



Fresno Bonsai Society Newsletter

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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.

Fall is in the air! The brutal Valley heat is nearly behind us. Although days are shorter, our bonsai have entered their Fall growth period before the Winter dormancy. We are again entering a busy time of pruning, wiring, and Fall fertilization. The Bonsai Basics study group is in full swing.

At the time of this writing, a Boxwood dig is planned for Saturday, September 30th (see page 6).

The next meeting of the Fresno Bonsai Society will be Saturday, October 14th, at 9 AM, at the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen. Remember to bring your club badge for free parking.

We will have our Annual Bonsai Raffle at this meeting! Everyone is urged to bring at least one bonsai related donation to the raffle. Items such as plant material, bonsai, pots, tools, accent plants, suiseki, books, or supplies are suggested. Proceeds go to the club. This is always fun.

Following the raffle, Peter Schaffert Esq will give a talk on the evolution of bonsai art in America since WWII.

After the formal meeting, we will work on trees. Everyone is encouraged to bring a tree to work on and bring any tree for which you would like advice or discussion.

See you October 14th and remember to bring your raffle donation.



September Meeting: Bugs and Poisons

The first meeting of the bonsai season was informative and well attended. President Dave Soho outlined the plans for club activities for the coming months, including a Boxwood dig at the end of September, the Bonsai Basics class, and the GSBF Convention in October.

Following the business meeting, Dr. Beth Teviotdale, from UC Davis Department of Plant Pathology, discussed the common insect and fungal pathogens that damage bonsai. Dr. Teviotdale provided color images of infected plants and the pathogens. She emphasized the need to prevent fungal infestations by keeping trees relatively drier and otherwise healthy. Her Power Point presentation is up on the website.



Above Left: Dave Soho leads the meeting

Left: Dr. Teviotdale discussed a diseased landscape maple with Gene Nelson

Bottom Left: The attentive crowd.

Bonsai Material For Sale

Glen VanWinkle is offering some of his bonsai material for sale. Glen has some beautiful trees. If you would like to see them, contact him at 559 269 -0082. Glen lives here in Fresno. He may also be contacted through Face Book.



The SHOHIN STUDY GROUP will meet Wednesday, October 18th, at 5 PM at the home of Pat and Linda Galle. The address is 1631 North Magnolia, in Clovis. This is a potluck dinner.



**The Annual Golden State Bonsai Federation
Convention**

Is the Largest Bonsai Event on the West Coast

October 25-29

Two Large Bonsai Exhibits with Cash Prizes

International Guest Speakers Offer Instruction

Many Workshops, Seminars, & Critiques

Huge Vendor Area Offering Trees, Pots, Tools, and Supplies

Visit the GSBF website for Details

The Bonsai Basics Class Under Way

The first Bonsai Basics group met at Dave Soho's home in September. The topics included bonsai styles and wiring. Tim Robinson and Gene Nelson assisted the students with Dave.

Thank you to John Wright for providing photos.

Visit the FBS Website for information on events, prior news letters and numerous articles and blogs about relevant bonsai topics.



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The next Bonsai Basics Class is Saturday, October, October 21st, at 9 AM, at Dave Soho's home.

The Big Fresno Fair and Bonsai

The Fresno Fair will be going on October 4th through the 15th. Several members of the FBS will display trees and provide demonstrations to the visitors to discuss the art of bonsai. Please stop by the Floriculture building if you are at the fair and join us.

Bonsai Friends,

Once again this year we were able to purchase a number of large, field-grown Kyushu junipers. They have been wired once for movement. The largest measures 34 inches high with a 3-inch diameter at its base. There are both large trees and smaller ones. The prices for these trees range from \$165 to \$500. There are also some shohin size (or one size larger), and the prices for those trees are \$35 to \$85. Other trees from this group will be used in a workshop with Ted Matson at the GSBF Convention in Riverside the last part of October.

David Nguy has again committed to two workshops in December. He has committed himself to work with the participants and their trees until the trees are finished.

The workshop for the larger trees will be on Saturday, December 9, beginning at 9:00am and may take eight hours, but longer if needed. The class will be limited to 6 participants.

The workshop for the smaller trees will be on Sunday, December 10, also beginning at 9:00am, and David said that this class should take perhaps 4-6 hours, but, again, longer if needed. This class is limited to 12 participants.

This will be a convention-quality workshop with the leading juniper artist in California. David was a student of Kimura in Japan. quality and a teacher of such exceptional quality and

This will be a rare opportunity with trees of this quality and a teacher of such exceptional quality and renown.

Trees will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact us about payment for your tree and a deposit on the workshop fee, which will depend on the number of participants each day. Based on the interest that has already been exhibited, we think trees will go quickly. If you're interested, come check them out here at our nursery as soon as you can; but, we will not be available until October 10. Remember to call to make sure we're at the nursery.

Linda will be providing a great lunch, drinks, and snacks. They will be available for a cost of \$7, or you can bring a sack lunch.

This will be great fun! Don't miss this unique chance for us in the Central Valley!

Ed and Linda Clark

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The SHOHIN STUDY GROUP will meet Wednesday, October 18th, at 5 PM at the home of Pat and Linda Galle. The address is 1631 North Magnolia, in Clovis. This is a potluck dinner. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

Current Officers of the Fresno Bonsai Society

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FBS Logo caps and polo shirts remain available.
See Dave Soho



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Clovis Botanical Garden Plant Sale

The Clovis Botanical Garden will hold their annual Water Wise Plant Sale from 8 AM to 1 PM, on Saturday, October 21st. The garden is located at 945 North Clovis Avenue, in Clovis, between Alluvial and Nees. The FBS has utilized the pavilion in the garden for special events previously; such as our June BBQ this year.

The Fresno Bonsai Society will have a table at the plant sale this year, manned by Dave Soho and anyone who wishes to join him. He will be telling the visitors about bonsai and the FBS.



Don't Forget your Raffle donation

Boxwood Dig This Weekend

FBS members have an opportunity to dig boxwood trees for bonsai (urban yamadori!) Steve DaSilva has arranged for a dig this Saturday, September 30th, at 9 AM. The address is 2693 Bullard Avenue. The trees are describe as small but ideal for shohin and for beginners.

Participants should bring gloves, a shovel or spade, clippers, and a plastic bag with wet rags.

For more information, contact Steve at treekutter@hotmail.com.

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FBS Calendar for 2017-2018 Season

September 9	FBS Meeting and Presentation on Bonsai	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 21	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	Carson Avenue, Clovis
December 2	Annual Bonsai Yard Sale	Clovis Botanical Garden
January 20	FBS Meeting: Carving a Redwood with Bob Wright	Clark Collection Reserve Area
January 27	Bonsai Basics: Repotting with Dave Soho	Clark Collection Reserve Area
February 2-4	Shohin Convention	Double Tree Inn, Sacramento
February 10	FBS Meeting: Mini Bonsai Show and Discussion of Preparation and Accents	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 24	FBS Meeting: Air Layering with Pete Schaffert and Thread Grafting with Saul	Clark Collection Reserve Area
April 13-14	Koen-Nai and FBS Outdoor Show	Shinzen Garden
May 12	FBS Meeting: Spring Work with Elms and Tridents with Al Keppler	Clark Collection Reserve Area
May 19	Bonsai Basics: Judging of Team Bonsai & Watering and Summer Care—Soho	Carson Avenue
June 2	Annual FBS Potluck Picnic	Clovis Botanical Garden