



The Fresno Bonsai Society

Newsletter

September 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 September and a start to the new year for the Fresno Bonsai Society. I hope your trees thrived through the relatively mild summer, and that we are all ready for the events and activities planned for this year. With the opening of the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen coming in October, GSBF convention in November, and our annual Bonsai yard sale in December, the remainder of 2015 should be exciting and an opportunity to share our experiences and passion for bonsai with our members and anyone interested in the art, science and philosophy of bonsai. I am looking forward to meeting with all of our members this September at our new meeting location - the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen! And thanks to all those who spent countless hours making the CBCS a reality. Your blood, sweat and tears are truly appreciated!

Peter Schaffert

From the Editor

Welcome to the end of a scorching dry August and the beginning of another bonsai work season! And the beginning of an exciting and busy year for the Fresno Bonsai Society.

The first meeting of the FBS will be Saturday, September 12th at 11 AM at the Shinzen Garden in Woodward Park. Note that we will start two hours later than usual because the Docent Training for the Clark Bonsai Exhibit and Shinzen Garden will occur from 8AM until 11AM at that location.

FBS members should enter the park at the Friant Road gate and tell the attendant that you are coming to work in the Shinzen Garden. Members should display their badges if they have one. Members should park directly behind the Shinzen Garden on the road adjoining the maintenance yard.

At this meeting we will introduce our new officers and discuss the scheduled activities for the year including workshops, Bonsai Basics class, the Shohin Study group and the Clark Bonsai Collection events.

Members should bring a tree to work on and everyone is invited to bring trees for advice or discussion.

Membership dues are payable at the September meeting. Dues are \$35 per year for families or individuals. Please pay Treasurer Bob Wright.

Please complete a membership form so that we can complete a membership roster and contact members if needed.



Congratulations to the Newlyweds:

Mr. & Mrs. David and Lan Wong were married in June and are shown here on their honeymoon in Viet Nam.

David and Lan are members of the Bonsai Basics Study Group with Harold Mitchell.

Bonsai Basics Starts A New Season

The Bonsai Basics Study Group will meet Saturday, September 19th at 9AM at the home of Harold and Judy Mitchell. The address is 1416 Roberts Avenue in Clovis.

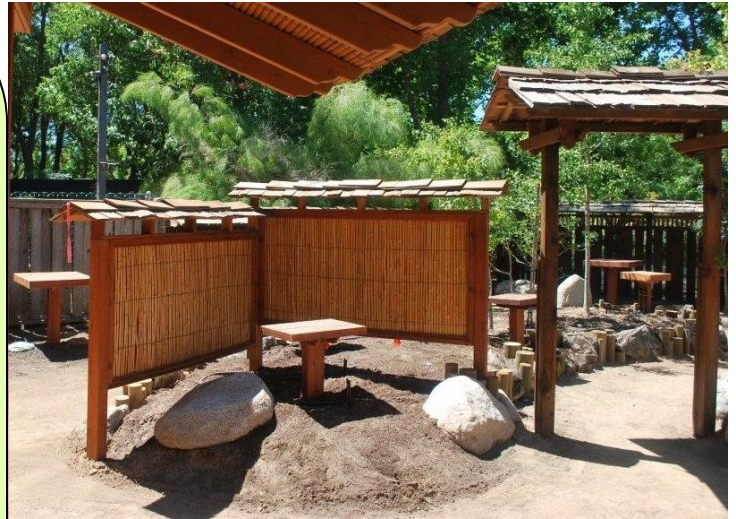
The class is open to anyone in the Fresno Bonsai Society. Previous Bonsai Basics students and intermediates are welcome to attend. The cost will be \$10 per class. The fee will pay for plants and materials used in the course and participants will have two or more bonsai by the end of the class.

The first session will include a discussion of the history of bonsai and basic information on maintaining the health and vigor of a tree in a pot by David Soho. Gene Nelson will discuss the purchase, care, and sharpening of bonsai tools.

Because of the popularity of these classes, Harold has decided to open them to more students this year.

Volunteer to Become a Docent

We believe that there should be a knowledgeable and responsible person within the Clark Bonsai Exhibit, as much as possible, to answer questions for the visitors and supervise the exhibit. To provide some basic skills guiding the public, and background information on each of the bonsai on exhibit, as well as information about the exhibit area, and the Shinzen Garden as a whole, we have developed a training course for docents. Who better to inform about bonsai than an FBS member? Contact Mike Saul if you would like to attend the training on September 12th from 8 AM to 11 AM.



Clark Bonsai Exhibit Taking Shape

Through sweat and determination of Gene Nelson, Ray Thieme, Dave Soho, Bob Wright, and Bob Hilvers, the exhibit area has arisen from the dust at the Shinzen Garden.

At the same time Dwayne Berrett and Sally Ramage have devoted countless hours to planning, organizing and negotiating so that the CBCS might become a self-sustaining community jewel.

The pedestals and screens are in place. The dual irrigation system is assembled. The mounds and stones are set. The Tea House is near completion.

The fate of the arbor and tokonomas remains uncertain at this point.

The images shown here are provided by Homer Green...

Photo above: Pedestal and screens to view an individual bonsai

Page 3 Top: a wider view of the new Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen Exhibit Area.

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**



2015 Shinzen

CLARK BONSAI COLLECTION GRAND OPENING: October 17 & 18

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

FBS Club Name Badges

Become Important

Our club name badges have always been useful for those of us with short term memory failure.

Now, as the FBS has shifted it's meeting place from Fresno City College to the Shinzen Garden at Woodward Park, the badges have a much more important function: they will allow us access to Woodward Park without the \$5 entry fee.

At the September meeting, members will have an opportunity to obtain a membership badge for a nominal fee. Bonsai Basics members will receive a badge as part of their class. More info to follow.

FBS Members Encouraged to Show

Bonsai in the Big Fresno Fair

The Fresno Fair will be October 7—18th this year. For the past few years, several members of the FBS have displayed bonsai in the fair. FBS members have won three years in a row and we have provided demonstrations for fair-goers. The deadline to submit your entry is September 12th. You can enter on line or print an entry form from the Big Fresno Fair website and submit it by mail. It costs only a dollar to display a tree. The trees are to be set up in the Floriculture Building by October 3-4th.

Our own Jennifer Waite is in charge of the Floriculture display this year!



Shinzen Friendship Garden, Inc.
P.O. Box 16178 Fresno CA 93755-6178

**JOIN US for the
GRAND OPENING
of the
CLARK BONSAI COLLECTION**

Saturday, October 17th
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 18th
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Bonsai Tours led by a Docent
Tea Garden Presentation
Bonsai for Sale • Music • Art Vendors
Children's Activities • Food



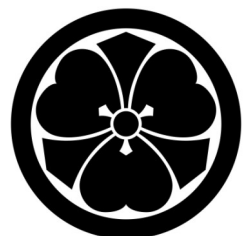
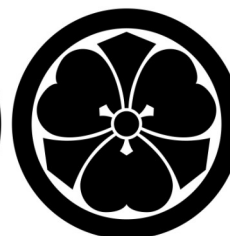
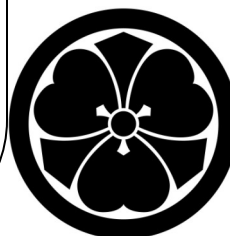
ENTRY FEES:

SHINZEN MEMBER:	NON-MEMBER:
\$5 Adults	\$7 Adults
\$3 Kids 4-14	\$3 Kids 4-14
\$15 Family (5 max)	\$20 Family (5 max)
Children 3 & Under – FREE!	

Support the FBS and CBCS

The FBS website has been developed and maintained by Mike Reynolds. He has given us an educational and entertaining resource. Take a moment to visit our website at fresnobonsaisociety.com. The site contains loads of bonsai info, news, and images of previous club events. You can even ask questions of Harold Mitchell!

Please support us on social media and encourage your friends and family to LIKE us on Face book. Also LIKE the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen and the Shinzen Gardens on Face book.



Grand Opening of Clark Exhibit

The Grand Opening of the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen will be the weekend of October 17 & 18. This will be seminal event for the Shinzen Garden and the Fresno Bonsai Society.

It may draw significant public awareness to both the garden and the art of bonsai. We anticipate a rise in interest and membership, as well as added responsibilities for care and support of the garden.

Saturday, October 17th will include music, artists, bonsai vendors, food and wine. Not to mention state and local dignitaries from the GSBF and city and county.

Plan to attend if not to help.

Support FBS and CBCS

Mike Reynolds has given us a prize winning website. The site contains a wealth of bonsai information, club news, and previous club events. You can even ask Harold Mitchell a question! Check out your site at fresnobonsai-society.com.

If you belong to Face book, please LIKE us on the Fresno Bonsai Society Face book page. And while you are at it, encourage family and friends to LIKE the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen on Face book.

38th Annual GSBF Convention

Easily the largest bonsai event in California each year, the Golden State Bonsai Federation will meet at the Riverside Convention Center October 29 through November 2nd. If you are new to bonsai and have never attended a GSBF convention, this is an experience that will flame your passion for the art.

There will be two major bonsai exhibits and a suiseki display. There will be workshops and demonstrations by some of the finest bonsai artists in the world. There will a huge room full of bonsai material, tools, books, pots, and supplies for bonsai.

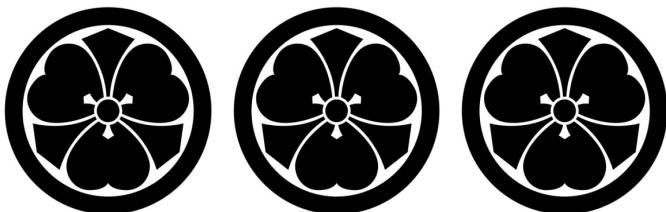
The convention planners have arranged for a block of rooms at discounted prices, making it easier to enjoy the beautiful city of Riverside, but you must make reservations early.

Go to gsbfconvention.org for more information and registration materials.

The Fresno Bonsai Society is a longstanding and proud member of the GSBF.

Shohin Study Group Starts Again

The first meeting of the Shohin Study Group will take place Wednesday, September 16th at 5:30 PM at Steve DaSilva's home. The address is 7460 East Manning Avenue is Fowler. Steve will discuss pruning of deciduous shohin bonsai, beginning at 6 PM. Please bring a dish to pass or drinks to share. Bring trees to discuss. Contact Steve at treekutter@hotmail.com for more information.





The Artisans Cup in Portland Oregon

Perhaps the most significant bonsai event in the United States this year will take place September 25th-27th at the Portland Art Museum in Portland, Oregon. The dual purposes of the Artisans Cup is to showcase Bonsai as a true art form and to prove that American Bonsai has come of age. To quote the brochure: "In recent years the drama of naturally stunted trees collected from the harsh conditions of America's mountains, deserts, and coastlines has opened new doors in the art. The wildness of American material speaks to the freedom of American culture and offers a unique opportunity to expand the palette of material used in American bonsai."

The exhibition will contain only the finest bonsai from across the United States. They will be displayed in a uniquely design exhibit. Many of the finest woodworkers and potters from across the country will display. There will be guided tours to the local gardens and to the Portland Bonsai Village where a concentrated group of some of the finest bonsai masters in the country have gathered.

Go to www.theartisanscup.com for more information. Severe members of the FBS will attend this first-ever event.

More About Entry to Woodward Park

Members of the Fresno Bonsai Society who are entering the park for meetings or work activities for the Shinzen Garden should always show their club badge at the gate to avoid the fee. If you have not yet obtained a badge, simply tell the attendant that you are entering to work in the garden. Park on the east side of the Shinzen Garden in the area adjoining the maintenance yard.



BULLSEYE BONSAI

Contact Donald Hoisington at Bullseye Bonsai by appointment for tree material and pots at 559 892