



Fresno Bonsai Society

Newsletter

October 2015

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.

From the President: Happy October Everyone!

At our October 10th meeting we have a few business items to get through and then we will focus on working on trees. Our business meeting will be at 9:00 at the gazebo in Shin Zen Garden, and then we will move to the reserve area for a brief discussion on wiring techniques. I will be bringing a tree for discussion on styling and then members who may not have more mature trees can get hands-on with me wiring portions of it out. Please bring trees to work on so that we can share our experiences. I know bringing trees for assessment can be intimidating, especially for new members, but constructive criticism is necessary to improve our skills and the quality of our bonsai.

We will be voting on having the club's annual show at the Fresno Home and Garden Show. I for one would like to do so because it affords us an opportunity to showcase our bonsai to a larger audience, is indoors in case of rain, and tables will be provided by the Home and Garden Show. We would have to fix up the club's backdrops, so volunteers can work with me to get that done. Plant sales at the Home and Garden Show would require a tax ID I believe, and Dave Soho has offered to get the necessary documentation to make that happen. The home and Garden Show is March 7,8 & 9 at the Fair Grounds.

The Golden State Bonsai Federation

Presents its 38th Convention:

Bonsai Fusion · “Where Tradition Meets Innovation”
Riverside, California · October 29 → November 1, 2015



First FBS Meeting of the Season

New President Pete Schaffert gaveled (or actually shouted) the meeting to order in his first official act. This September meeting was, unfortunately, devoted to discussion and group decisions. There was a discussion about whether the FBS would have a bonsai sales table at the Clark Bonsai Collection Grand Opening. Dave Soho will investigate that further. There was a discussion about whether or not members wished to purchase bonsai soil components this year; no decision was reached. Steve DaSilva announced the Shohin Study Group plans for September 16. Perhaps the most significant item on the agenda was a proposal to hold our annual bonsai exhibit at the Home & Garden Show this year, March 7th through 9th, 2016.

It was suggested that the club would continue to display some trees in the Blossom Festival.

The Home & Garden Show would provide free tables and an indoor venue, thus avoiding the risk of rain. Harold Mitchell noted that we would likely have to rejuvenate the back drops which have been in storage for several years. Dave Soho graciously agreed to generate a written proposal which the membership could vote on at the October meeting.

Finally, Mr. Soho and Mr. Schaffert also offered several ideas for activities for the coming year including a bus trip to the Bonsai-a-thon, one or more outside instructors or a February collecting trip. Mr. Schaffert will contact potential teachers and make arrangements.

See photo of September meeting on the next page.

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Since the Home and Garden Show is in March, our trees would also be ready for display at the Spring festival at Shin Zen in April, and we could do a smaller show there as well.

Second, we need to decide on a date and location for the holiday party. I would like to have members meet at a restaurant for dinner after the December 5 plant sale. I love Wasabi Off The Hook, and they have a large room that could accommodate us, but we will need to get a head count and make reservations at the October meeting.

Third, for either the January or February meeting I would like to have a Bonsai master come in for a workshop to work with members on their trees. My thoughts are to reach out to David Nguy.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting and Happy Halloween.

Peter

The Big Fresno fair will show bonsai from around Fresno County. This is a judged competition October 7th through the 18th. Both novice and experienced bonsai artists will compete in multiple sizes and styles. Come out and enjoy the exhibit. The "Best of Show" award has gone to an FBS member for the past three years in a row.



Remember to Like the FBS and the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen on Face Book and to visit our website. You might want to look at the *Treatise on Wiring* in the Article Archives file on the FBS website.

Below: the September meeting of the FBS in the Reserve Area, at the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen, drew a large crowd.





Grand Opening

Finally, the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen Grand Opening will happen October 17th and 18th at Woodward Park. Members of the FBS will serve as hosts in the new exhibit. There will be drummers, music, food, various artists and bonsai vendors.

The ribbon cutting with the mayor, dignitaries from the city, Parks Department and the Golden State Bonsai Federation. This will be followed by Sake and Beer tasting and a tepanyaki dinner.

Many members of the FBS have contributed mightily to the task of constructing this community jewel.

It is anticipated that with wider appreciation of bonsai in our community, our club will see a surge in interest.

Images above and below, from Dania Nelson, show the new landscaping on September 12th.



Bonsai Basics Gets Started

The Bonsai Basics Study Group met at the Mitchell home in September. There were fifteen students including the intermediate group. A talk was given on Bonsai History and another discussion included care and maintenance of bonsai tools. Tim Robinson offered an excellent demonstration of growing from cuttings to the intermediate group. Dave Soho also assisted with teaching. The class discussed two dozen different trees and offered suggestions to the owners.

The next Bonsai Basics meeting will be October 24th at 9 AM in Harold Mitchell's garden, 1416 Roberts Avenue in Clovis. (Please park on Sunnyside.) The beginner group will discuss selection tree material for bonsai and intermediates will discuss wiring. Members are asked to bring trees to wire. Mitch will distribute the new member's badges at the October 10th general meeting.

See photos below and next page top left of Basic Group.





Collecting Trip is Planned

Dave Soho and Donald Hoisington are working on a collecting trip in November in the Sierra foothills. They are negotiating with the land owner currently. The dig will be at about 3900 feet and they

hope to find Black Oaks, Live Oaks, and perhaps Ponderosa Pines. If you are interested in participating, please notify Dave Soho so that they can make plans to accommodate a group.

Please visit the Fresno Bonsai Society webpage every month for informative articles, club news and events.

And please remember to Like both the FBS and the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen on Face Book.

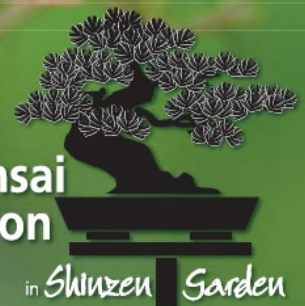
SHINZEN FRIENDSHIP GARDEN *in Woodward Park*

RIBBON CUTTING FESTIVITIES
Taiko Drummers
4:30 pm

CELEBRATION DINNER
Reservations Required
6:30 pm



GSBF **Clark Bonsai
Collection**



in *Shinzen* Garden

2015 Shinzen

CLARK BONSAI COLLECTION GRAND OPENING: October 17 & 18

*a partnership dedicated to the preservation and advancement
of bonsai in the Central Valley*

Special Thanks

The Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen asked us to extend a special thank you to the many volunteers who devoted their Saturday morning to planting hundreds of landscape plants inside and outside of the Clark Bonsai Exhibit. The group included several members of the FBS, the Shinzen Garden Committee. And thank you to the many folks with John Wright from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, including Bishop Kim Avarell and Bill Holden.



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Seasonal Bonsai Activity

(Borrowed from Bonsai Ideas by Marty Mann and Bonsai Techniques I by John Naka)

October can bring wide swings in temperature in the Central Valley. Sudden hot breezy days may desiccate young leaves that will not hardened off until later. Watering requires careful attention as weather shifts may call for more or none.

As the Autumn Equinox will leave many trees in the shade and these must be shifted to sunnier spots until dormancy. Watch the shade patterns in your yard carefully.

Nitrogen fertilizer should be stopped and 0-10-10 is advised (to discourage sudden green shoots during warm spells.) John Naka advised applying only one half the recommended dose and only to bonsai still growing.

Moss should be removed from surfaces, particularly on roots and trunks. Fine moss may be dried and kept cool or grown on boards or in cans in shady areas. It can be reapplied in early Spring.

Watch wired branches closely for cuts and girdling damage. Tight wire will quickly become imbedding during the Spring growth spurt.

Remove brown leaves and dried fruit from deciduous trees.

Long shoots on young bonsai should not be cut back hard but only trimmed back slightly, and only after it has hardened off.

Transplanting may be done in cooler weather, but only from one pot to another and not if root pruning is required.

Shohin Study Group Starts the Year

The Shohin Study Group met at Steve DaSilva's home in Fowler on a week day evening in September. The meeting is casual and always includes a potluck dinner and lots of chat about small bonsai. The topics this month included pruning and development of deciduous shohin bonsai. Ken To demonstrated styling a shohin juniper from a nursery procumbens.

The October Shohin Study Group will meet at Chris Saldana's home, 3448 East Indianapolis, in Fresno, in October at 5:30PM. His cell number is 559 250-2885. The date has not been finalized.

The format of the meeting will be a potluck and discussion as usual.



Right top: Ken To starts work on a Shohin juniper at the September Shohin Study Group.

Below: Pat Galle, Steve DaSilva and Kyle Pounder discuss bonsai at the Shohin Study Group. The monthly meeting is hosted by Mr. DaSilva. The large green bottle in the foreground contained sake at one time...



From Dwayne Berrett and the Clark Bonsai

Collection at Shinzen:

First, I want to thank all of you who have been so helpful in making the bonsai exhibit a reality. It couldn't have happened without you. I hope that you are all planning to come on Oct. 17th to celebrate the official opening of the exhibit area! There will be Taiko drumming at 4:30 followed by the ribbon cutting and sake/beer tasting and music. I hope you have your reservations for the banquet following! We have a few spaces remaining if you would like to come.

I look forward to working with all of you in maintaining and growing the Collection and in our outreach to the community to educate about the art of bonsai.

You may appreciate this thought from The Artisans Cup defining Bonsai as Time-based Art: Bonsai exists at the intersection of the temporal and the eternal. Each tree is only ever a snapshot in time as it is ever growing and changing under its own power and the tutelage of the artist. But is also a symbol of the insistence of life itself.



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Meeting Dates for October

The Shohin Study Group will be in October at 5:30 PM at 3448 East Indianapolis in Fresno

The general meeting of the FBS will be Saturday, October 10th at 9AM at Shinzen Garden

The Grand Opening of the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen, will be Saturday, October 17.

The Bonsai Basics Study Group will be Saturday October 24th at 9AM at 1416 Roberts in Clovis

Other Bonsai Events in California this Month

October 3 & 4, 2015 Thousand Oaks, California, Conejo Valley Bonsai Society: 12th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Resource Center at the Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd. Hours are 9am – 4pm both days with demonstrations at 11am (Saturday) and 2pm (Sunday)

October 10 & 11, 2015 Oakland, California The East Bay Bonsai Society's 54th Annual Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th, Lakeside Garden Center at Lake Merritt. The show hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday and 11:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday.

October 17 & 18, 2015 Union City, California Yamato Bonsai Kai: 44th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd. Hours are Saturday Noon to 6pm and Sunday 10am to 5pm. Demonstrations each day at 2pm

The Taoist Temple Preservation Society Presents



Saturday, October 4th, 2014

12 noon to 5 PM - Free Admission
China Alley, Downtown Hanford
Seventh St. at Green St.

Entertainment 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. for information call (559) 582-4508

Events

Cal Poly's Chinese
Lion Dancers

Hanford Bonsai Society
display of miniature trees

Fresno Gumyo Taiko

Tours of the Taoist Temple &
Museum

Food & Craft Booths

Special viewing of *original*
LT Sue Herb Co. Building

Tea and Cookies in the
Temple Garden

The Hanford Bonsai Society will display and sell bonsai at the Annual Chinatown Moon Festival on Saturday, October 4th.

This is a fun event and a fascinating look at the history of that community.

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Tentative 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 st	GSBF Convention	Riverside Convention Center
November 14	Monthly Meeting	Shinzen Garden (Pruning Day)
November 21	Bonsai Basics	1416 Roberts, Clovis 9AM
December 5	Annual Bonsai Yard Sale	736 W. Browning, Fresno
December 5	FBS Christmas Dinner	Restaurant to be announced
December 19	Bonsai Basics	1416 Roberts, Clovis 9AM
January 9	Monthly Meeting	Shinzen Garden Azumaya 9AM
January 16	Bonsai Basics	Manning Ave, Fowler
January 30-31 (?)	Shohin Convention	Santa Nella, California
February 13	Monthly Meeting	Shinzen Garden 9 AM
March 7-9	Home & Garden Show	Fresno Fair Grounds
March 19-20 (?)	Blossom Festival	Shinzen Garden
April 9	Monthly Meeting	Shinzen Garden
April 16-17	Shinzen Fundraiser	Shinzen Garden
May 14	Monthly Meeting	Shinzen Garden
May 21	Bonsai Basics Group	
June 11	FBS Year End Potluck	To Be Decided



Azumaya is the Japanese name for the shelter within the Shinzen Garden which we commonly refer to as the "gazebo".