



Shreveport
Bonsai
Society

Hi Folks:

January 5, 2009

It is time for our monthly meeting, at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm on Saturday January 10th. This month we will have a short meeting on preparing for the upcoming local meeting in April and the LABS meeting we are hosting in May. After conducting business, we will head out on an "urban" collecting trip, so bring your shovels, gloves and boots. Charles Canfield will lead the collecting trip.

Last month at the annual Christmas party, we had a great time and came up with a list of study group topics for 2009. The schedule is listed at the end of the newsletter. Many thanks to all who showed up and contributed.

This is an outstanding year for bonsai in the region, with a number of shows and meeting within a days driving distance. For those you who have not been to a show outside of Shreveport this is an excellent opportunity to do so. We have an invitation to attend the 2nd Annual Mid-Bonsai show in Baton Rouge. The invitation is extended by Lowell Tilley and the agenda is enclosed below. Lowell sent a couple of pictures to show that they have been getting ready for the event.

The schedule is as follows

Lecture/demo Friday, January 16, 7:00 PM

Workshops will start Saturday, January 17, 9:00 AM

We will have some bonsai vendors

We will raffle off the lecture/demo tree and items donated

Admission will be \$12, and \$35 each workshops at the door, or \$10 admission and \$30 for each workshop if paid in advance. Make checks payable to LBS. You can mail checks to Lowell Tilley, 520 Laurie Lynn Dr., Baton Rouge, LA, 70819.

All bonsai vendors are invited to bring things to sell, all bonsai clubs may bring trees and other things to sell to raise money for their club, and there will be a swap table for any member to bring bonsai items for sell or trade. It is important for everyone to support their clubs and vendors. Please bring anything you would like to donate for door prizes and raffles. I have some good Crepe Myrtles, Boxwoods, Elms, and etc to donate for the raffle to help keep costs low.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact Lowell Tilley, at 225 / 241-2396. Ltilley@cox.net or lowelltilley@yahoo.com

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I plan on driving down to this, so if anyone would like to go along, just give me a buzz.

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.

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:

Jeff and I made trip to Baton Rouge this week to pick up haydite. 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.

Preparation for the 2009 shows:

One of the things that I noticed at the International Bonsai show this year was how they prepared the facilities for the presentation of trees. Since we have a persistent problem with the display of trees at the Barnwell with art on the wall, I would like to suggest that we prepare a display background like illustrated below.

This would allow for excellent display of trees and be easily stored and assembled for a show. Let me know what you think and if you are willing to assist in the creation of these backdrops.

Let me know if you are interested in helping constructing and assembling these backdrops.



Picture of the backdrop for tree display



Front view of tree display

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:

January 10th, 2009

Our regular meeting at the Barnwell Center starting at 1 pm. Urban collecting trip led by Charles Canfield. Bring your shovels and boots.

February 14th, 2009

Our regular meeting at the Barnwell Center starting at 1 pm. Wiring study group, lead by Bob Specian. Bring your trees and tools, we will supply the wire.

March 14th, 2009

A juniper workshop will be led by Robert Frost at the Barnwell Center starting at 1 pm. He will also provide some lovely small junipers. Cost to be announced. Bring your tools and add a nice tree to your collection. There will also be a discussion of air-layering, with a demonstration by Bob Specian.

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:

*March 19-23, 2009 - **Orlando, FL***

Bonsai Societies of Florida (BSF) is proud to announce our 2009 convention "Bonsai in Florida Through the Years" at the Sun Resort in Orlando, Florida. Our guest artists will be Boon Manakitivipart, Suthin Sukosolvisit, Min Hsuan Lo and Pedro Morales. Guests will be treated to World Class demonstrations and workshops with our artists. - The convention will be at the Sun Resort in Orlando. We have secured a room rate of \$89 a night for convention registrants. Guests are invited to come early and take advantage of this great location. The resort is within three miles of Disney World and as well as other area attractions. - The

convention will encompass one of the largest exhibits of Florida bonsai specimens. Guests can expect to see a extensive display of trees, and for the first time in Florida, an superb exhibit of Florida's finest Shohin specimens. [website](#)

*March 28-29, 2009 - **Lake Charles, LA***

Lake Charles Bonsai Society

LCBS Annual Exhibit in conjunction with the SW Louisiana Garden Festival at the Burton Coliseum, Gauthier Road & Gulf Hwy. (across from the airport), Lake Charles, LA. Setup for exhibitors and vendors will be Friday, 27 March. For official details visit <http://www.gardenfest.org/welcome.htm>.

*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](#) Pauline Muth or visit our [website](#)

*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 BCI2009@cox.net or telephone 504-832-8071.

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>