



## Shreveport Bonsai Society

January 31, 2005

Hi Folks:

This month's special meeting:

The next meeting will be at the Barnwell Center, on Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-5 with our special guest artist Craig Coussins.



The doors will open at 9 with coffee, tea and doughnuts for all. Craig will be available to sign your books and meet the members. Please come and take this opportunity to Meet the Master.

From 10-12 there will be a demonstration, with Craig putting together a bald cypress forest. Jeff and I collected the trees and they look great. Jack Ramey made the slab for the forest

and it looks terrific. Thanks go out to Jack.

In the afternoon the forest will be auctioned off, with proceeds going to the SBS. A minimum bid will be provided to make sure we cover our expenses.

From 12-1 we will have lunch and from 1-4 Craig will be doing a workshop assisting individual with styling their own trees. ***Cost of the workshop will be \$40 per individual and will be available to the first 15 people to contact me to reserve a spot.*** You will need to bring your own tree and if you are planning on repotting, you will need to bring your container and soil as well. This is a unique opportunity to have Craig's international expertise help guide you in the styling of your tree.

Craig has suggested that those who can pre-wire their trees to facilitate styling at the meeting.

This should be a terrific demo and workshop and I know we have a number of visitors coming in from Monroe, Arkansas and East Texas. Let's have a fabulous meeting. See you there.

### Our regular monthly meeting:

Our regular meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at the Barnwell Center. The study group topic will be *yamadori* or collected trees and we will plan a collecting trip. I know a lot of people have told me that they want to go collecting so don't miss this one.

**In addition, we will have a workshop on Trident maples. I have some nice material, the trees have about 3/4"-1" trucks with nice *nebari*. This is an excellent deciduous tree for beginner's or advanced members and the trees will really thrive in our area. I only have 10 trees and pots so if you want to reserve a tree let me know. The workshop is \$40 for the tree, pot, soil, wire and instruction. Several have already been reserved.**

### Upcoming events:

We have our annual show in April and this year our guest artist is Dana Quattlebaum from Brussel's Nursery in Olive Branch, Mississippi. Dana gives a terrific workshop and will be presenting a beginner's workshop in the morning on Shimpaku juniper and an afternoon workshop on full size crape myrtle.

I would like to discuss the show and preparation for the show with any interested parties at this next meeting. It takes a lot of effort to pull off a successful show and we can use all of the volunteers we can get.

### Exciting news:

Now is the time to secure a guest artist for our 2007 show and at Jeff White's suggestion, I have a preliminary commitment from Colin Lewis. He is one of the most prolific of bonsai authors (I have four of his books) and gives a fabulous workshop and demonstration. I will be talking to all of the representatives of area clubs to see how long we can keep Colin in the area. My thanks to Jeff for giving me a list of artists he would like to see, luckily we got number one on his list.

### New Members:

We have seen a swelling of our ranks in the past few months. I would like to extend our welcome to:

Ray Brown  
William and Berenda Brown  
Tom Burns  
Amber Cockburn  
Diane Dufilho  
David Murphy  
Mike Raybourn  
Sigrid Ravel

Let's make them feel welcome at the next meeting.

We are coming up on the busiest time of year for bonsai: time to collect, time to repot and time to wire and style. Look for Tim Shield's tips on what to do this month below in the Vice President's column.

### Newsletter:

Thanks to all who agreed to receive the newsletter electronically. Because of the enthusiastic response, please note that I have change my e-mail address to get it off the server at work. Please feel

free to contact me or any of the officers if you have questions about the upcoming demo/workshop or any thing to do with the SBS, or even your trees.

Any one else who receives this by snail mail and would prefer to receive it electronically, please just e-mail me and I will make it happen.

### **SBS Officers:**

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### **Vice President's Column**

February is the start of the repotting season. Repot your deciduous trees before the buds start to open for best results. Hold off on the fertilizer until the leaves harden off. This usually takes three or four weeks. You can also make large cuts when restyling as your trees are starting rapid growth. Hold off repotting your evergreens like pines and junipers until March. It takes them a little longer to get going. Watch your nitrogen if your working on leaf or needle reduction. 0-10-10 works well here also. Get busy! The trees won't wait on you!

Tim Shields

### **Website:**

News about <http://shreveportbonsai.org/>

### **Quest for articles:**

I would like very much to offer member written articles. We have some members that are very knowledgeable and if they sat down and started writing I bet they would be surprised to learn how much they can pass on the others. At the meetings, if you are getting advice from a more experienced member, tell them "You should write an article for the web page".

### **Gallery expansion:**

I will be posting photos of SBS events in the upcoming months, particularly with all that is happening this spring. The website is a much better forum for getting out photo essays, so feel free to contribute photos of your projects as they evolve over the spring.

Jeff

### **Raffle:**

We will be having a raffle again on Saturday, February 11th, so bring your trees and folding money to help support the SBS. Remember, all proceeds help the club and facilitate bringing in guest artists like Craig, Dana and Colin.

### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:**

One of the best sources for potential new members is our current members, so when your friends get excited by your trees or your enthusiasm, hand them a membership form and invite them to a meeting. The more folks we have the more exciting our meetings will be. Attached at the end of this newsletter is a copy of our information tri-fold.

## Schedule for the Shreveport Bonsai Society for 2005-06.

### February 5, 2006

Guest artist Craig Coussins (from Scotland) will be visiting at the Barnwell Center. He will be doing a demo and offering a workshop to help folks with their problem trees.

9 am: Doors open. Coffee and doughnuts. Set up of small exhibit area. Book signing by guest artist.

10 am -noon: Demonstration of a bald cypress forest styling.

12-1 pm: Lunch

1 pm: Auction of the demonstration forest.

1-4 pm: Workshop. **Space is limited, cost \$40 per person. The first 15 people to reserve their space will get to participate in the workshop.** Observation of the workshop is free.

### February 11, 2006

Meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm.

Study group on *yamadori* (collected trees) and plans for a collecting trip. Study group on trident maples and a beginner's workshop with some really nice material. The workshop will be \$40 for the tree, pot, soil, wire and instruction. Bring an item for the raffle.

### March 11, 2006

Meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm.

Workshop on junipers led by Tim Shields. Bring your own tree or see Bob Specian for material. Bring an item for the raffle.

### April 8, 2006

Annual show at the Barnwell Center 9 am – 5 pm. Bring your trees and show them off.

Guest artist Dana Quattlebaum (from Brussel's Nursery) will offer a morning workshop on Shimpaku junipers and an afternoon workshop on large crape myrtles. Price to be announced. Dana gives a terrific workshop and I encourage all to participate. Each workshop limited to 10 participants. First ten registered for each workshop get the spots.

### May 13, 2005

Meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm.

Study group on the propagation of trees: including growing from seed, growing from cuttings, grafting and air layering. Bring a tree to work on and an item for the raffle.

### June 10, 2006

Meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm.

Study group topic to be decided. Bring a tree to work on and an item for the raffle.

### June, 2006

LABS 2006 hosted by the Lake Charles Bonsai Society at McNeese State University. LCBS is planning an action packed, informal day of bonsai bringing together the bonsai clubs of Louisiana. There will be a great lineup of artists/teachers and vendors. Guy Guidry has already committed to the event. An invitational exhibit is planned with up to five bonsai from each club, vendor, or organization.

## Upcoming National and International Events

### April 30 - May 7, 2006:

**BCI 2006 in Shunde City, Foshan, China** (near Canton) at Guangdong Chencun Flower World. An international cast of featured artists (subject to change) includes Masahiko Kimura, Arishige Matsuura, Bill Valavanis, Lindsay Bebb, Solita & Chase Rosade, Brook Zhou, Hu Yunhua. I.C. Su, Zhu Quinfei, Liang Yuemei (Amy), Jin-sheng Wei, Liu Zhongming, Xie Keying, Song-en Wu, and Yang Hanlian. Cost is only \$200 prior to 1 March 2006 and \$250 thereafter. There is also a major viewing stone appreciation festival in Shanghai planned to follow this event. Watch for further details as they are released or check out the convention web site at <http://www.bci2006.com/>

### May 26-28, 2006:

Rendezvous, 2006 Brussel's Bonsai Nursery, Olive Branch, Mississippi

Guest artists: Walter Pall, Steven Tolley, Marc Noelanders. Jack Sustic and Kathy Shaner

### June 15-18, 2006:

**American Bonsai Society Learning Seminars**, Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Featuring these exceptional bonsai instructors: David DeGroot, Jim Doyle, David Easterbrook, Christine Hayward, Harold Johnson, Cheryl Manning, Jerry Meislik, Frank

Mihalic, Pauline Muth, Martin Schmalenberg and Kathy Shaner

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### July 14-16, 2006:

**LSBF 2006** at Holiday Inn, 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Corpus Christi, TX.

### October 2006:

**3<sup>rd</sup> International Stone Appreciation Symposium** in Harrisburg, PA.

### July 10-16, 2007:

**BCI 2007** at the Wyndham Condado Plaza Hotel & Casino (only \$125/night!) in San Juan, Puerto Rico featuring Shinji Suzuki, Marco Invernizzi, David Benavente, Bill Valavanis, Arthur Skolnik, Suthin Sukosolvisit, William Acosta, Yrene C. Vásquez, Xenio Baron, Milagros Rauber, Pedro J. Morales, and Sean Smith.

### BCI 2008 in Monaco.