



Fujii Notes

Newsletter of the Phoenix Bonsai Society

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Welcome to a new club year! This newsletter is returning to its quarterly format as the club is making exciting new changes.

The club's Calendar, continually updated, as well as an overall Site Map are centrally located just one click away from our home page at

www.phoenixbonsai.com

Please be sure to send us your e-mail address.

All member suggestions and thoughts are appreciated for this semi-annual newsletter. E-mail me at rjb@phoenixbonsai.com or post me at the return address on the other side of this page.

CALENDAR

Unless otherwise indicated, all events are @ the Valley Garden Center, 1809 N. 15th Ave., one block north of West McDowell Road at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 2, Tuesday NEW CLUB YEAR BEGINS: SHOW OF TREES for the Bonsai Society, club business, plans for the year. We will be discussing the ideas of a mentoring program - to assist members of all levels with particular types of species and styles at the first couple of meetings in September. Please attend and share your thoughts.

We will also be developing local workshops for beginning Bonsai classes to occur on a Saturday, at key times of the calendar - to be beneficial to new, incoming people into the Art of Bonsai.

NOTE: all members need to pay their membership dues for the 2003/2004 season at the meetings during Sept. - see Joan McCarter.

Also, the new Club Membership Directory (Club Yearbook) will not be published until the end of September. PLEASE send updates for address, phone # and e-mail address to either Mike Apostolos (602-494-0630) or Robert Baran so you can correctly be included in the printing.

And, we will be asking the membership for approval of the Revised By-Laws and Articles of Organization in our quest for Non-Profit Status in September. Please attend the meetings and get your contact information current so that we can get this important club business information to you. Only Club Members in good standing (current on their membership dues) will be able to vote on these items.

Sept. 9, Tuesday Open Forum – Questions / Answers / Ideas / Thoughts - Workshop. (See also Sept. 2 listing.)

Sept. 16, Tuesday Silent Auction of Bonsai and Pots from the late Mark Sharples. Last May the Phoenix Bonsai Society lost one of its long time members in the passing of Mark Sharples. Mark was an extremely talented student of bonsai, as well as an accomplished artist in several other media. Mark's family requested that donations to Mark's memory be made to the PHOENIX BONSAI SOCIETY. We are very honored to have been the recipients of this request and wish to thank all of those who contributed. Mark's family also donated all of Mark's collection of bonsai trees and pots to the Club. We felt the best way to share these items with the membership is through a Silent Auction. The funds raised for this event will be combined

with the donations received in Mark's memory and then the membership will decide how best to distribute these funds to honor Mark's memory. We hope all of you will support this effort. General Workshop if time allows. (See also Sept. 2 listing.)

Oct. 7, Tuesday Show of Trees. Club Business. General Workshop.

Oct. 9-26, Thu-Sun Club Display @ Arizona State Fair, 19th Avenue & McDowell Road, with Demonstration on last day from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Members may deliver trees at fairgrounds on Oct. 08 - Contact Elsie Andrade (602-995-3870) or Penny Schneck (602-263-8186) for info. Fair and display run through Oct. 26, which day trees must be picked up starting at 4:00 pm.

Oct. 14, Tuesday Out of Summer & Into Winter - Care/Trimming for Deciduous Trees: an Interactive Demo by Fred Carpenter. General Workshop.

Oct. 21, Tuesday Soils Mixtures and Repotting Techniques: an Interactive Demo. General Workshop.

Nov. 4, Tuesday Show of Trees. Club Business. General Workshop.

Nov. 11, Tuesday Accessory Plants for Displays by Ardie Apostolos. General Workshop.

Nov. 18, Tuesday Wiring Techniques: an Interactive Demo. General Workshop.

Nov. 22-23, Sat-Sun Ben Oki Workshop / Baker Nursery Annual Show. Watch for further information and sign up early to reserve your spot in the workshop.

UPCOMING:

Feb. 7-9, Fri-Sun Chinese Week Show, Chinese Cultural Center, 40th Street & the 202.

Feb. 22-23, Sat-Sun MATSURI, the Club's largest annual show as part of The Japan Week Festival. Set up at 8:00 a.m. Sat.; take down 4:00 p.m. Sun. Everyone bring a tree and come for the comraderie, education, and entertainment.

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- ⊖ **Bonsai of Scottsdale** is the Valley's second bonsai club. Meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. on the First and Third Saturdays of the month at Scottsdale Senior Center, 10440 East Via Linda, ½ mile south of Shea Blvd. Contact Scottsdale President Tom Ballen, TBallen@aol.com / (480) 502-8639, or Shirley Gilbert MARSHIRL@aol.com for details.
- ⊖ **Tucson Bonsai Society** meets at 1 p.m. on the Third Sunday of every month at the Tucson Botanical Gardens' Porter Gardens facility, 2150 North Alvernon Way. Contact David Meyer @ (520) 749-4155 or (520) 722-2000.
- ⊖ **Southern Arizona Bonsai Enthusiasts** (SABE) meet the First Sunday of each month, 12:30-4:00 p.m. at The Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 North Alvernon Way. Contact Doris Cavanaugh, doris.c@worldnet.alt.net / (520) 290-0522, or Pat & Thelma Patterson dezertrats@aol.com / (520) 825-9685.

This newsletter is named in recognition of Hideo ALeroy≅ Fujii (1925-1998), student of bonsai for nearly fifty years, a founding member of our club, and our *sensei*/teacher for more than twenty-five years. Our club logo, courtesy of grandmaster John Y. Naka, is based on one of Leroy=s trees. Two pages of some of Leroy's other fine creations can be found on our web site.

"Learn from your trees: they are a reflection of you."

-- Leroy Fujii

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