



# Fresno Bonsai Society

## Newsletter

October 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  
Vice President.....Genaro Cuan  
Secretary .....Marilyn Shelton  
Treasurer.....Bob Wright  
Board Member .....Tim Robinson  
                                    John Wright  
Past President.....Mike Saul  
Newsletter ....Carol & John Wright



### President's Message

I was able to talk John and Carol into a new picture of me this month. A special thanks to Genaro for covering the September meeting. We have a great opportunity coming up October 2-3rd to participate in the Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) Bonsai Rendezvous in Santa Nella. Don't miss this opportunity to increase your Bonsai skills as well as check out the vendors and the silent auctions. It's not often that we have a statewide event that is this close to us. We have included the daily schedule for the event on the last page of the newsletter. I

hope to see all of you there. We have secured the Clovis Botanical Garden again for our "FALL BONSAI" sale. The Botanical Garden has been a great partner. Get items for sale ready, come check out the vendors and save up for those silent auction items. More details next month. Our meetings will be shifting back to the Clovis Senior Center for the winter months. A special thanks to Shawn Miller and the City of Clovis. We will be there this month for Rodney Sakaguchi's presentation on Japanese Maples. Bring a tree for discussion or work if

### Upcoming Events

Oct. 2-3rd      GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous in Santa Nella, California.  
Oct. 9th        FBS meeting @ 9AM, Japanese Maple presentation with Rodney Sakaguchi, Clovis Senior Center, bring a tree to work on.

you like. It's a great time for discussion and to take advantage of other club members help.

Chris



**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 offering to do a series of 3 to 4 hour workshops. These workshops for five people will cost \$60 if you bring your own material, \$130 if he brings the tree.

Steve will do one workshop Saturday afternoon and one Sunday morning and one Sunday afternoon the 14th. If there is enough demand Monday the 15th workshops may also be scheduled.

One of Steve's requirements for the workshops is that all participants will need to have been vaccinated against COVID.

**The September FBS meeting** was held at Tice Park in Fresno. Vice President Genaro Cuan lead the show. Unfortunately, yours truly forgot to take pictures that day. A number of items were covered, including the paying of annual dues, the GSBF Rendezvous at the Hotel Mission de Oro, Santa Nella. A volunteer work day at the Clark Bonsai Garden on the third Saturday of the month was also announced (see the article and pictures on page 5). We had five individuals in attendance that are new to the FBS; each was introduced. A very successful raffle was held.. A special thanks to those who donated items. Following the raffle, time was 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

**Request for Pictures Please**

As the publishers of the FBS Newsletter, we would like to ask that members take pictures of meetings or other events and e-mail them to us at:

**[jrcl1949w@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrc11949w@sbcglobal.net)**

Pictures are almost always better than words in capturing the activities of the club.

**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

## A Workshop with Julian Tsai

Steve DaSilva met Julian Tsai at a bonsai meeting in Southern California several months ago and immediately liked his teaching style and enthusiasm.

Some of Steve's friends were fortunate enough to get an invitation to a couple of small workshops at Steve's home this summer. When Cris Saldana met Julian, Cris immediately mentioned what a clear and organized teacher he was. He was a wealth of information about styling and planning bonsai.

This young man apprenticed in Japan after he graduated in engineering from UC Riverside. He was the 2018 GSBF-Harry Hirao Award winner.

What impressed the workshop group most was his pleasant, calm, and methodical explanations. He is a unique teacher.

We published these photos to introduce the Fresno Bonsai Society to Julian. We are anticipating multiple events with Julian later this year.



## Bonsai Basics

This year's Bonsai Basics is off and running. Below are a few pictures of the group working with Mike Saul. The course is a great way for those new to bonsai to acquire the core knowledge needed to maintain healthy trees, wire, style, etc.. Mike has prepared some great written material which participants can continue to review on their own. Participants get hands-on experience with suitable trees for the Valley.

Bonsai education is one of the key objectives of the Fresno Bonsai Society. A special thanks to our members who continue to train those new to bonsai, helping them to be successful. We see so many people who get excited about bonsai, buy a tree and then have it die. With proper training we can break that cycle and help others find the joy we do in this art form.



## Volunteer Day at the CBC

Our first FBS Volunteer Day at the Clark Bonsai Collection at the Shinzen Garden was a great success. About a dozen FBS



members participated on the third Saturday in September. The collection has a large number of junipers, which were the primary focus of the day. This was a great chance to learn about cleaning foliage pads, wire removal and general maintenance work.



Some of these trees are very large and having three or four sets of hands at once really speeds up the work. While we all have trees to work on, the opportunity to work on high-caliber trees in the development as well as the refinement stage is a great learning oppor-



tunity. 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 from 9 AM —Noon.

**Our next volunteer day is  
October 16th.**

# Come enjoy the GSBF two-day *Bonsai Rendezvous* event at Hotel Mission De Oro, Santa Nella, CA



**October 2 and 3, 2021**

## Featuring

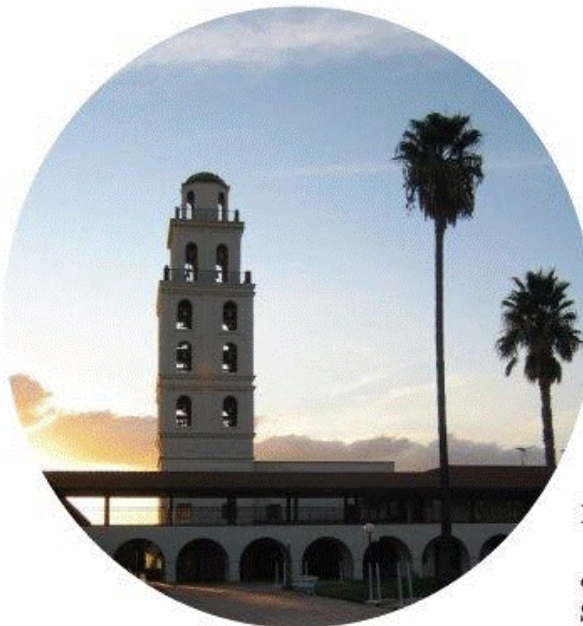
*"Bonsai Rendezvous"* will feature four exciting "Silent Auctions" held Saturday and Sunday.

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Interested in donating or consignments? Contact Mario Rendina at [jmariorendina@gmail.com](mailto:jmariorendina@gmail.com) or call 619-743-6664 prior to the event.

## Silent Auctions

- Major fundraising silent auctions with the donation of quality bonsai trees and related material.
- \$5 to obtain bid number.
- Consignment opportunities - Donors who would like to receive compensation for their donation, GSBF will split any proceeds 70/30 with the donor retaining 70% and GSBF retaining 30%.
- Sales tax paid by buyer.
- Forms and rules available upon request.
- We anticipate high quality material to be placed in the silent auctions.
- Proceeds from the silent auctions are used to support GSBF.
- Your generous donations to and participation in the event will make our *"Bonsai Rendezvous"* a success.



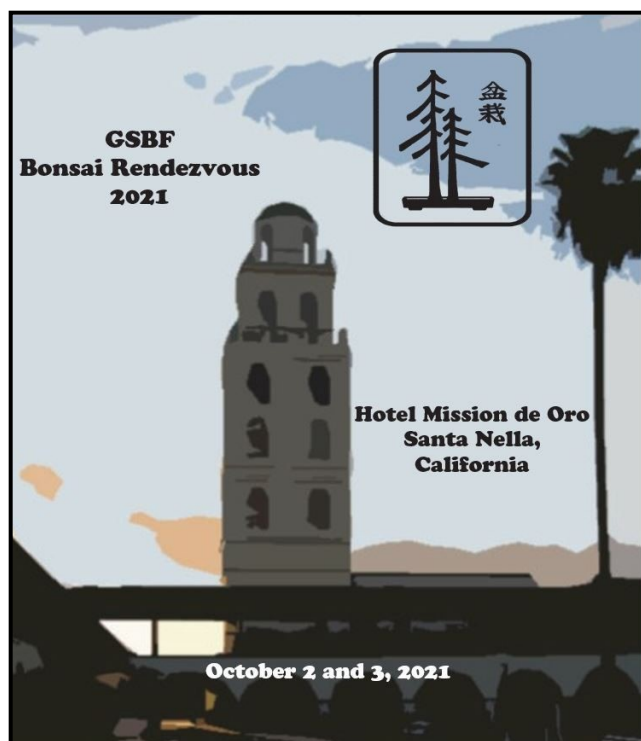
### **Hotel Reservations**

**HOTEL MISSION DE ORO**  
13070 S HWY 33, SANTA NELLA, CA  
95322 Phone 209-826-4444  
Special GSBF Room Rate \$ 121 plus taxes.

## This event is "free".

There is no registration or entry fee although donations are accepted and welcome. There will be no organized meal events/banquets. However, we trust our bonsai friends to find creative solutions for themselves.

## Schedule of Activities:



### SUNDAY, October 3

8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Vendor Market Open  
Coronado & Ponce de Leon Rooms  
8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Silent Auction #3 Open  
Isabella Room  
9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Demo #5 Paul Holtzen  
Pacheco Main Room (Upstairs)  
9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Demo #6 Pauline Muth  
Pacheco South Room (Upstairs)  
9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Demo #7 David Nguy Plaza  
9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Mel Ikeda's Tomodachi  
Plaza  
12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. BYOT Critique by Ted  
Matson Plaza  
12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. DIY Bonsai Workshop  
Plaza  
1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. Silent Auction #4 Open  
Isabella Room  
4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Close down

### SATURDAY, October 2

8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Vendor Set Up  
9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Vendor Market Open  
Coronado & Ponce de Leon Rooms  
9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Silent Auction #1 Open  
Isabella Room  
9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Demo #1 Scott Chadd  
Pacheco Main Room (Upstairs)  
9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Demo #2 Eric Schrader  
Pacheco South Room (Upstairs)  
9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Mel Ikeda's Tomodachi  
Plaza  
12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Demo #3 Matthew Walker  
Pacheco Main Room (Upstairs)  
12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Demo #4 Sam Adina  
Pacheco South Room (Upstairs)  
12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. BYOT Critique by  
Ted Matson Plaza  
12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. DIY Bonsai Workshop Plaza  
1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Silent Auction #2 Open  
Isabella Room  
5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. No Host Bar Social Lobby to  
Vendor Market

### Other Important Information - Silent Auctions

"*Bonsai Rendezvous*" will feature four exciting "Silent Auctions" held two Saturday and two Sunday. Participants wanting to donate items for the silent auctions (and we hope there are many of them) are encouraged to contact Mario Rendina at [jmariorendina@gmail.com](mailto:jmariorendina@gmail.com) or call 619-743-6664 prior to the event to make arrangements for their material to be accepted and 'logged' in.

### Consignment Sales Opportunities

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