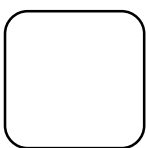




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Winter is approaching fast and temperatures are falling. Time to think about protecting our more delicate trees from the cold. The easiest way to do this is to put your trees in a cold green house or a cold frame. But if you are like me you don't have either. If this is the case you can put your trees in a cold basement, garage or other sheltered area. For most trees all that is necessary to protect the fine twigs from cold drying winds and to the roots from hard freezes is to place them on the ground under their benches and bury their pots in mulch (fir bark works good). I don't do this with all my trees just my maples, elms and azaleas. For other more hardy species I will only do this when the temperatures threaten to

get in the teens. Trees still need water during the winter, though not as much, so make sure you check them at least once a week to make sure the pot hasn't dried out completely. This moisture also helps the tree protect itself against the cold. For more in depth reading on the effects of freezing temperature and Bonsai read the article "**Freeze Damage in Woody Plants**" by Andy Walsh on the web at <http://www.evergreengardenworks.com/frzekill.htm>. I found it very informative.

This month's meeting will be turkey night. Bring a turkey or a tree you just don't know what to do with and our team of experts will bring out the inner beauty or at least make it look like a tree. This month we will also have a bazaar. So if you have any bonsai or bonsai related items you would like to sell bring them in.

As most of you know we will be hosting the PNBICA 2005 convention. For this we would like to have a new logo tree. Our current logo tree isn't based on a real tree. We would like this new logo tree to be from someone in the club. So keep your eyes open for the perfect tree. I personally feel it should be a tree that is typical of the northwest some sort of maple or evergreen not a ficus or other tropical. Some time in the near future we will want to bring these trees to a meeting and vote on the best tree for the logo.

Thanks and see you all this Friday. This month's meeting will be held at Olympic College in the shop area room 114 on Friday November 21st