



Shreveport  
Bonsai  
Society

Hi Folks:

May 10, 2006

### This month's meeting:

This month's meeting is scheduled for 1 pm May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Barnwell Center. The study group will be on the propagation of trees: including growing from seed, growing from cuttings, grafting and air layering. After the study group everyone is encouraged to bring a tree to work on. The raffle was so successful last month that I am putting off the next raffle until the fall when we can have another big event.

Last month's show was a terrific success, thanks to all of the folks that made it possible. Thanks to Shane Cary for stepping in at the last minute for Dana and doing a terrific job with the workshop and demo. Thanks to Robert Frost for handling the raffle, our most successful raffle ever. Thanks also to all who contributed material. Thanks to Janis for handling the food and refreshments. Thanks to Charles Canfield for handling the setup for the show. Thanks to Don Munsey for becoming the official photographer and sharing those photos. Thanks to Mike Rabourn for the terrific job on the labels for the trees. And a huge thanks to all who shared their trees for a terrific show; this was genuinely a group effort.



*Shane Cary at work on the demo tree for 2006.*



*Shane Cary and Bob Specian assisting with the crabapple workshop.*

**This month our own Tim Shields is running an educational program and two workshops at the Biedenharn in Monroe on June 20<sup>th</sup>. For anyone who would like to participate, please get in touch with Tim.**

## **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:**

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

Maria DeGueurce

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.

## **Vice President's Column**

May is here! By now you should be keeping a close eye on your trees. As the weather heats up your pots will dry more quickly and require extra attention. Letting your tree dry out completely can cause severe damage or total loss of the tree. Get in the habit now of checking your trees for the proper moisture level before the real heat sets in.

You should also be well into your yearly feeding schedule. Remember that most bonsai in well draining soil need fertilizer at least monthly right now. You can slow in July and August and resume again in fall to build strength for winter.

Protect sensitive trees from full sun when temps are over 85 degrees for best results.

Tim Shields

## **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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## **In Memoriam:**

Many of you will remember Billy Day, Jr., a long time member of SBS. Billy passed away this past week and will be missed. I will be bringing a card for everyone to sign to send our condolences to his family.

## 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.

### 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.

### May 20, 2006

Bonsai show at The Biedenharn in Monroe. An exhibition 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). [tshiel1@msn.com](mailto:tshiel1@msn.com)

### June 10, 2006

Meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. Study group topic to be decided. 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

### May 26-28, 2006:

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 -  
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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.**