



Shreveport
Bonsai
Society

Hi Folks:

July 8, 2008

It is time for our monthly meeting, at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm on Saturday July 12th. The study group topic this month will be “Seasonal care, fertilizers and pesticides” led by yours truly. Bring a tree to wire or style and get the advice of the other SBS members.

Tim and Debbie Shields hosted an outdoor gathering last month and the turnout was great. I think everyone in attendance had a great time. Thanks to Tim and Debbie for their hospitality. And to Tim for setting the bar very high for the rest of us in maintaining our trees and garden

Good news for SBS, next year we are hosting LABS (the Louisiana Association of Bonsai Societies) meeting in Shreveport on May 2nd. That is the first Saturday in May. Thanks to Charles Canfield for making the arrangements with the Barnwell Center. Our guest artist will be Suthin Sukosolvisit from the Royal Bonsai Garden in Stoughton, Massachusetts www.royalbonsaigarden.com/ Suthin (su tin) has been a bonsai artist for more than 30 years and has won a number of prestigious awards. I have seen him speak several times and taken a couple of workshops. He is truly a

world class talent and I look forward to a terrific meeting and show. More details as they develop.



Suthin Sukosolvisit

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.

Items on loan:

If you have borrowed DVDs or magazines from me and still have them, please return them at the next meeting so I can loan them to other members.

Thanks you!

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. 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:

July 12th, 2008

Regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. The study group topic will be "Seasonal care, fertilizers, and pesticides" led by Bob Specian. Bring a tree to work on.

August 9th, 2008

Regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. The study group topic will be "Dealing with problem trees". Bring a tree to work on.

September 13th, 2007

Regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. The study group topic to be determined later. Bring a tree to work on.

October 11th, 2008

Regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. The study group topic to be determined later. Bring a tree to work on.

November 8th, 2008

Regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. The study group topic will be "Black pines-needle plucking and refinement" Bring a tree to work on.

December 13th, 2008

Regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. Christmas Party. The study group topic will be "Seasonal planning-inventory and making a Christmas list" Also planning for 2009.

Regional Meetings:

November 8th, 2008

LABS this year will be in Covington, LA, hosted by Guy Guidry.
bonsainorthshore.com/ Directions available at the website.