CBS Newsletter

March 2020

2020 Show – Seed Propagation – CBS Officer Nominations

Sunday March 8, 10:30 am

Preparation for the May Show & Sale 2020

Pat Gilmore, who is the lead for the Annual Show and Sale, will give a presentation for our upcoming show on May 2nd and 3rd. All members are encouraged to present at least on bonsai for the show. **Bring in any plants you are hoping to display [they do not need to be in show ready condition], so that a suitable display stand can be reserved for the show.** If you are new to bonsai and not sure, bring in your plant for support and suggestions.

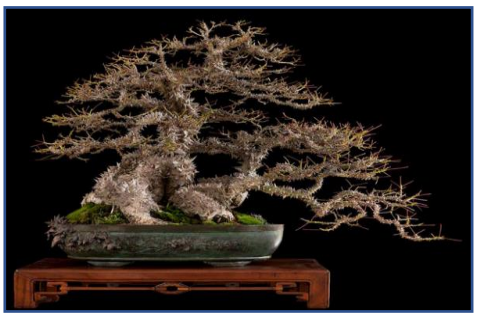
Topics Covered:
• Proper display of bonsai plant material and setting up tables • Cleaning up bonsai pots and plant preparation for display • **Bring in any plants you are hoping to display [they do not need to be in show ready condition], so that a suitable display stand can be reserved for the show.** • Any questions and important topics for the show will be discussed. • If you are thinking of showing a plant but would like some help with styling, the society has members who will lend you a helping hand.

Contact People:	
• **Show Lead and Posters**: Pat Gilmore	gilappl@gmail.com
• **Brochures**: Leo Martinez	leormartain@gmail.com
• **Print Media**: Mike Mattia	mmattia@sbcglobal.net
• **Facebook**: Scott Schneider	surgeon99@hotmail.com
• **Newsletter, Web Site, Pinterest**: John McDonald	jemcdonald@protonmail.com
• **Instagram**: Adam Jacobsen	adamjacobsen33@gmail.com

Growing Bonsai via Seed Propagation

John McDonald will give a small interactive workshop on seed propagation of bonsai plant material. Basic terminology [i.e., dormancy, stratification, damping off] and different germination media will be discussed. The first 18 members and/or visitors will each be provided with two different plant species to plant and a basic 'germination greenhouse kit' to take home. The two species provided are:

Chorisia speciosa aka Silk-floss Tree



Chamaecyparis obtuse aka Hinoki Cypress

Nomination and Election of Society Officers

Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their bonsai society. For Chico Bonsai Society to thrive, we need individuals to step up for coming year. The elected positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There are also volunteer positions that need to be filled. Tasks are easier when they are shared. Please bring in the nomination / volunteer form located in Appendix 1 at the end of this newsletter. There is also space to volunteer your talents if you have experience in an area you think could help our society. And lastly a space for comment on what you would like to have as topics and guest speakers at our meetings.

CBS Potpourri

CBS Website Upgrades:

February - Current and archived newsletters are now available for viewing or download for 2019 and the current year [click on the newsletter tab located on the banner].

March – Mobile phone bugs fixed with menu selection. Show and Sale 2020 Video produced and uploaded to CBS website and Pinterest. Links to online bonsai advice added to website

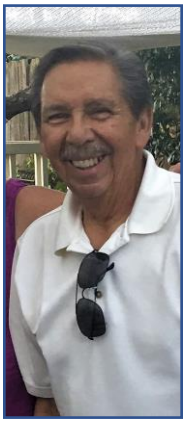
Web Site: John McDonald jemcdonald@protonmail.com

Membership: Current Membership is 48

Barbara in 2013

Roberta Walters: It is the newsletters intent to write of a story concerning Roberta Walters, a founding member or our society. Anyone who has any pictures or stories they would like to share concerning Barbara, please contact John McDonald @ 530-321-1139.

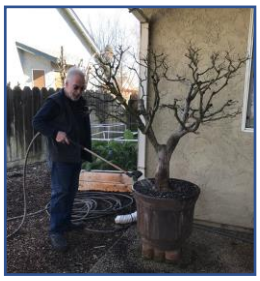
The Art of Bonsai Class Offered this Spring



A CBS member Leo Martinez will be conducting a two-week class on April 27th and May 4th, from 10-12 am. The class is presented in conjunction with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSU, Chico. The location is Bradley 1 at 1400 W 3rd Street: Hwy 32 / Walnut St. Registration is required. Call 530-898-6679 for details or register online at https://rce.csuchico.edu/osher.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSU, Chico

Thirty – 40 – Year Repot



Chigo Bonsai Society member Paul Huston waters his newly repotted extra-large bonsai maple tree after some helping hands from fellow members of the CBS.

Arbor Day at Oroville

The CBS is looking for members to staff our table at the 3rd Annual Arbor Day event taking place on the 14th of March. We will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for those who wish to volunteer in reaching out to individuals who would like to join our society.

Bonsai Maintenance

February [SF Bay Area – Please compensate for differences in Chico weather]

March

General

- Rotate trees at least twice this month to promote symmetry as roots and canopy begin period of rapid growth

Fertilizing

- Scratch soil surface to aid penetration of nutrients
- Deciduous trees: do not feed, to avoid overly long internodes
- Satsuki azaleas: every two weeks apply Miracid, Gro Power, or fish emulsion at 1 tsp./gal.; Miracid helps make soil more acid
- Black pines: begin fertilizing with high nitrogen to encourage strong growth of candles
- Repotted trees: delay feeding until 2–3 (some say 4-6) weeks after repotting
- Place fertilizer balls/cakes (see Appendix) in pot corners and at 8- to 12-inch intervals around perimeter of soil mass; place also where rootage is wanted, but not in contact with trunk or visible roots; water well to dissolve nutrients; scratch soil
- Foliar-feed cascades: apex (= bottom) 3 times, mid 2 X, top 1X
- Place deep-potted cascades in saucers (1/2 depth of pot) containing MiracleGro for a few days at beginning of month

Watering

- Continue with reduced watering
- Do not over-water repotted plants, roots regenerate best in damp, not wet, soil; repotted plants usually have reduced foliage requiring less water
- Water trees during prolonged dry spells between rains
- Adjust automatic, programmed watering system for spring
- Prop up one end of pots to facilitate drainage during prolonged storms

Insect, disease, & weed control (see Appendix 9)

- Apply Subdue if you suspect soil fungi or root rot
- Use Lysol to clean tools suspected of being infected; bleach (10% in water) and Pine Sol are effective but corrode steel
- Use Safer Soap to control aphids attacking buds and leaves
- Satsuki azaleas: apply Orthene/Orthenex

Styling/Pruning

- Check especially this month for old wire; it may be biting in
- *Sasa* bamboo: prune leaving first node above base of culm
- Maples: prune, if not pruned in November or December, to maintain size and form of branches; check daily and nip second pairs of leaves as they emerge; do not nip if branch is being grown for larger size, to heal a wound, or to use in inarching or grafting
- Deciduous trees with alternate leaves: pinch back to third (or second) leaf unless trying to redirect growth pattern
- Satsuki azaleas: remove excess flower buds, if not yet done; wire and bend trunk and branches before repotting; let soil dry so plants will be more pliable for bending; best time to prune large branches; seal all wounds; wire every branch to upturning tip
- Sasanqua camellias: after blooming cut back to two leaves, wire and shape
- Black and other hard pines: early in month cut large limbs just before (or as) candles start to elongate; if top and exterior branches are pruned hard, balance with light pruning of lower and inner branches
- Monterey pines: end of month, decandle starting with weakest shoots and, at 10- to 14-day intervals progressing to moderate and strongest shoots
- Five-needled white pines: reduce length of candles by snap-ping during last week of month in hot regions,

Repotting

- Satsuki azaleas on a three-year cycle (best time)
- Pines, as soon as candles start to elongate and until fascicles of needles show like pimples along candle
- Junipers
- Cryptomeria (toward end of month)
- Ume (after flowering, until leaf-buds move)
- Camellias, both Japanese and sasanqua, immediately after blooming
- Wisteria, before and/or after flowering
- Grasses (split and divide them)
- Accent plants
- Do not repot crabapple, Chinese quince, or akebia after flowering starts

Propagating/Collecting

- Accent plants: divide clumps of bamboos, grasses, sedges, herbaceous perennials, bulbs, etc.
- Evergreens: root cuttings
- Graft most species (see Appendix 8)
- Akebia, Chinese quince, crabapple, and bittersweet: artificially pollinate akebia and Chinese quince; protect blooms of crabapple and bittersweet from rain and provide one male tree for several female trees.
- Deciduous trees and satsuki azaleas: thread graft before buds break

Personal reminders:

Reference: Hillenbrand, R., Faulk, S., Gallagher, C., Roth, J., Makishima, D., Castellon, B., . . . Manakitivipart, B. (2002). *San Francisco Bay Area: Calendar for bonsai Care*. Oakland, CA.

From the President's Desk

Meeting Agenda

March 8, 2019

- Call to Order: ……..... Pres.

- Business:
  - Meeting Plan: ……..…… Vice Pres.
  - Secretary's Report: ……. ....……..... Sec.
  - Treasurer's Report: ..... Tres.
  - Announcements: ..... Sec.
  - Committee Reports:
    - Store
    - Refreshments
    - Social Media
- Discussion: Instagram, Facebook, Pinterest…….…. All
- Show and Tell
- Upcoming Events
- Adjourn

Behind the Scenes

CBS Board and Club Meeting Minutes Submitted by Luke Smith, CBS Secretary

Sunday, 2-9-2020 @ The Chico Library
9:30 - 12:30

Attendees: Not established.

Agenda

Board Meeting

- Leo covered financials with the Club
- Adam noted that we have been approved to participate in the Japanese Festival (Concord) in Aug.
- Oroville Arbor Day is coming up 3/21/2020 - Discussion around having a booth. This is the event where we gained local news publicity.
- Spring show press release completed and distributed to the Club by Leo
- Ordering 250 more brochures
- Adam asked the club to keep your eyes/ears open for advertising opportunities, let find some spring opportunities.
- Steve provided an update to the Board on current inventory
  - Let's purchase some other items to make available to the club.
    - Tools; cutters

        - Soil, amendments
        - Pots, etc.
- Office elections coming up
- Website needs to have upcoming meeting kept up to date
- Bring any extra stands to next meeting to show what we have for the annual show
    - Matching trees to stands
- PO Box dues paid (#1869 / 95927)
- Develop on electronic payment process for the Club
- Show display next meeting for annual show example
- Need to transfer or create Facebook Group to chicobonsai.1976@gmail.com email
- Leo showed off his cutter grips
- Membership tracking for 2020 payments needed to be updated

Club Meeting

- Adam opened the meeting with introductions.
- Patrick introduced Suseki to the Club with a display and story behind the Art.
- Patrick opened a discussion around the annual show. He noted that there would be an example at the March meeting on how we showcase trees.
- Patrick asked that Club members get a list of trees they want to show. Select 1-3 trees. Expectations include clean pots, surface soil management & accent plants. It was noted to members that beginner trees are important to showcase.
- Patrick will make cards for members/trees once he gets lists.
- There was a brief discussion around the Bonsai Tree's birthday being the day it goes into a bonsai pot.
- Jerry brought a flowering quince and a pomegranate he's grown from a cutting
- Dave brought in a gold juniper to complete his 1st potting after style
- Mike (from Concow, new member) brought a pomegranate and Buffalo Juniper from the nursery to style.
- Mike (new member) brought a juniper to show his first styling for feedback. He also brought his Elm to show to the Club.
- MJ and her daughter brought a juniper that Ruben helped style.
- Morgan (new member) brought a liquid amber that we had questions around styling and potting.
- Adam brought a Japanese Maple (1964) that is a work in progress
- New faces (soon to be members?) at this meeting included Andrew, Mike, Leslie, Morgan Hill, David Jefferis
- Carol brought refreshments for the Club to enjoy
- A group of members joined together to repot a 40 year old maple at a club members house!

Action Items

- Website: Updated calendar, where to get resources, bio content for board members, seasonal tree care information.
- Social Media: FB and IG management
- Shows: Firm date for the 2020 Annual Show, Quarterly Shows.
- Outreach: Advertising, demo or class at local businesses, park, or ? (Patrick)

- Name tags for members
- Television/Radio advertising options (Michael)
- Update membership form 2020

Next Meeting Agenda Items

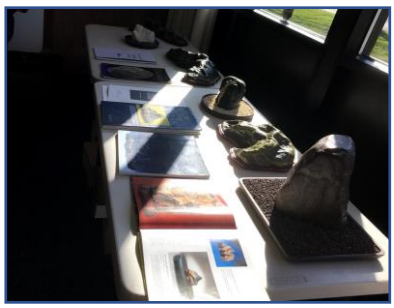
- Options for other shows: quarterly shows. Where, when and how?
- Other club meeting locations: Club discussion around having Club meetings in Gridley, Durham & Oroville. Discuss a possible show in Bidwell Park.
- Club publications: Discussion around a Club Brochure.
- Website & Social Media updates: Updated calendar, where to get resources, bio content for board members, seasonal tree care information.
- Social Media: FB and IG need a member to help manage content
- Outreach: Advertising, demo or class at local businesses, park, or ?
- Name tags for members (ongoing)
- Television/Radio advertising options

Future Calendar of Events

Unless noted, board meetings are at 9:30 am and regular meeting starts at 10:30 am

- March 8th Meeting/Board
- April 12th Meeting/Board
- **May 2nd and 3rd** ***Annual Show***
- May 10th Meeting/Board
- June 14th Meeting/Board
- July 12th Meeting/Board
- Aug 9th Meeting/Board

Images from February CBS Meeting



Chico Bonsai Society (CBS) is a non-profit organization whose intent it is to promote the appreciation, knowledge, and cultivation of Bonsai through education, publicity, display and any other means which would advance the Art of Bonsai.

Membership: Chico Bonsai Society is a social hub based on the common interest of the Art of Bonsai. Membership is open to the general public, come join us. Guests and visitors are always welcome.

Annual Individual Memberships dues are $30.00 per year plus $5.00 for each additional member of the household. To join the CBS, mail your name(s), address, telephone and e-mail address plus a check made payable to the CBS for the correct amount to: **Leo Martinez, 1236 Whitewood Way., Chico, CA 95973**.

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The **Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF)** is an educational organization which provides services and activities promoting the wonderful art of bonsai. GSBF is made up of member clubs in California and affiliate clubs in the adjoining states.

- **Publication**: *Golden Statements Magazine* [free digital version], the official publication of GSBF, is printed four times each year with current bonsai articles and calendars of local club shows and events.
- **Education**: The Federation awards grants to assist the clubs with programs and provides several categories of bonsai scholarships which are available to worthy individuals. There is also an internship program in which qualified students are given assistance to study with a bonsai master in Japan or elsewhere.
- **The Chico Bonsai Society is a current member.**

The **American Bonsai Society (ABS)** is an international non-profit corporation founded in 1967 to promote knowledge of, and interest in, bonsai – and to serve as a national focal point for bonsai fanciers. The ABS publish the *ABS Bonsai Journa*l, hold member conventions, and provide educational and support services to the bonsai community.

Individual Membership dues are $45.00. Join the ABS online at: https://www.joinit.org/o/american-bonsai-society/4n47EfHaY6Fs6oMoy.

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Appendix 1

Chico Bonsai Society

2020 Officer Nominations

February 9, 2020

Elected Positions[1]	
President	
Vice President	
Secretary Membership	
Treasurer[2]	

Volunteer Positions	**Self-Nomination**
Annual Show	
Meeting Raffles	
Refreshments	
Newsletter	
Web Page	
Facebook	
Instagram	
Pinterest	
Photography	
Society Store	
Room Reservation/Key	

[1]By Laws require the officers shall be elected annually by the membership and shall consist of: President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Officer. Term of office shall not exceed two consecutive years in the same office for all elected officers except treasurer.
[2]The Treasurer may serve as long as the membership of the society desires.

I would like help:	
In 2020 I think our society should:	