

CBS Bulletin

November 2022

Preparing for Winter

Q & A with Three Society Sensei



Meeting Agenda:

- Meeting open to all members and visitors.
- Meet and greet
- Call to order; Society Business Summary
- Welcome new members and member introductions.
- Society Business and Administration
 - General Business
 - Membership Report [Barbara]
 - Treasurer Report [Leo] – for Sept
 - Topic Committee [John] 2023 Schedule, open for Workshops 2023
 - Bylaws update [Mike] Statis Report
 - Credit Card Reader [Martin]
- Outline December holiday meeting [Ruben/Leo]
- **Monthly Topic – Round Table Question and Answer about Winter care for your bonsai trees. Bring your tree for specific questions.**
- Door Prize drawing
- Raffle
- Meeting end and cleanup

Meeting Time and Date

- Location: Elks Lodge
- Date: Nov. 13th, 2022
- Set-up: 10:00 am
- Meeting: 10:30 am
- 1-1:30 pm Clean-up and take down chairs and tables

Fall Show

A Growing Success

A thank you to all society members who participated in the fall Chico Home and Garden Show on Silver Dollar Fairground. Leo Martinez shared some bonsai chat with Action News: [Leo Action News](#).

A new society member, Yu Selig has posted videos of our spring and fall shows on her YouTube channel. Two videos are posted on the CBS web site: [Garden Show Videos](#).

Still images of the show are posted below.



Bonsai Work Shop in Chico

With Bonchi Bonsai Sensei Matthew Walker



Through the efforts of society member Joel Rainey, a hands-on workshop will be offered in Chico in February. Matthew Walker, a renowned bonsai sensei, will venture up from Fairfield, to give six people 8 hours of instruction and assistance with their bonsai trees.

The workshop is not affiliated with the Chico Bonsai Society and is offered to anyone in the area who is interested in improving their bonsai skills.

Bonchi Bonsai Website: <https://www.bonchibonsai.com/>

Meet Matthew Walker and his bonsai journey and philosophy: [YouTube Video](#)

Tentative Details:

- Date[s] 18 & 19 Feb 2023
- Time 9:00 – 5:00 pm class each day
- Spots 6 people for each Work Shop
- Location 443 Stilson Cyn Rd.
- Cost \$100/per individual
- To reserve a spot, make reservations with Joel Rainey via or text 530-680-9018 or email revolution292004@yahoo.com

There are still spots available. To reserve your spot, contact Joel to get on the reservation list. If the classes are full, you will be listed as an alternate in case a spot opens up.
To keep your spot:

To finalize your reservation, a minimum payment of \$50 is due at the society meeting on November 13th with John McDonald or with Joel if you are attending the Pacific Bonsai Expo. The other \$50 is due at our December meeting [December 11th]. Payment is by cash, check, or Venmo. [checks made out to Joel Rainey c/o Bonchi Bonsai]. Joel also says he can except Paypal if you come unprepared without cash, check, Venmo or sea shells!! If you will not be attending either venue, or have questions, call or email Joel [see Tentative Details above].

Important: Because the cost of the work shop is equally divided by all participants, no refunds will be available if you decide or unable to attend.

CBS Potpourri

Meeting Schedule for 2023 OKs by Board

The board voted on a schedule for 2023 meetings. A copy of the monthly schedule is included in this Bulletin and on the 'Members' only web page: <https://www.chicobonsaisociety.org/>

Credit Card Scanner



Our societies current credit card scanner can only be connected to one member's phone. Switching phones is complicated and full of delays. Because of this impracticality, the society is thinking of purchasing a card reader that can be operated independently. Martin Schwabe will be giving a quick presentation and answer any questions. A vote of members present will take place after the presentation at our November meeting.

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Society By-Laws

The society board continues to work on a beta version of the by-laws to present to society members for review, discussion and final vote before the end of the year.

Topic Committee

The next Topic Committee meeting is scheduled for 28 November. The agenda will be Work Shops for 2023. The minutes for the 26 September meeting are posted on the 'Members' page. Go to <https://www.chicobonsaisociety.org/>. in the 'Members' page under 'Our Society' password is: 1976.

Bonsai Questions?

Contact Pat, Ruben or Leo for those hard questions about your bonsai collection

- Patrick Gilmore gilappl@gmail.com
- Ruben Rodarte rubenrodarte123@gmail.com
- Leo Martinez LeoRMartin@gmail.com

CBS Contact List



Twenty-one members have signed up to be on the member directory. If you would like to be included, text: 530-321-1139 or email: jemcdonald@protonmail.com John McDonald.

Treasurers Report



Leo Martinez reported that the society has a total cash asset of \$7865.40 as of 30 September. The full treasurer's report is posted on the 'Members Only' page. Go to chicobonsaisociety.org in the 'Members Only' page under 'Our Society' password is: 1976

CBS Resource Web Page Revamped

The society resource web page has been updated. The resource link provided through the GSBF provides an array of bonsai information. Our resource page is: <https://www.chicobonsaisociety.org/online> . More links to the local resource page will be added over the coming months. If you have a particular vendor you think should be included, please send a text to 530-321-1139.

Golden State Bonsai Federation



Our societies umbrella organization, the Golden State Bonsai Federation, has revamped its web site. It contains an interesting array of information concerned with bonsai material. The link is:

Stone Lantern Sale

Inflation makes sales of bonsai supplies more enticing. Stone Lantern is having a sale. Maybe the item you have been waiting for is being offered at a reasonable price.

<https://stonelantern.com/collections/specials>

Bonsai Tips

Tip 102a: Soil Components: Pumice.



Composition: Frothy hot lava that cools trapping various gases and forming air pockets as the gas dissipates.

Color: In the Chico area it is usually a variation of white or grey color.

Aeration

✓ Good
OK
Poor

Drainage

✓ Good
OK
Poor

Breakdown

Fast
✓ Slow
Stable

Cation Exchange

✓ Low
High

Weight:

✓ Light
Medium
Heavy

Water retention

Porosity

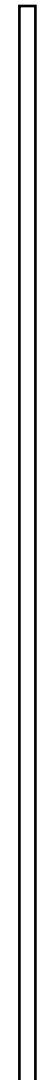
✓ High
Low

Permeability

✓ High
Low



Topics for 2023 Chico Bonsai Society Meetings

Jan	Repotting Top down repot	Brad Jenks / Scott Schneider	Leo Martinez Beginners Class
Feb	Using Raffe to Bend Limbs [or] Bonsai Tool Care	Sal Cordaro	
Mar	Air Layering Grafting Bonsai Material	Kurt Kaiser	
Apr	Spring H& G Show / Bonsai Cuttings	Pat Gilmore	
May	Yamadori	Joel Rainey	
Jun	Summer Care	Joel / Brad / John	
Jul	Sale-Swap-Silent Auction – Social Meeting		
Aug	Making your own Bonsai Soil [or] Unique Plants for Bonsai	John McDonald	
Sep	Nursery Tree to Bonsai	? Joel Rainey ?	
Oct	Fall Show / Simple Irrigation Tech	Mike Mattia	
Nov	Pruning deciduous bonsai trees	Ruben Rodarte	
Dec	End of Year Holiday/Xmas Meeting		