



Shreveport  
Bonsai  
Society

**Hi Folks:**

**March 6, 2006**

**This month's meeting:**

The next meeting will be at the Barnwell Center, on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. The study group topic this month will be junipers. Tim Shields will be leading the discussion and helping people style their trees. You must bring your own trees for this session. Charles and I will be assisting. If you need a tree give me a call and we can work something out.

Last month's workshop was a fabulous success. Craig Coussins changed his mind the night before the workshop and decided to switch from a bald cypress forest to a juniper forest. The net result was terrific (see the before and after pictures below). Many contributions we made to make the day a success. Thanks to Jack Ramey for the slab. Thanks to Jeff and Janis for the refreshments. Thanks to the groups from Arkansas and Longview for joining us so enthusiastically. Despite the short notice and the significant cost we broke even on the event and picked up four new members from the Longview group.

Although I stayed very busy all day, the individual workshop trees were outstanding and I can't wait to see many of them back at the April show.

Our next big event is in April with our annual show on April 8th. Charles Canfield has volunteered to organize the show and Mike Rayburn has volunteered to print out the labels for the trees. To make this work we will need people to decide on what trees they will be showing as soon as possible and pass that information on to me or Charles.

In conjunction with our annual show, we will be having Dana Quattlebaum as a guest artist. Dana is from Brussel's Nursery and gives a terrific workshop and demo. Registration for the day will be \$10 and this will cover a continental breakfast and a light lunch.



*Dana Quattlebaum among master specimen trees.*

The schedule will be doors open at 9 am with registration and continental breakfast. This is also when we will set up the display trees. The morning workshop will start at 9:30 am and will be Shimpaku junipers (about 1 inch diameter trunks). The cost of the workshop will be \$40 for members and is partially subsidized by SBS to give the newer members a chance to work with an expert and get a quality tree for their collection. If you would like to be in the workshop, but are not a member we will have a reduced \$10 membership fee through the end of our fiscal year in June.

Over lunch Dana will work on a demo tree. The tree has not yet been selected, but I am sure he will do a great job. The tree will be raffled off in the afternoon.

Starting at 1 pm, Dana will lead a workshop on flowering crabapple trees. These will be shohin trees (under 12 inches tall). This workshop will be \$60.

I will be glad to accept early registration and workshop fees, if not we will be collecting the fees at the doors. \

Please come join us for an action packed day of bonsai, with great trees to look at and work on.

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*What a juniper forest looks like before construction begins!*



*Juniper forest after. Craig Coussins (left) showed us how it is done.*

### Vice President's Column

March-- Spring is here and it's time to repot pines and junipers.

Now that they are awake it's time to repot, style and feed conifers. Be carefull removing roots as both do not enjoy a big reduction in root systems. One third should be your rule here. No more than that on junipers and less on pines. Time to start feeding, just not on newly repotted trees. Give them at least thirty days before feeding.

Tim Shields

## Update on a Chinese Elm:



Here is a before and after of a chinese elm I purchased at Brussels nursery last May. The right inside branch was removed and the first left branch was lowered. This gives the tree a more balance look and it should turn out to be a nice tree with some branch clean up.



Tim Shields

## Raffle:

The raffle concept has worked great in the past but kind of fizzled out. Let's make an effort to bring material to this week's meeting and a few bucks to participate. It is

a great way for new folks to get an extra tree to work on and for the rest of us to get rid of the extra tree that we don't have time to work on. It also helps fund other SBS functions, so let's pitch in.

## Collecting a Specimen Tree:

For those of you who have collected with me, you know that my eyes are frequently drawn to large trees, usually too large for my back. Well in January I had the opportunity to go collecting with my son, who has a much younger back than mine. We were able to collect a native hawthorn with great potential. I have included some of the photos from the trip including the **before**:



That is Robert trimming the top before we started digging. After two hours of strenuous digging in the heavy clay soil, we ended up with **this**!



We let the tree soak in SuperThrive for a couple of days while my back recovered and I built a box big enough to hold it and now we have a **Four Man Tree**:



The tree has great movement and is leafing out well. I look forward to the next couple of years of initial styling and refinement. It will probably be 3-4 years before the tree will be ready to show. Thanks to my son for all his effort. His words to me were "Merry Christmas, Dad"

and "you only get one of these a year". Amen!

Bob Specian

### **DIGS:**

I am still interested in organizing another dig. If the hawthorn inspired you I'll be glad to point the way. Now is the time of year so let's talk about it at the next meeting. For more junior members if you haven't been collecting yet, it is a wonderful way to share a great time and get some interesting material.

### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:**

I am pleased to report that we have four new members since our last meeting.

Please welcome:

Jerry Hutchinson

Robert Murray

Betty J. Payne

Bobby Conley

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.

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

#### **March 11, 2006**

Meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. Study group on junipers with a workshop led by Tim Shields. Bring a tree to work on and 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 flowering crabapples. Registration for the meeting is \$10 (including lunch). The morning workshop is \$40 (for members) and the afternoon workshop is \$60. Dana gives a terrific workshop and I encourage all to participate. Each workshop limited to 10 participants. The first people to get me their checks get the spots

## **May 13, 2006**

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. The study group will be led by Bob Specian. Bring a tree to work on and an item for the raffle.

## **May 20, 2006**

Bonsai show at The Biedenharn in Monroe. An exhibit of trees from the Shreveport Bonsai Society and two workshops led by our own, Tim Shields. There will be a juniper class in the morning 10-12 am (fee \$65.00) and a tropical class, with either a ficus or Fukien tea from 1-3 pm (fee \$65.00).

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

## **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:**

**BCI 2008 in Monaco.**

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

**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 - Martin Schmalenberg - Kathy Shaner  
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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.