



Shreveport
Bonsai
Society

March 31, 2009

Hi Folks:

It is time for our annual show, Saturday April 11, 2009 from 10-4 at the Barnwell Center. Unfortunately, we could not get the main hall, so we will be in our usual classroom. Nonetheless, I am looking forward to a terrific day of bonsai. Registration for the day will be \$10, and this will include access to all of the day's activities and lunch. We will have a couple of demonstrations and a free wiring workshop for anyone who wants to get their tree ready for Suthin Sukosolvisit's workshop in May. In addition there will be a ficus workshop that will cost \$30, led by me. That is a great deal and an opportunity to add a nice tree to your collection. There will also be the display of the member's trees and an opportunity to vote for which trees will represent the Shreveport Bonsai Society in the LABS show on May 2nd. All in all, a great day working on trees and learning new things about bonsai.

I will also be air-layering a juniper, so if you have a tree you would like to air-layer, bring it in and I will help you with the process.

LABS Meeting:

The LABS meeting will be on May 2nd from 10am – 4pm at the Barnwell Center in the main room. Admission for the day's activities will be \$15 before April 15th, and \$20 thereafter, including lunch and refreshments.

There will be a morning demonstration by Suthin Sukosolvisit and an afternoon bring-your-own-tree workshop. The workshop is limited to 10 people and costs \$75. You may reserve your spot by sending me a check for the workshop. There will be other activities during the day as well, so it should be an exciting day of bonsai. We will be taking Suthin Sukosolvisit out to dinner that evening so if anyone would like to join us, let me know so I can arrange for the restaurant.

For information about things to do in Shreveport and the location of housing, go to:

<http://www.shreveport-bossier.org/>

Membership:

We are always on the look out for new members.

Please tell your friends about the good times you are having and let's try to add some more new members; the more the merrier.

Please welcome [Lee Sutton](#) when you see him at the next meeting. Lee Join SBS last month.

Many thanks to all who have paid their dues for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. For those who have not, please forward your dues to me or bring them to the meeting. Remember, it is only \$20 for the year, for an individual or family.

Haydite availability:

I still have some haydite available if anyone is interested. Haydite is the fired clay additive to bonsai mix that helps the soil retain water, but drain quickly. It also helps with the propagation of hair roots. Because of the increase in the cost of oil and the fact that it is fired clay, the cost has more than tripled since my last trip. I have some available for members, but the cost will be \$3/gallon. You will have to stop by my place to get it and provide your own container. I have both 1/4" and 3/8" sizes. There were some fines in the mix but I would imagine that they have settled from the trip home.

SBS Officers:

If you have questions about SBS business, you will find the contact information for your officers listed below.

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Upcoming Local Event Calendar:

April 11th, 2009

SBS annual show and workshops at the Barnwell Center from 10am-4 pm. This is a great opportunity to show your trees off and get comments from other SBS members. We will also be conducting a workshop on material to be determined latter. We will have our annual raffle and a sale area. Come and pick out a tree for the workshop in May,

May 2nd, 2009

LABS meeting in Shreveport at the Barnwell Center from 10am-4 pm. Our guest artist will be Suthin Sukosolvisit. There will be all kinds of bonsai delights, including bonsai vendors, a demonstration and a bring your own tree workshop. This should be a great show, so mark it on your calendar.

May 9th, 2009

Our regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm to discuss the LABS meeting and share insights. Bring a tree or two. This will be a great time to wire and style a deciduous tree or two. Bring a tree (or two) to work on.

June 13th, 2009

Our regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. The study group topic will be styling Japanese black pines. The study group leader has yet to be determined. Bring a black pine or other material to work on.

July 11th, 2009

Our regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. There will be a workshop, with the material being tray landscapes, led by Bob Specian. Last time we did this it was terrifically successful. This time we will be using different material.

August 8th, 2009

Our regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. Our study group topic will be fertilizers, pesticides, soil mixing and summer/fall care for trees. The study group will be led by Bob Specian. Bring a tree to work on and share your insights on everyone else's trees.

September 12, 2009

Our regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. Study group topic TBA.

October 10th, 2009

Our regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. Study group topic TBA. Possibly a collecting trip.

November 14th, 2009

Our regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. The study group topic will be fall care of Japanese black pines, with the study group leader TBA. Bring in you black pines and get them ready for the winter,

December 12th, 2009

Our regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm where we will hold our annual Christmas party. The study group topic will be pot selection, so you can add bonsai pots to Santa's list.

Regional and National Meetings:

*April 17-18, 2009 - **Houston, TX***

Houston Bonsai Society

LSBF 2009 Convention hosted by the Houston Bonsai Society at the Marriott West Chase in Houston, TX, USA.

Featured artists include Boon Manikitivipart, Roy Nagatoshi, and Milagros Rauber Herrera. For more information, go to:

<http://www.houstonbonsai.com/>

*April 24-26, 2009 - **St. Louis, MO, USA***

The Bonsai Society of Greater St Louis Shohin St. Louis "Little Trees – Big Event"

at the Gateway Center, One Gateway Dr., Collinsville, IL 62234, Featuring Nobuichi Urushibata, President of the Shohin Society of Japan doing two workshops - White Pine and Shimpaku (Space is limited) and two demonstrations. Also Vendors, Exhibits, Banquet, small workshops, excellent material, and inexpensive prices. For more information contact: Stlshohin@sbcglobal.net or go to the club website <http://www.StlBonsai.org>

*May 22-24, 2009 - **Brussel's Bonsai Nursery, Olive Branch, MS***

Rendezvous, 2009

www.brusselsbonsai.com

*June 11-14, 2009 - **Boise, Idaho***

The American Bonsai Society (ABS) - "American Bonsai Spirit" - The 2009

Learning Seminars - A bonsai learning experience for **all** at the Doubletree Hotel

in Boise, Idaho. Come and learn from Bonsai Teaching Masters in a great new classroom format designed to instruct and inspire you. - 32 bonsai learning classes will be offered. Each registrant will attend 4 classes, two classes will be offered Friday and Saturday. - Featuring these Exceptional Bonsai Instructors: Peter Adams, David Degroot, Larry Jackel, Rob Kempinski, Jerry Meislik, John Muth, Pauline Muth, Kathy Shaner and Arthur Skolnik. - Three workshops on Thursday, June 11 with Larry Jackel, Jerry Meislik and Pauline Muth. Also on Thursday is the Joshua Roth "New Talent Contest". - Thursday night 4 demo with dual artists. - **Special Events:** Wednesday, June 10th a collecting trip with Larry Jackel into the Owyhee Mountain Sponsored by the Boise Bonsai Society - Monday, June 15th an ultimate adventure whitewater rafting trip on the Payette River. For further information [E-mail](mailto:Pauline.Muth@boisebonsai.org) Pauline Muth or visit our [website](http://www.worldbonsaiconvention2009.com)

July 7-13, 2009 - San Juan, Puerto Rico

World Bonsai Friendship Federation
World Bonsai Convention VI at the
Condado Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto
Rico. For details visit:

<http://www.worldbonsaiconvention2009.com>

June 19-21, 2009 - New Orleans, LA

Bonsai Clubs International presents
Survivors of the Storm in the New
Orleans Botanical Garden at City Park in
New Orleans, LA, USA featuring Lindsay &
Glenis Bebb of Australia, Willi Benz of
Germany, Tedy Boy of Indonesia, Peter
Chan of Great Britain, Nacho Marin of
Venezuela, I.C. Su of Taiwan and
Americans Richard Cranford, Guy Guidry,
Dora Ross, Ed Trout and William N.
Valavanis. Bonsai, Suiseki, Ikebana and
special programs for kids. Invitational
exhibition of Gulf Coast Bonsai.
Registration and information at
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