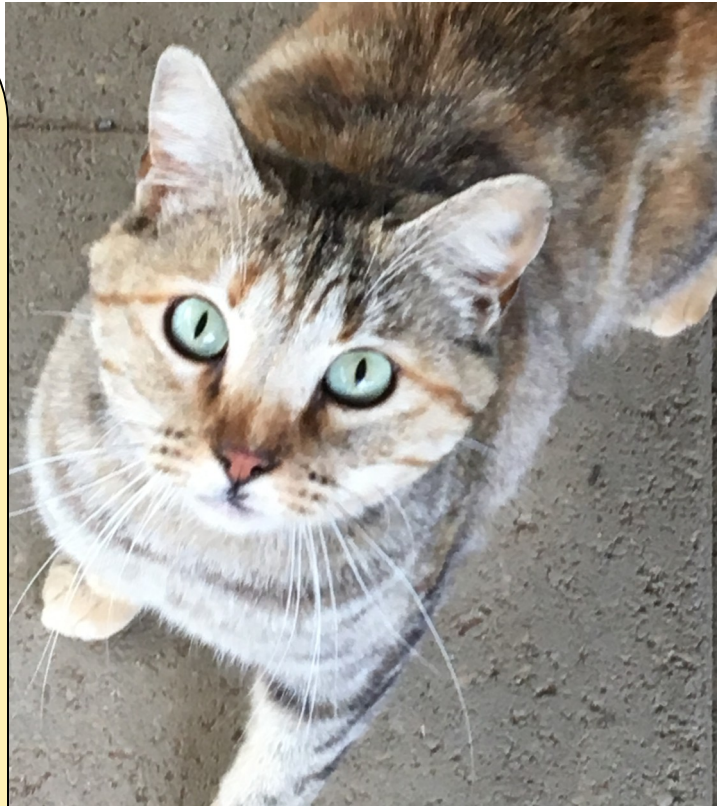
May 20, 2018 Van Nuys, California

Sansui Kai of Southern California: Annual Bonsai Show and Sale, Japanese Garden, Tillman Water Reclamation Center, 6100 Woodley Ave. Hours are 10 AM - 4 PM with demonstrations at 1PM. Entry fee \$5 to show and garden. There will be bonsai trees for sale as well as bonsai related things (pots, stones etc.).

Bonsai Almanac for May

The scorching summer sun is coming soon. Remember to rotate our bonsai 180 °monthly. More importantly, watch species with tender leaves like Japanese maple, Hornbeams and Ume. On extremely hot days move them out of the direct light to filtered sun. Watering must be more consistent to keep the soil moist. 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 black pines might 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 of deciduous species. Pomegranate, cotoneaster and pyracantha may still be transplanted. Most species are growing rapidly and may be fertilized on a regular schedule. Consider organic fertilizers every 4 to 6 weeks depending on whether your bonsai is in development versus refinement. Spider mites will be attacking juniper foliage very soon. Consider Neem oil spray in the cool mornings every 2-4 weeks. If you have evidence of active mite infestation on Shimpaku, in particular, thoroughly with Neem oil in the cool morning hours, then rinse off the trees after 2-3 hours. Repeat in two weeks to cover the life cycle of the eggs. This will work for elm scale as well.

Volunteers to serve as docents and landscape maintenance are still desperately needed for the Clark Bonsai Collection. Training is provided on the 3rd Saturday of each month.



The Cat with No Name

After a heated debate lasting 2-3 minutes and a discussion about inappropriate profanity, the Curatorial Staff of the Clark Bonsai Collection has selected the name "Miko" for their mascot. No one was quite sure of the meaning of this word in Japanese, but the consensus was that Miko is likely a female and this sounded like a feminine name. Thank you to all those who submitted suggestions.

Summer Haiku

Long are the suns rays

Quite hot, there is little shade:

Those are summer days.

EJ Sizemore

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FBS Activities For May

May 12th FBS General Meeting at the Clark Bonsai Collection in Shinzen Japanese Garden. 9 AM

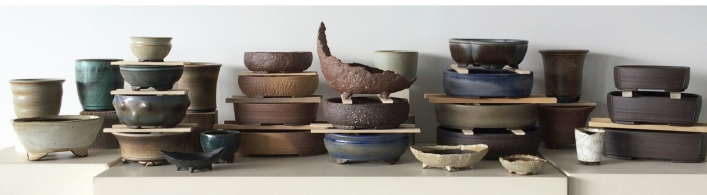
May 16th Shohin Study Group; 1595 W. Indianapolis. Potluck at 5:30 PM

May 19th Bonsai Basics Field Trip to Round Valley Nursery. Carpool departs 8AM. All FBS members welcome



BULLSEYE BONSAI

The five bonsai belonging to Mike Reynolds sold very quickly and several FBS members were disappointed that they're offer to buy came too late. I will have more of Mike's trees to sell next week. I will send out an advanced notice by email, at least two days in advance so that everyone has an opportunity to buy one or more of the trees. Mike Saul



April Grigsby
Hand Made Bonsai Pots

Visit my shop at Clay Hand Studios, 660 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA
By appointment (561)445-1533

FBS Calendar 2017-2018 Season

September 9	FBS Meeting and Presentation on Bonsai Diseases and Pests with Pro. Beth Teviotdale	Clark Collection Reserve Area
September 23	Bonsai Basics: Introduction to Bonsai with Dave Soho	Carson Avenue, Clovis
October 14	FBS Meeting: Bonsai Raffle and "Evolution of Bonsai Art in the USA	Clark Collection Reserve Area
October 28	Bonsai Basics: Styling and Wiring with Dave Soho	Carson Avenue, Clovis
October 25-29	GSBF Convention Forty	Riverside Convention Center, Riverside CA
November 11	FBS Meeting: Bring a Tree Critique with Al Keppler	Clark Collection Reserve Area
November 18	Bonsai Basics: Soils and Pot Selection with Bob Wright and Dave Soho	Carson Avenue, Clovis
December 2	Annual Bonsai Yard Sale	Clovis Botanical Garden
January 20	Combined Meeting with Bonsai Basics, Shohin Study Group and Potluck	DaSilva Ranch in Fowler
February 2-4	Shohin Convention	Santa Nella
February 10	FBS Meeting: Bonsai Critique and Preparation for Exhibition	Woodward Library
February 17	Bonsai Basics: More on Soils & Repotting with Dave Soho	Carson Avenue, Clovis
March 2-5	Fresno Home & Garden Show, FBS Display	Fresno Fair Grounds
March 17	FBS Meeting: Air Layering with Pete Schaffert and Thread Grafting with Mike Saul followed by Bonsai Basics	Clark Collection Reserve Area
April 7	Koen-Nai and FBS Outdoor Show	Shinzen Garden
May 12	FBS Meeting: Spring Work with Tridents with Al Keppler & Shohin Bonsai with Steve Da Silva	Clark Collection Reserve Area
May 19	Bonsai Basics: Selecting Good Material Round Valley Nursery	Lindsey, CA
June 2	Annual FBS Potluck Picnic	Clovis Botanical Garden