



Fresno Bonsai Society Newsletter

May 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.

We enjoyed a lush green spring and the end of our recent drought. Summer will be blazing away shortly. The challenge of maintaining our bonsai is coming! It was great while it lasted!

The good news is: we have two fun events to finish our year! Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 11th. We will hold our first ever Bonsai Hop as we visit the bonsai gardens of three of our members. We will start with a tour at Seng Tran's garden. The club will meet there at 9 AM. His address is 5832 East Erin Avenue in Fresno. After an hour of discussion, the club will meet at Dave Soho's home., at 10:30 AM. Dave's address is 2152 Carson Avenue in Clovis. Finally, we will drive to Pat Galle's collection at 1631 North Magnolia in Clovis. We will arrive at Pat's garden about 12 Noon.

The other date you should save is Saturday, June 1st. That is the day of the FBS Annual Picnic at the Clovis Botanical Garden. Families are invited. Final plans for this event will be made in two weeks.

June 1st is also the day on which we vote for our new club officers. At this point in time, Bob Wright has agreed to serve as Treasurer and Mike Saul has agreed to be our club president for the next two years. We are seeking nominations for Vice President, Secretary, and Newsletter editor for the new term. Please consider serving in one of these positions in order to improve our club. If you have questions regarding the responsibilities of any position, please review our bylaws on the FBS webpage, or contact Dave Soho or Mike Saul.

Our goal is to identify new leaders with new ideas for this society.



May Meeting of the FBS

There was an excellent turnout at the May 13th meeting of the FBS. The results of the Koen-Nai Fundraiser were discussed. Dave Soho expressed thanks to the many members who helped with a successful event.

Following the meeting, Dave Soho discussed the approach to Spring pruning and pinching.

The Bonsai Basics group continued that topic and styling.

Special thanks to Seng Tran and Kim Black for photographing both events.



**Friday May 17th is
National Public Gardens Day**

2019 Koen-Nai Fundraiser for the GSBF- Clark Bonsai Collection

The Koen-Nai fundraising event was held April 7th, in conjunction with the Shinzen Gardens Spring Multi-cultural Fair. The Koen-Nai included a bonsai sale conducted by the Clark collection and by members of the FBS. In addition, there were tours of the bonsai exhibit and a morning workshop directed at the art of Tokonoma Display.



Azalea Show in Sacramento

Satsuki Aikokai Association of Sacramento is having their 41st annual showing May 18 & 19 at Shepard Art & Garden Center at McKinley Park 3300 McKinley Blvd. Hours 10am to 4pm both days. Demonstration by sensei Yuzo Maruyama at 1:30 both days with raffle following Vendors and free entrance and parking.

Marilyn Aguillar, from the FBS, is also a member of the Satsuki Aikokai Association of Sacramento.



Reminder of FBS Events

May 11 Bonsai Hop to visit member bonsai gardens. We will meet at 5832 E. Erin Avenue at 9 am to visit Seng Tran.

May 15 The Shohin Study Group will meet at Denny's on Herndon in Clovis at 5:30 pm. Topic TBA. Contact Steve DaSilva.

No Bonsai Basics Class has been scheduled for May. (I will be out of town.) If you would like to arrange a meeting, please call or email Mike Saul.

Another Reminder...

I will assume the presidency of the FBS on June 1st. We will need someone to become our newsletter editor at that time. I will be happy to assist and to provide most of the content. The newsletter is important to the efficiency and organization of this club. Whether or not the newsletter requires the photos and color layout is less crucial but members do seem to enjoy seeing it. I am working on identifying a new vice president and new secretary, but I have struggled to find a newsletter person. Please contact me.

World Bonsai Day

World Bonsai Friendship Federation



Saturday
May 11, 2019



Nick Trujillo sent us this image of his red Japanese maple bonsai. Nick has been a member of FBS for only a couple years. He has produced some beautiful trees.

Save the Date: June 1st The FBS Picnic



Fresno ceramic artist, Ren Lee will present a new exhibit May 2nd—June 1st titled **OLD GODS 7 REFORMED MONSTERS**. The show will be at Clay Hands Studio, 660 Van Ness in Fresno. The Art Hop Reception will be May 2nd at 8 pm.

We anticipate that the Fresno Bonsai Society will join in an exhibit of bonsai later this summer at Art Hop at Clay Hands.

Bonsai Events in California in May

May 4 - 5, 2019 Sacramento, California

Sacramento Bonsai Club: Annual Spring Show at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Rd. Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM, with a Sam Adina demonstration at 1:30 PM, both days. Large member sales and vendor areas, free admission and plenty of parking. The benefit drawings both days will include the demonstration tree and many bonsai and bonsai related items

May 18 - 19, 2019 Palo Alto, California

Akebono Bonsai Club and Kashu Suiskei Kai: Annual Show held at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Road. Show hours are Noon - 5 PM with a demonstration on each day at 2 PM. Free Admission. Bonsai trees and other bonsai related items will be for sale. Raffle drawings for door prizes and demonstration trees immediately following each demonstration.

May 19, 2019 Van Nuys, California

Sansui Kai: Annual Bonsai Show at the beautiful Japanese Garden, 6100 Woodley Ave. Show hours are 10 AM - 4 PM with a demonstration at 1 PM. Come view member trees, members sale table, Bonsai demonstration and tour the beautiful Japanese Garden.

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)

JUNE 1 ANNUAL PICNIC