

NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

August 2016

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Ron Price	President
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August News

- **Our meeting on Monday, August 8 is at the Mandarin Garden Club 7:00 PM.**
- We have soil! If you need soil contact Mike bettsmike@hotmail.com, and please return your empty buckets.
- 2016 / 2017 membership dues now due. Cost is \$36 for the year. This includes membership in BSF and the BSF electronic magazine.



2015 Joy of Bonsai



Suggested Programs

- August - Louise Leister preparing and displaying trees for show
- September– (Tentative) Jim Van Landingham workshop or Demo

We are fortunate to have **Louise Leister to do a presentation on preparing our trees for a show.** The idea is to take a tree that we think is ready for a show and present the necessary steps to get it ready. from selecting the tree, photographing the tree and what additional items accompany the tree while on display. Even if you are not going to place your tree in a convention show. It is nice now and then to have a tree on display at home on a patio or inside during a visit with friends or relatives. This is the end result of all of the work we put into our trees. If nothing else, showing them off is rewarding and satisfying to the owner.

We are finally getting the afternoon rains that have been lacking for the last month. Preventative spray with a fungicide such as Daconil or Neem oil will help with preventing the mildew and fungus which will develop as a result of water setting on the leaves during the evening and night. It also helps to do some light pruning to thin out the canopy on the trees, This will allow for more airflow and aid in the leaves drying. This conditions is especially true with Ficus salicaria. With a dense canopy, the tree seems to develop a fungus which destroys the leaves. You could get some branch die-back as a result of this. There are many options as to the cause of this “melt-down” on some trees. Another suggestion is the dense canopy and wet conditions hinders transpiration and the tree just sheds the leaves. I am going with the fungus as a culprit. Do not spray during the heat of the day. Early morning and after sunset is best.

The increase in moisture is an invitation for all sorts of insect pests to attack our trees. Be on the look out for problems and treat immediately. Not a bad idea to add a systemic pesticide to the soil at this time of the year. Keep in mind it may take a while for the plant to distribute the chemical to all of its parts.

- Bonsai at the Zoo - Brevard County Zoo August 13 and 14, 2016 10 AM to 4
- Sun Coast Bonsai Club and Hu Kyu Bonsai Society auction August 27, 2016 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m

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Meeting Agenda

General

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Presentation of the minutes & treasurer's report

New Business

- 2017 Dues are now payable - \$36/yr
- Consider a donation (\$50 -\$100) to Heathcote Botanical Garden (Jim Smith's collection) in his memory.

www.heathcotebotanicalgardes.org/donate-heathcote

Reminders

- Upcoming Events around Florida
 - Bonsai at the Zoo - Brevard County Zoo
 - August 13 and 14, 2016 10 AM to 4 PM on.
 - Admittance is free with paid entrance to the Zoo.
 - Sun Coast Bonsai Club and Hu Kyu Bonsai Society auction
 - Trees, pots, tools and misc bonsai items.
 - Moccasin Lake Nature Park located at 2750 Park Trail Lane, Clearwater, FL
 - August 27,2016 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m
- Resources
 - Lots of good info on summer tree care in the August D&L Newsletter
 - Bonsai Tonight - Jonas Dupuich - has an excellent blog post on repotting
 - Great for beginners AND good reminders for the more advanced

Adjourn the Meeting

Current Program Topic: Bonsai Display by Louise Leister

Next Bonsai Club Meeting – September 12, 2016 at 7pm

Topic: (Tentative) BOYT Jim Van Landingham

Future Topics: Oct/Nov – under discussion with David Hutchins

Louise Leister - Bio

Our guest speaker, Louise Leister, is a past president of BSF and has held various positions in BSF helping to make it the world class organization that it is. She is also a past president of the KAWA bonsai society and is currently its Vice President. Louise has been the driving force and behind the Joy of Bonsai mini conventions at the Flagler Extension office. She has been instrumental in bringing in world renown Bonsai artists throughout the years. She has a great amount of knowledge in the area of Bonsai display especially when it comes to shows. She has been to Japan several times and often attends shows and conventions throughout the US.

Louise is bring the knowledge she has accumulated and will be sharing it with us on Monday, August 8. So, do not miss this opportunity to learn from of of the best Bonsai artists in the US.

Sunday Workday

Don't forget the Sunday "workday" at Josh Brown's home. He has invited us to come and work on trees August 7th at his home. We'll start about 9:00 AM and end whenever the heat gets to us. Bring some trees to work on styling repotting or just questions. It should be a learning experience for all.