



Fresno Bonsai Society

Newsletter

November 2021

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.

Officers of the FBS

President.....Chris Saldana
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 Past President.....Mike Saul
 NewsletterCarol & John Wright

President’s Message



With the change in weather it looks like we made it through summer. Now if the smoke will clear we can start to enjoy the fall. We are happy to see a steady increase in FBS membership this year. If you haven't paid your dues for this year see Bob Wright at the November 13th meeting.

Steve Iwaki is our guest in November (see page 2). Our goal is to have high quality speakers/demonstrators at a number of our meetings this year.

Our December meeting will cover repotting techniques for our newer members. For our more experienced members it will be a time to work on trees with other experienced members. As things slow, this is a great time of year to clean your benches and trees, sharpen tools, check wire and enjoy your trees.

If you are planning to sell items at the FBS Fall Sale on November 20th, please bring your own tables. We have a limited number at the Clovis Botanical Garden, and we will use those for the silent auction (look for some great trees again this year). If you need tables or help, check with other club members.

Chris

Upcoming Events

Nov. 13th FBS meeting @ 9AM, Juniper Demonstration with Steve Iwaki, Clovis Senior Center, bring a tree to work on.
 Nov. 20th FBS Fall Sale at the Clovis Botanical Garden 9 am-1pm There will be a Silent Auction

I you have any FBS related pictures, please send them to John Wright. We are always looking for interesting articles or pictures of member trees.

The October FBS meeting was held at Tice Park in Fresno. President Chris Saldana was back in action, which we were all glad to see. Rodney Sakaguchi from Master Gardeners gave a presentation on maples. This informative discussion covered varieties, pruning, and much more.



**November 13, 2021
FBS Demonstration and Workshop
with Steve Iwaki**

We have a great program for November! In addition to our regular meeting at the Clovis Senior Center, Steve Iwaki will do a demonstration. The demonstration tree will be raffled off at the meeting. Steve is also doing a series of 3 to 4 hour workshops Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning and afternoon.. These workshops are full at this time, but we are looking to do similar events in the future.

For those who have registered for one of the workshops please remember that one of Steve's requirements for the workshops is that all participants will need to have been vaccinated against COVID.



We welcomed and introduced more individuals in attendance that are new to the FBS. Following the presentation, time was again set aside for members to work on their own trees or to ask for help on a tree. See you next month at the Clovis Senior Center.





Bonsai Basics with Tim Robinson:

Our Bonsai Basics groups this year are led by Tim Robinson and Mike Saul. Rick Shaw is shown working on his black pine with Tim at their last meeting. These sessions are invaluable for those new to bonsai in gaining a basic understanding of how to care for and create bonsai. If you are new to FBS and are interested contact Tim or Mike about participating. There are a great number of YouTube videos on bonsai, but exercise care in taking what you hear there. As with most things there are varying approaches and opinions. Your best source is local knowledge about local growing conditions, which also gives you the opportunity to talk with those who have been doing bonsai locally for years.

FRESNO BONSAI SOCIETY
FALL SALE

November 20, 2021
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Clovis Botanical Garden
945 Clovis Avenue, Clovis

*Trees, pots, bonsai items,
 Silent Auction.*

Vendors welcome

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Volunteer Day at the CBC

Our FBS Volunteer Day at the Clark Bonsai Collection at the Shinzen Garden again provided a great opportunity to work on



some high quality trees as well as change out the summer display for the fall display. We had some wonderful help from some of the high school youth in the area, We continued the work on junipers, which have been the primary focus of work in September and October.



Curatorial team members are there to guide the work and talk about the techniques we are using at the CBC to maintain a consistent pattern for handling the trees.

Come out and join us on the third Saturday of the month from 9 AM —Noon. With the FBS Fall Sale falling on the third Saturday in November we will not gather in November. If FBS members would like to help bring Clark Collection trees to the sale on November 20, please let us know.



Our next volunteer day is December 18th.

FBS members also enjoyed some great learning time with Bonsai professional Todd Schlafer in October. Todd is scheduled to be at the Clark Garden four times in 2022. If you are interested in joining FBS members volunteering then, let us know.

Membership Dues

Membership dues for the Fresno Bonsai Society are due. Dues are \$40 per year for individuals or a family. Students are free. Make checks to the Fresno Bonsai Society and given to Bob Wright, our treasurer, along with a form filled out with your name, phone number and email (printed in large clear letters). Even if you have been a FBS member please complete a membership form. This will help ensure we have your current information. Bob will not be able to take money without the form. It gets hard to keep it all straight if you don't. Thank you