



Shreveport
Bonsai
Society

Hi Folks:

November 5, 2008

It is time for our monthly meeting, at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm on Saturday November 8th. The study group topic this month will be "Styling 101" led by yours Charles Canfield. Bring a tree to wire or style and get the sage advice of Charles and other SBS members.

Charles and Suzie Canfield hosted an outdoor gathering last month and the turnout was great. I think everyone in attendance had a great time. Thanks to Charles and Suzie for their hospitality.

Good news for SBS, next year we are hosting LABS (the Louisiana Association of Bonsai Societies) meeting in Shreveport on May 2nd. That is the first Saturday in May. Thanks to Charles Canfield for making the arrangements with the Barnwell Center. Our guest artist with be Suthin Sukosolvisit from the Royal Bonsai Garden in Stoughton, Massachusetts www.royalbonsaigarden.com/ Suthin (su tin) has been a bonsai artist for more than 30 years and has won a number of prestigious awards. I have seen him speak several times and taken a couple of workshops. He is truly a

world class talent and I look forward to a terrific meeting and show. More details as they develop. Below Suthin is doing the dwarf crepe myrtle workshop at the International Bonsai fall workshop this year. The trees came out great.



Suthin Sukosolvisit

Membership:

We are always on the look out for new members.

Please tell your friends about the good times you are having and let's try to add some more new members; the more the merrier.

Many thanks to all who have paid their dues for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. For those who have not, please forward your dues to me or bring them to the meeting. Remember, it is only \$20 for the year, for an individual or family.

Items on loan:

If you have borrowed DVDs or magazines from me and still have them, please return them at the next meeting so I can loan them to other members.

Thanks you!

Haydite availability:

Jeff and I made trip to Baton Rouge this week to pick up haydite. Haydite is the fired clay additive to bonsai mix that helps the soil retain water, but drain quickly. It also helps with the propagation of hair roots. Because of the increase in the cost of oil and the fact that it is fired clay, the cost has more than tripled since my last trip. I have some available for members, but the cost will be \$3/gallon. You will have to stop by my place to get it and provide your own container. I have both 1/4" and 3/8" sizes. There were some fines in the mix but I would imagine that they have settled from the trip home.

Preparation for the 2009 shows:

One of the things that I noticed at the International Bonsai show this year was how they prepared the facilities for the presentation of trees. Since we have a persistent problem with the display of trees at the Barnwell with art on the wall, I would like to suggest that we prepare a display background like illustrated below.



Picture of the backdrop for tree display



Front view of tree display

This would allow for excellent display of trees and be easily stored and assembled for a show. Let me know what you think and if you are willing to assist in the creation of these backdrops.

SBS Officers:

If you have questions about SBS business, you will find the contact information for your officers listed below.

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Upcoming Local Event Calendar:

November 8th, 2008

Regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. The study group topic will be "Black pines-needle plucking and refinement"
Bring a tree to work on.

December 13th, 2008

Regular meeting at the Barnwell Center at 1 pm. Christmas Party. We will be having a raffle and a new fund raising idea, an auction of more finished bonsai material. This will allow people to acquire more mature bonsai material with a portion of the proceeds going to SBS. More details in the next newsletter. The study group topic will be "Seasonal planning-inventory and

making a Christmas list" Also planning for 2009.

Regional Meetings:

November 8th, 2008

LABS this year will be in Covington, LA, hosted by Guy Guidry.
bonsainorthshore.com/ Directions available at the website.