

CBS Newsletter

November 2019

Preparing for Winter

Sunday November 10, 2019 10:30 am

Tiding up your Evergreens

Bring your evergreens, [e.g., pine, juniper, cypress, cedar, hemlock]. Our society experts will give advice on styling and any other questions members have about keeping their evergreens in the best shape for spring. Have a lingering question about your plant material? Bring it !!

While Carol is away, Luke will bring refreshment and goodies this meeting. We will discuss plans for the Christmas party and Leo will discuss the cost of new more permanent name tags.

Leo will bring his last tree for the silent auction and as always we will have our monthly raffle table [note...board meeting starts at 9:30 am].

What to Bring to Meeting:

- Any plant material, you have questions about or would like advise for the winter season.
- Anything bonsai you would like donate for the **raffle table** [all proceeds donated to the bonsai society].
- Bring a tarp to catch cuttings and soil

CBS Swap Meet a Success



By unanimous consent, the swap meet was a success. Plant material and tools were traded and sold to everyone's satisfaction. The society welcomed three new members to our society. Leo would like to give a call out to Bob Nottelmann for the generous donation of plant material.

Evening at Ruben Rodarte's

The CBS would like to thank Ruben Rodarte for opening his home and bonsai collection. Almost half our society approximately 20 people who traveled to Gridley were welcomed by refreshments and an amazing plant collection. Ruben set up three tables with his largest specimens. In all, Ruben estimates he had about 70 plants on display.



Silent Auction

Octobers silent auction [tree in the middle] winner was Luke Smith.



Leo furnished this image of the silent auction plant material for November. Whoever wins the auction will have the options of having Leo style the tree.

CBS Potpourri

Membership

The CBS would like to welcome three new members: Laiw and MJ Law and Brad Jenks II. We look forward to having you join us at future society meetings.

Chico Bonsai Society is now on  **Pinterest**

Chico Bonsai Images can now be found on Pinterest. Last month the wrong code was mistakenly given in the newsletter. This is the correct code. Be sure to follow CBS.

Access from Mobile Phone: _____ →

Access from Desktop: <https://pin.it/17qy6xigjxupif>

Chico Bonsai Society is now on  **Instagram**



If you already have an Instagram account, please follow us at: **chicobonsaisociety1976**.

If you are still unsure how to use a typewriter [read tech adverse], bring your device to the next meeting and we will offer help in getting you up and running for both these applications.

Staying in Touch – Recovering Member Emails

We still have not been able to contact the following CBS members:

- David and Lori Angel
- David and Susan Englund
- Emmanuel Reevo
- Michael Bacani
- Ron and Kim Lewis
- Ruby Cazares
- Samantha Muntifering
- Thom Smith

Please forward any information to: jemcdonald@protonmail.com



Butte County
Chico, CA

Chico Bonsai Society

Join Us At Our Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings occur on the second Sunday of every month at 10:30 am, and are held in

CBS Website

The society website is now published. We are looking for a caretaker who will be in charge of its maintenance and keeping it up to date. Please contact any of the society officers if you are interested.

Our meetings are finished off by a raffle and silent auctions of common and not so common bonsai plant material.

CBS Store

Our CBS store is now fully stocked and open. New polo shirt design is now available. See: Steve Liner at our meeting for details prices and details.



Unique Bonsai Subjects: *Begonia dregei*

By John McDonald

For bonsai enthusiasts looking for a suitable indoor bonsai display *Begonia dregei* may be a perfect match. It is easy to grow, tolerates small bonsai pots and flowers during the summer, fall and in some species spring [Partita variety] months.

This species originally native to South Africa is unique among begonia in that it develops a swollen stem base [referred to as a caudex] which gives this plant a bonsai like appearance. Although it evolved in tropical and sub-tropical areas, it likes a well-drained medium, limited

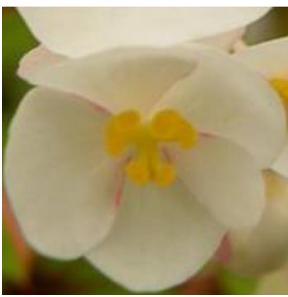


B. dregei 'Partita'

watering during the winter months and tolerates an indoor environment with partial sun.

Interestingly the while male [2 pedal flowers] and female [5 pedal flowers] grow on the same pant and are interfertile. The Glasgow and Tweedle Dee varieties have silver markings on edges and in the leaves.

Although common in cultivation, and easy to propagate from seed or cuttings, *B. gregei* is listed by the IUCN [International Union for Conservation of Nature] as Endangered.



Female flower

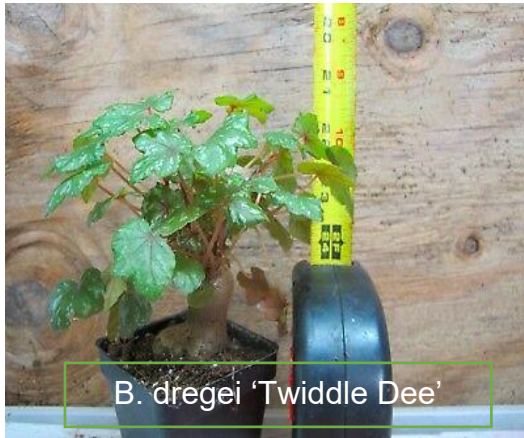


Male flower

For best results:

Care Guide	
Lighting	Filtered sun to bright shade
Temperature tolerance	55-65-degree F
Humidity	40-50%
Planting medium	Well-draining - over watering = root rot
Feeding	During growing season

Begonia: cont.



B. dregei 'Richardsiani'

References

Picture 1 Retrieved from: <https://www.logees.com/begonia-partita-begonia-semi-tuberous-hybrid.html>

Picture 2 Retrieved from: <https://www.logees.com/browse-by-plant-type/bonsai-plants/begonia-richardsiana-begonia-semi-tuberous-hybrid.html>

Picture 3 Retrieved from <https://picclick.co.uk/Its-Begonia-time-B-dregei-Tweedle-Dee-123050271282.html>

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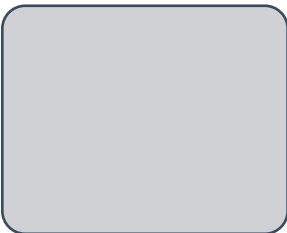
CBS Classified

Do you have anything to sell or trade? Send image, and information to John – jemcdonald@protonmail.com. Free of charge to Society members.



Exampe - Branch Bender / \$XX

- Like new branch bender. Used only once on Sunday
- Joe Bonsai, 530-555-5555 or email blahblah@baghmail.com



Title What is it? / Price

Description

Contact informat

Bonsai Maintenance

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

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General

- Review exposure of trees as sun moves southward; move deciduous trees into full sun
- Satsuki azaleas: leaves produced during summer show fall color
- Rotate all trees at least once a month

Fertilizing

- Scratch soil surface to aid penetration of nutrients
- Deciduous trees: fertilize for the last time this year w/ 0-10-10
- Satsuki azaleas: first week, give last fertilizer of year
- Last chance to apply either rape seed cake or 70% cottonseed meal: 30% bone meal
- Never feed a dormant tree unless fertilizer is low in nitrogen.

Watering

- Adjust automatic watering systems for winter
- Wisteria: remove from pan of water after foliage has yellowed

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

- Use Diazinon or Malathion for aphids, Sevin for ants, Ortho's Funginex for powdery mildew
- Apply lime-sulfur spray first in late November (second in December, third in January);
 - Usually light mists applied at 4-5 week intervals into late January–early February provide adequate protection plus effective control of scale and spider-mites
 - If you have pruned, wait 3 or 4 days before spraying
 - Cover roots and pot to protect from damage
 - CAREFULLY READ AND FOLLOW MANUFACTURER'S DIRECTIONS
 - Be careful not to spray new sprouts and buds
 - Do not use lime-sulfur on
 - azaleas, camellias, ezo spruce, ume, or any plants showing growth of buds
 - trees to be displayed in an exhibit within the next few weeks
 - Shake plants vigorously after spraying to remove excess spray and avoid burning of foliage

Styling/Pruning

- Study trunk taper and placement of equally balanced branches; remove excessive branching

- Study radial effect of rootage; look for a defined apex or a soft rounded top; reestablish tree's basic design
- Deciduous trees: improve overall design; eliminate crisscross branching, excessively heavy top branches, unsightly vertical twigs, and unnecessary crotch branches; reduce long internodes; remove wiring that has served its purpose
- Maples: prune and lightly wire after leaves wither and before cold weather to minimize bleeding
- Satsuki azaleas: Mark for later removal or reduction any branches showing undesired dark pigments; remove any wire cutting into bark and all wire if branches have settled into desired positions; late in month begin to reduce summer's growth, thin buds, and wire and bend trunks and branches; let plants dry out to facilitate bending
- Ume: Ensure blossoms for next year by moving plant to a warm location, after the first frost, and misting daily; anticipate flower buds within two weeks.
- Black or hard pines: remove needles from previous year(s) and cut-back to create desired shape of crown; wire and bend branches
- Group plantings: reexamine shape, height, flow; direction; wire if needed; remove wire before it bites into bark

Repotting

- Best done when plants begin their dormant period and continuing warm sun encourages root development; many temperate zone plants begin root growth this month
- After leaf drop and for all fall/winter clean-up, carefully remove top 1/2 inch of soil from trunk/root area out to pot lip to remove insect eggs and weed seeds; replace with new soil to enhance development of surface roots
- Review and, if needed, replenish supplies of potting mix; screen materials and aggregates (i.e.: pumice, sand, lava rock, decomposed granite, etc.) as well as humus (i.e.: fir and cedar bark, redwood).

Propagating/Collecting

- Accent plants: divide clumps of bamboos, grasses, sedges, herbaceous perennials, bulbs, etc.
- Evergreens: continue rooting cuttings
- Graft only hornbeam, beech, pine (see Appendix 8)

Personal reminders:

From the President's Desk

Thank you all for the great meeting last month. It's that time of year to collect wild trees. If interested in going out with myself and other club members please either email, call or text me for more info.

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Meeting Agenda

November 10, 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

Attendee's;

NA

Minutes

Current Paid Membership [including partners, as of March 2019]:
Current Club Account Balance [as of November 2019]:

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TBD

Future Calendar of Events

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

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|----------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------|
| • December 8 th | Meeting/Board | • March 8 th | Meeting/Board |
| • January 12 th | Meeting/Board | • April 12 th | Meeting/Board |
| • February 9 th | Meeting/Board | • May 2 nd and 3 rd | <u>Annual Show</u> |

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 Journal*, 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>.

