



Shreveport  
Bonsai  
Society

**Hi Folks:**

**June 6, 2006**

**This month's meeting:**

This month's meeting is scheduled for 1 pm June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Barnwell Center. Instead of a study group this month I would like to ask everyone who did the crape myrtle workshop in the fall to bring their trees in so that we can make sure they are doing well and talk about trimming to build ramification of the terminal branches.

This has been a busy month for bonsai for club members. Tim Shields held a very successful pair of workshops at the Biedenharn in Monroe. Way to go Tim. Memorial Day weekend was the annual Rendezvous weekend at Brussel's Bonsai Nursery in Olive Branch, MS, and I am proud to say that an ever growing contingent of folks from Shreveport represented SBS. Tim, Charles, Robert, Janis and myself were treated to great speakers, demos and workshops. We all came home with some terrific trees.

This month, on June 17<sup>th</sup>, the annual LABS meeting will occur in Lake Charles. Jeff and I will be going and we would like to show a total of five trees from the club. If you would like to show your tree, please get in touch with me. If

you would like to go to the meeting/show let me know and I will get you the information. Guy Guidry is the guest artist and one of the highlights of the day will be a crawfish boil for lunch at Alan Walker's home with a tour of his personal bonsai garden, all for a \$10 registration fee. Jeff and I are really looking forward to it.

I really appreciated everyone's input on new ideas for the upcoming year. I will bring those ideas back to the table this week and hopefully we can expand upon them. I love the idea of a fall show.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:**

I am pleased to report that we have a new member from our last meeting. Please help welcome:

Anna M. Christo

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.

## Website:

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

## Web site modifications/improvements:

## Newsletter area:

Past newsletters are now posted on our website.

## Gallery expansion:

The gallery has been expanded to include photos from our annual show.

Happy web surfin'  
Jeff White  
Web Master

## SBS Officers:

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## Topics for study groups:

The study groups have been a pretty successful concept, but we need new ideas. If you look at the calendar below, you will see that I run out of ideas with this month's meeting. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting or e-mail them to me. I would like to keep the concept going and extend a calendar for the next 6-12 months.

## Election of officers:

It is also the time of year to be thinking about new officers. Our fiscal year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, so we should have elections at the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you are interested in being an officer or nominating another member, bring your ideas on Saturday.

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

### June 10, 2006

Meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. Revisiting crape myrtles as bonsai. Bring a tree to work on.

### 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. Of course, there will be raffles and auction of items.

## Upcoming National and International Events

July 14-16, 2006:

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

**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 -  
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**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.**