



Shreveport  
Bonsai  
Society

**Hi Folks:**

Well last month was certainly an incredible meeting. Marco Invernizzi was truly remarkable; I don't think anyone who attended was disappointed.



We also had a very successful raffle. My thanks to all who contributed material and to our raffle master, Robert Frost. A special thanks to our new member, Carl Perry, for contributing so enthusiastically, and winning with such glee.

**April 25, 2007**

**Annual Show:**

Our annual show will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Barnwell Center, from 10-4. This is an opportunity to see what the members have been doing and to show off your own trees.

This year in conjunction with the show there will be two workshops. One is free to members. It will be "Bring Your Own Tree" and will be hosted by the more senior members of SBS. This is an opportunity to bring in trees that you are struggling with and get some help. It is also an opportunity to bring in past workshop trees and take them to the next level. I would love to see people bring in their root-over-rock tridents, dwarf crape myrtles, crabapples or tray landscapes from the past couple of years.

The second workshop will be a juniper workshop for beginners. This will be led by Charles Canfield and Jeff White. This is a beginner's workshop and will cost \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. It will include the tree, ceramic pot, soil, wire and instruction.

Charles will also be doing a demo on an old semi-cascade green mound juniper that was donated to the club by Jack

Ramey. We will be raffling the tree off at the end of the day.

### **Contest:**

In one of the recent bonsai publications, there was a short article about what a “Bonsai Optimists” is. A few of months ago I announced a contest to come up with the best local slogans. There will be a prize (a tree or nice pot) as a reward to the member with the best slogan, so keep thinking about it and get your entries to me by email, or in person. Let your creative juices flow. As of this date we have a single entry (thanks Ted).

The winner will be announced at the May show.

### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:**

We continue to pick up new members since the last full newsletter, so please help welcome:

Robert Newberry

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.

### **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 recent events.

#### **New ideas:**

Jeff has been working hard on the website and has several improvements that should appear in the next month.

Happy web surfin'

Jeff White  
Web Master

### **SBS Officers:**

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## Upcoming Local Event Calendar:

### May 12, 2007:

Annual Spring show at the Barnwell Center, 10am – 4pm. Bring your trees to display. Two workshops are also planned, a “Bring Your Own Tree” workshop free for members and a beginner’s juniper workshop (\$30 for members, and \$40 for non-members). . Get in touch to reserve your spot now. Space will be limited.

### June 9, 2007:

Regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. The study group topic to be determined later. 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.

## Upcoming Regional, National and International Events

**April 20-22, 2007: Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Society’s 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Convention** at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in East Hanover, NJ. Featured artists are Robert Steven, Ted Matson and Guy Guidry. Details can be found at <http://midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com/fescurr.htm>

**May 17-20, 2007: European Bonsai Association Convention** will be held at Thermae Palace, Koningin Astridlaan 7B 8400, Oostende, Exhibitions by European Bonsai Association, European Suiseki Association, and Association of Belgian Bonsai Clubs. A large trade area will be featured, as well as the EBA new talent contest, calligraphy and ikebana demonstrations. Among the featured artists will be Patrizia Capellaro, Takeo Kawabe, Hotsume Terakawa, Danny Use. Hotel information may be found at [www.thermaepalace.be](http://www.thermaepalace.be) and convention

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**May 25-27, 2007: Brussel’s Rendezvous 2007** at Brussel’s Bonsai, 8125 Center Hill Road, Olive Branch, MS. (800) 582-2593. Guest artists: Roy Nagatoshi, Kathy Shaner, Yasuo Mitsuya, Michael Hagedorn, John Powell, and Kenji Miyata. [www.brusselsbonsai.com/](http://www.brusselsbonsai.com/)

**May 31- June 4, 2007: The California Bonsai Society will hold its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention** at the Crowne Plaza Anaheim. Featuring Hiroshi Takeyama who is chair of the Nippon Bonsai Association. Also planned is a giant exhibition of bonsai, outstanding workshop material with small workshop sizes, live auctions, demonstrations, a large vending bazaar, bus trips and a "Monte Carlo Night." For more information visit <http://www.california-bonsai-society.org/> or call 909-473-0099.

**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 21-24, 2007: ABS Learning Seminars 2007: Bonsai on the Beach** at the Virginia Beach Cavalier Hotel, VA. Details will be announced 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-Fontvieille 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>