



Shreveport  
Bonsai  
Society

**Hi Folks:**

**June 4, 2007**

Well last month was certainly an incredible meeting. The show and workshops went great. Thanks to everyone who contributed and participated. A special thanks to Charles Canfield and Jeff White for leading the juniper workshop and to Charles for pulling off a terrific demo.



Charles drawing out the proposed changes.

Thanks to Jack Ramey for donating the workshop tree and to all who participated in the raffle. And a special thanks to Anna Christo for taking the pictures, they will be up on the website soon.



The finished tree.



Betty Payne, the lucky raffle winner.

## Monthly Meeting:

This month we will be meeting at the Barnwell Center in our usual room at 1 pm on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>. The study group topic this month will be “broom style” training for the Japanese Grey Bark Elm (*Zelkova*). Jeff White will be leading the study group. Thanks to a donation from Jack Ramey, we have a nice group of 10 trees which will be available for a workshop. These are nice sized trees that were field grown and have been in nursery pots for two years. The workshop will be available to the first 10 people that sign up. The workshop cost will be a \$10 donation to SBS.

## Bonsai Optimist Contest:

We had 15 entries for the contest, my thanks to those who contributed: Ted Brown, Anna Christo, Shane Cary and Carl Perry. Of the fifteen entries the crowd narrowed the competition to three, all of which were contributed by Carl Perry. So by acclamation Carl won the prize, a nice pot to go with all of the trees from April’s raffle.

Here are the finalists:

“The Bonsai Optimist says I CAN convince my spouse I need another bonsai – Even though I have a yard full...”

“The Bonsai Optimist says – I’m “WIRED...” can’t wait to start another tree...”

“The Bonsai Optimist says – “There’s always room for one more...tree”

## Membership Drive:

We continue to pick up new members as a result of the show and beginner’s workshop, so please help welcome:

Debbie Adams  
Sylvia Adams  
Douglas Luedeman  
Michael Miller

Several others have expressed an interest, so things are going pretty well. Still, we are always looking for more members so tell your friends and anyone who shows an interest. Dues for the year are only \$20 for either an individual or family membership. This is a real bargain.

## Dues Renewal:

Speaking of membership, it is time for dues from our regular members again. Our fiscal year begins July 1, so why not bring your checkbook and pay your dues for 2007-2008.

## Election of Officers:

Our current officers are:

Bob Specian                      227-0744  
President                              [rspecian@comcast.net](mailto:rspecian@comcast.net)  
Treasurer

Jeff White                              219-9618  
Vice President                      [jt\\_white@bellsouth.net](mailto:jt_white@bellsouth.net)  
Web Master

Charles Canfield                      798-7748  
Show Chairman                      [cscanfield@bellsouth.net](mailto:cscanfield@bellsouth.net)

Robert Frost                              747-5915 ext 1516  
Raffle Chairman                      [frost@aquariagroup.com](mailto:frost@aquariagroup.com)

I would like suggest that we add a Vice President in charge of marketing and elect a Representative to BCI.

## Upcoming Local Event Calendar:

### June 9, 2007:

Regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. The study group topic to be “broom style” on the Japanese Grey Bark Elm led by Jeff White. There are 10 trees available for a workshop, also led by Jeff. Cost of the workshop is a \$10 donation to SBS. Bring a tree to work on.

### July 14, 2007

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

### August 11, 2007

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

### September 8, 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 13, 2007

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

### November 10, 2007

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

### December 8, 2007

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

## Upcoming Regional, National and International Events

**June 8-10, 2007: BSF 2007: A Cypress Celebration** featuring David DeGroot, Guy Guidry, Mike Cartrett, Toby Diaz, Dorothy Schmitz and Ernie Fernandez. Hosted by Bonsai Societies of Florida at The Morikami Museum in Delray Beach, FL. For additional details and registration contact: BSF 2007 Convention, c/o Louise Leister, 7 Cloverdale Court South, Palm Coast, FL 32137-8340 or e-mail: [conventionteam@bonsai-bsf.com](mailto:conventionteam@bonsai-bsf.com) or <http://www.bonsai-bsf.com>

### June 23, 2007

The Bonsai Society of Acadiana will host the annual LABS meeting at the Fellowship Hall of the Trinity Baptist Church at 1100 Bank Avenue in New Iberia (70560). We anticipate beginning at 9:00 a.m. and closing at about 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. Registration fee is \$10/person for the entire event, including lunch. Confirmed vendors include Guy Guidry of Bonsai Northshore, Wade Latham of Living Art Bonsai, and Joe Day from Mobile, Alabama. Guy Guidry and Joe Day are confirmed as guest speakers at the event. We should have a great day. Hotels are conveniently located at the highway 14 exit into New Iberia, including Holiday Inn (337/367-1201), Best Western (337/364-3030), Comfort Suites (337/367-6894) and Days Inn & Suites (337/560-9500). All of these hotels are located in the immediate area within 5 minutes travel time to the Trinity Baptist Church (site of the LABS event). Feel free to e-mail Johnny Hardcastle at [jmh6344@louisiana.edu](mailto:jmh6344@louisiana.edu) or at 337/365-4829 for information.

**June 21-24, 2007: ABS Learning Seminars 2007: Bonsai on the Beach** at the Virginia Beach Cavalier Hotel, VA. Details at <http://www.absbonsai.org>.

**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. Vasquex, Xenio Baron, Milagros Rauber, Pedro J. Morales, and Sean Smith. For registration and other details visit <http://bcifelab2007.com>

**September 15-16, 2007: Ginkgo Awards** at Bonsai Center Ginkgo at Heirweg 190 (N445), 9270 Laarne, Belgium. Acclaimed by many as the premier bonsai event outside Japan, this event is held every other year. For more information visit [http://ginkgobonsai.be/index\\_uk.htm](http://ginkgobonsai.be/index_uk.htm)

**March 20-24, 2008: BCI 2008** at Salle du Canton-Fontvielle in Monaco featuring Masahiko Kimura and Seiji Morimae with Hideko Metazas, Pauline Muth, Rob Kempinski, Nikunj and Jyoti Parekh, Salvatore Liporaci, Sandro Segneri, Michello Andolfo, Patrizia Cappellaro, Baudouin de Lorgeril, and Chiara Padrini with a host of other talented artists. Check for details at <http://www.BCI2008.com>