



Fresno Bonsai Society

Newsletter

October 2018

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.

Hello again, everyone! My apologies; this newsletter is a week late, because your editor was on vacation.

The next meeting of the Fresno Bonsai Society will be next Saturday, October 13th, at 9 AM, in the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen Garden. BRING A TREE to work on or discuss. During the brief business meeting we will discuss the motion to amend our bylaws to allow larger spending limits by the club leadership for bonsai supplies. We will also discuss the amount of any donation to the Golden State Bonsai Federation raffle at the annual convention, October 24-28.

Following the business meeting we will conduct our ANNUAL CLUB RAFFLE. Pre-bonsai, bonsai, pots, books, and club hats and shirts will be raffled off. All members are asked to donate something to the raffle. Tickets will be \$1 dollar each or six for \$5. The raffle is always fun!

Following the business meeting and the raffle the group will discuss their bonsai and work on their trees.

The Bonsai Basics Group will meet in a quiet area.

We will adjourn at noon. There will be training for docents and a guided tour of the new exhibit, "Falling into Winter" at 1 PM.. The tour will be lead by the collection curator, Bob Hilvers.

The September FBS Meeting

The first FBS meeting of the season was well attended and full of enthusiasm. We saw several new faces.

President Dave Soho discussed the plans for the club for the coming year. In particular he queried the members about how many would wish to travel to Sacramento for a buying trip and of those who did not; who wanted soil components. He also reminded us of the Annual GSBF convention in October and the deadline for the judged bonsai exhibit at the Big Fresno Fair. We will not participate as a club in the Fair this year.

There was a brief discussion of permitting members to offer trees or other bonsai related items for sale at the meeting and through the newsletter. There was no objection.

Secretary Pete Schaffert offered an amendment to our club bylaws which would permit the president to spend up to \$100 for an item or \$500 in aggregate with the consent of the executive committee. Expenditures above \$500 would require a vote of the general membership. This would allow the officers to purchase bonsai supplies in bulk and pass the savings on.



to the membership. This will be voted upon at the next meeting.

Dave Soho reminded every one of the need and the benefits of volunteering for the curatorial staff or docent in the Clark Bonsai Collection.

He also reiterated the meeting plan and theme for the coming year in the Fresno Bonsai Society: Everybody Bring a Tree.

Following the business meeting the groups divided into the Bonsai Basics Class and the remaining members. The Bonsai Basics group were submitted scorching sun and an agonizing discussion of tree physiology. Happily there were survivors. The remainder of the members enjoyed several simultaneous spirited discussions around the bonsai that had been brought to the meeting.

The Fresno Bonsai Society Needs Photographers. We need photos from the club meetings, the Shohin Study Group, the new Intermediate Study Group and Bonsai Basics. If you have a digital camera or a smart phone, please take a few candid photos of our members. Text or email the images to Mike Saul at tinytreeme@sbcglobal.net.

Remember to bring a donation for the Bonsai Raffle to the October 13th club meeting! Bonsai related items only. (Adult beverage are acceptable!)

Look at you, folding laundry.
Last night the dishes...what part of "you can't spend \$500 on a tree" don't you understand?



Creativity Taking Flight



October 24-28, 2018

GSBF Convention 41

The largest bonsai event of the year on the West Coast is the Annual Convention of the Golden State Bonsai Federation.

This year's convention at McClellan Conference Center in Sacramento is the 41st meeting of its kind. The dates are October 24 through 28th.

The convention will provide two really spectacular bonsai exhibits of some of the finest trees from across California. There will be seminars and walking critiques of the bonsai by nationally known masters.

Most of the workshops are now sold out, but the huge vendor area will offer a great selection of bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, tools, books, and supplies.

There is a huge raffle of bonsai and related items.

There will be opportunities to simply meet and talk with masters as they work.

It is a long day to drive to and from Sacramento, but the experience of a GSBF convention, if you have never experienced one, is worth the trip.

Go to <http://www.gsbfcconvention.org> for more information.

The GSBF has worked to reduce the cost and increase the access of the annual convention to members of the bonsai community.

Bonsai Almanac for October

October can bring wide swings in temperature in the Central Valley. Sudden hot breezy days may desiccate young leaves that have not hardened off. 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 leaf drop.. 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 aggressively, 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 ("slip potting") because the roots will not grow during cold weather or dormancy. Almost any species except pines may be worked on this month, if the tree has long shoots and is bushy, if the foliage is hardened off.

Remember your donation item for the Annual FBS Bonsai Raffle!

BRING A TREE TO EVERY FBS MEETING FOR DISCUSSION, STYLING OR ADVICE!



Our thanks to Steve Da Silva for capturing these candid images of the Shohin Study Group in a deep discussion of bonsai art and philosophy...or dinner?

Volunteers Still Needed

The need for volunteers to serve as docents within the Clark Bonsai Exhibit or to help with care of the Bonsai on the Curatorial Team still exists. Both activities help participants learn more about bonsai and support our community. No experience necessary! Training is provided for both groups. Contact Linda Jacobsen to learn more.



Bonsai Basics Group

The bonsai basics class will meet at about 9:30 AM, following the FBS business meeting, on Saturday, October 13th, in the Clark Bonsai Collection reserve area. We will meet in a quieter and less congested portion of the work area. We will offer a pre-bonsai tree on loan to any student who wishes, to work on through the coming months. We will discuss 1) bonsai styling 2) selecting a front for your tree and 3) the details of watering bonsai correctly. There will be handouts. Please bring a tree to work or discuss if you have one. As always, if you have questions or suggestions, please contact Mike Saul.

So What's the GSBF Anyway?

There are about 75 bonsai clubs in California. The Golden State Bonsai Federation is an organization of these clubs (and a couple from outside the state.) The FBS is a member. The GSBF conducts a four day convention during late October each year to provide 1) two outstanding exhibits of the best bonsai in California, 2) several bonsai workshops, lectures, critiques and demonstrations and 3) a large vendor area for the sale of trees, pots, tools, books, etc. The convention alternates between northern and southern California each year.

The other principle purpose of the convention is to raise money to support the GSBF activities. These include 1) scholarships for study of bonsai 2) publication of the organization magazine: Golden Statements and 3) supporting the operation of three public bonsai collections (including the Clark Collection.)

FBS Activities for October

October 13 General Meeting with Annual Raffle followed by Bonsai Basics. Tour of new Clark Collection Exhibit Falling Into Winter at 1 PM and Volunteer Appreciation Party at 2:30 PM. All at CBC in Shinzen

October 17 Shohin Study Group at 6470 East Manning Avenue in Fowler at 4 PM. European olives available to dig. Potluck dinner. Note early start time.

October 24-28 Annual GSBF Convention at McClellan Conference Center in Sacramento. Suthin Sukosolvisit, Bjorn Bjorhom, and Yatsuo Mitsuya are headliners. See website for details.

The Shinzen Stroll

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 11,
2018 | 11:00am - 2:00pm**

It promises to be a special time featuring the beautiful Shinzen Garden, food and beverages, a silent auction, musical and cultural performances. Tickets available on-line by clicking below.

Tickets: \$35 Pre-Order | \$45 at the Door

For details: shinzenjapanesegarden.org/
culturalartsrotary.org

Ticket purchase includes a complimentary glass of champagne, savory and sweet brunch items with orange juice, coffee, and tea.

Mike Baldwin Featured on Sierra

Art Trails

Our own bonsai glamour photographer, Mike Baldwin, will be hosting visitors to his beautiful foothill home on October 6th and 7th. Mike will have several matted and mounted prints of his spectacular photography of the Sierra Mountains and foothills. You can see much of his work on Face Book or his website: www.baldllamaphotos.com.

Stop in for a visit this weekend. His address is 41810 Road 406, Coarsegold, CA 93614.

Watch for the orange signs along Highway 41 near the 1000 foot elevation sign!

Shohin Study Group in October

The Shohin Study Group will meet Wednesday, October 17th, at 4PM, at Steve DaSilva's home in Fowler. Members will be able to dig some small Little Leaf Olives for a nominal cost. This is a pot-luck dinner. Bring a dish to pass.

The address is 6470 East Manning Avenue. Steve's phone number is 834-5464.

Remember to bring a donation for the raffle to the October meeting (if you have one.) Trees, pots, books, tools, or supplies will be appreciated

Like the FBS and the Clark Bonsai Collection on Face Book and check out the new Clark Bonsai Collection website!

This Space for Rent

A Shinzen Stroll

CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH in the GARDEN

Sunday, November 11, 2018
11:00am - 2:00pm

*Music. Arts.
Silent Auction.
Cultural Performances.*



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The Next Exhibit GSBF Clark Bonsai Collection

For those who have not seen the current exhibit at the Clark Collection, **GOING NATIVE**, it features 28 bonsai from northern hemisphere species. Be sure to walk through the garden before the next FBS meeting. The new exhibit, **FALLING INTO WINTER**, will open October 13th. It will feature deciduous species with fall colors and some winter blossoming trees. Some bonsai will be shown in winter silhouette.



Like the FBS on Face Book and visit our website for bonsai education and updates on the FBS activities.



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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 17 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 (TOKONOMA DISPLAY) BONSAI BASICS

APRIL 13 BONSAI BASICS

MAY 11 BONSAI HOP (MEMBERS GARDEN VISITS)

JUNE 1 ANNUAL PICNIC