



Fresno Bonsai Society Newsletter October 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,

October is always a busy month in the bonsai community, and this year is no exception. The next meeting of the FBS will be Saturday, October 8th at 9AM. We will meet at the Clark Bonsai Collection Reserve Area within Shinzen Garden.

During the business meeting we will discuss possible workshop speakers for the coming year. We will also identify members who still require a FBS badge. We will discuss the pre-mixed bonsai soil for sale.

Following the business meeting, Bob Wright will provide a talk on *SELECTING THE RIGHT BONSAI POT FOR YOUR TREE*.

After Bob's talk and question period, we will disperse and pair up experienced members with new members to work on bonsai.

Bonsai Basics will meet the following Saturday at Kareen Bakers home and the Shohin group will meet on the 19th in the evening at Steve DaSilva's home (see schedule page 3).

Several FBS members will display their bonsai in the Big Fresno Fair this month and the GSBF State Convention will be the last weekend of October. The Clark Bonsai Collection will have two trees on display in the GSBF exhibit. If you have never attended a GSBF convention, it is worth the trip!

First FBS Meeting of the Season

The first meeting of the new season saw a many new faces and a lot of enthusiasm. President Pete Schaffert called the meeting to order and welcomed several new members.

The club voted to increase the dues to \$40 per family and Bob Wright was kept busy collecting dues and membership forms.

Dave Soho outlined the plans for the coming year including the Koen-Nai and Blossom Festival in April and the Home & Garden Show in March. He reminded members of the deadline to exhibit a tree in the Big Fresno Fair.

Dave showed off the new FBS logo caps and shirts.

He also discussed the pre-mixed bonsai soil that the FBS has acquired at a discount for sale to members. The final details remain to be finalized.

Dave also called for volunteers to help care for pre-bonsai trees which the club will acquire and develop for sale at various fund raising events in the future. (If you are willing to help care for a few of these trees, please contact Dave Soho.)

Linda Jacobsen encouraged members to volunteer as docents in the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen. (If you are interested in becoming a docent, please contact Linda at: mljjacobsen@gmail.com.)



Below: Marty Martin and son work on a venerable old juniper from the family collection.

Far Below: Genaro Cuan discusses a cedar with Ron Vivian.



Above Right: Nearly standing-room-only at the September meeting of the FBS.

David Nguy Juniper Workshop

Ed and Linda Clark have arranged a Juniper Workshop with David Nguy that will be offered on December 10 & 11, at the Round Valley Nursery in Lindsey.

The Saturday Workshop is full and there are only four seats remaining in the Sunday workshop.

Ed has acquired some Kyushu junipers, grown for bonsai, and ranging in price from \$30 to \$300.

This is an outstanding opportunity to spend a day learning juniper from a master with great material. Contact Ed at 559 310-1513 for more information.



Above top; Dave Soho offers advice to Marty Martin

Above middle; Pete Schaffert helps wire a juniper

Below; Marty Martin discusses his juniper with Chris Saldana



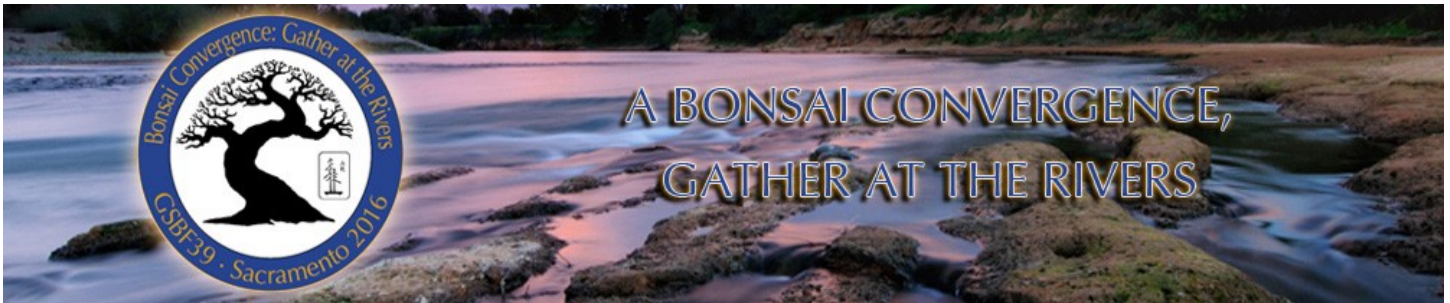
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FBS Calendar for October

FBS General Meeting, Saturday Oct 8th, 9AM
 at Clark Bonsai Collection in Shinzen.

Bonsai Basics, Saturday Oct 15th, 9AM, 3520
 North Locan, Clovis.

Shohin Study Group, October 19th, 5:30PM, at
 6470 East Manning in Fowler.



The 39th Annual Convention of the Golden State Bonsai Federation

October 26-30, 2016

The Hilton Double Tree Inn Sacramento California

Two Bonsai Exhibits

Demonstrations by Bonsai Masters

Workshops

Huge Vendor Area



Bonsai Basics Off to a Great Start

The new season of the Bonsai Basics Study Group brought a big crowd to Dave Soho's home on September 17th. Twelve new members, a few with a background in bonsai, started the class. Five intermediate folks were in the back yard with the help of Tim Robinson, Genaro Cuan and Pat Galle, while Dave Soho and Gene Nelson taught the introductory class in the front. Dave provided a handout and discussed essential information such as what tools to buy, what species are best for beginners, and sketching and planning a new bonsai. He and Gene reviewed basic styles, pots, and soil components before helping the students evaluate and work on their own trees. Special thanks to Dave Soho for his thoughtful planning and for opening his home to the class. And Special thanks to Gene Nelson, Genaro Cuan, Tim

Robinson, and Pat Galle for devoting their time and knowledge to the Bonsai Basics. The Bonsai Basics Study Group will continue to meet on the third Saturday of each month.



This beautiful wired out juniper by Genaro Cuan was shown at Bonsai Basics to motivate beginners.



Above; Genaro Cuan works with Jack Green and John Wright in the intermediate group while Tim Robinson discusses a juniper with Tim Bean and Ed Armbrewster.

Below: Dave Soho, assisted by Gene Nelson, discusses Bonsai Basics.



The Shohin Study Group for October

The next Shohin Study Group will meet at Steve DaSilva's home on Wednesday, October 19th at 5:30PM. The address is 6470 East Manning Avenue is Fowler, just off highway 99. This will be a potluck with adult beverages welcomed. All interested FBS members are invited. Bring your own shohin bonsai to work on or discuss.

Bonsai Basics in October

The next Bonsai Basics Class will meet at Kareen Baker's home on Saturday, October 15th, at 9AM. Kareen lives at 3529 North Locan in Clovis. (Her phone number is 259-9939 for directions.) Intermediate members will also meet there. The topics will include bonsai styling, basic wiring, and principles of tree growth. The intermediates will work on styling problems. Bring your own trees if you have them.

Bonsai Almanac for October

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

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. The goal is to maximize carbohydrate fuel for the coming spring growth spurt.

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. Consider removing caked soil from the surface and replacing with fresh soil.

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. Clean debris from pots and benches.

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. So called "slip-potting" in which roots are minimally disturbed is safe, as is up-sizing to a larger pot for trees that are root bound or wet.

Because our late fall weather may be warm, Black Pine needle pulling is advised later, when, at least, partial dormancy is more certain.

Please LIKE the FBS and the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen on Facebook! And make a habit of visiting the FBS website of images from our activities and helpful bonsai advice.



Above; Linda Jacobsen promoted the FBS and the CBCS at the Old Town Clovis Farmer's Market one recent evening.

The annual GSBF convention is the largest bonsai event of the year in California. This year two of the biggest names in American Bonsai, Ryan Neal and Bjorn Bjornholm, will share the spot light. This is worth the price and worth the trip if you love bonsai.

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Bonsai Events in California in October

October 1 Cupertino, California

Midori Bonsai Club: 55th Annual Show at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Rd, near Stevens Creek Blvd and De Anza College. Hours 10 AM - 5 PM, with demonstration by Peter Tea at 1 PM and demonstration tree raffled off. Sales area will include vendors, members' trees, pots, and other related bonsai items.

October 8 – 9 Oakland, California

East Bay Bonsai Society: Annual show held at the Lakeside Garden Center at 666 Bellevue Ave. Show hours are 10 AM to 5 PM Saturday and 11 AM to 4 PM Sunday with demonstration and raffle from 1 to 3:30 PM on Sunday.

October 27-30 Sacramento, California

Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention 39 "A Bonsai Convergence: Gather At The Rivers" Convention. Headliners: Ryan Neil and Bjorn Bjornholm. More Workshops and Seminars from: Kathy Shaner, David Nguy, Peter Tea, and others. Where: The Double Tree By Hilton 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Hotel phone: 916 924-4900 (ask for the "GSBF Group Rate")

Pre-mixed Bonsai Soil for Sale

The FBS has acquired a large quantity of pre-mixed, ready-to-use, bonsai soil for sale to members. The soil is of medium sized granules intended for conifers. It will sell for \$30 per bag. Sales will be limited to 2 bags per member until everyone has an opportunity to purchase some. Please contact either Bob Wright or David Soho to purchase this soil. Checks are the preferred payment method, made out to the Fresno Bonsai Society. Our thanks to Bob Hilvers for negotiating this wholesale price.

Bonsai Docents Needed

The salary is well below minimum wage but the gratification from a couple hours of telling appreciative visitors about the beautiful trees is priceless. The beautiful and cooler fall weather has permitted the Clark Bonsai Collection at the Shinzen Garden to remain open longer. This community resource cannot be open to the public without supervision. Donating a couple hours of your time on a weekend may introduce this art form to some people in our community. It may create a new bonsai artist.

Help Needed at the GSBF Convention

The Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen will have a display table at the Golden State Bonsai Federation Annual Convention October 28-30th. The table will promote the bonsai exhibit and the Koen-Nai No Bonsai and Blossom Festival in April. The table will feature a video of the Shinzen Garden and the Bonsai Exhibit as well as printed materials. Volunteers are needed to man the table on Thursday through Sunday. If you plan to attend the convention and can identify some time to help, please contact Linda Jacobsen at mljjacobsen@gmail.com.



FBS Club Logo Items Available

The new FBS hats and polo shirts are now in. The caps are \$15 and the shirts \$25 each. See Dave Soho for these.

Join us at the Big Fresno Fair October 5-16 in the Floraculture Building.

And at the 39th Annual Convention of the Golden State Bonsai Federation October 26-30.



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Make the FBS newsletter more fun!

If you are participating in an FBS activity as Bonsai Basics or simply a meeting, please take a moment to photograph the people or activities with your smart phone and email those images to tinytreeme@sbcglobal.net. We will use as many candid images as possible!