



Bonsai Society of Dallas

Message from the President:

By George Straw

I want to start out by thanking Sandi for hosting the BBQ. If you missed it, you missed some great food and even better company. Everyone had a wonderful time and it was opportunity to visit and talk about Bonsai.

We have the club auction coming up on September 1. Start getting your trees and bonsai related items ready for the auction. This is a good time for the club to make some money as well as the club members. We usually have a large turn out for the auction with a number of people coming that are not club members. Remember that you have two options for the auction. You can donate the item to the club and the club would get 100% of the sale or you can put the item in with an 80/20 split. 80% going to the member and 20% going to the club.

You will not want to miss the next meeting as Shane Cary will be talking about tropicals. Tropicals love our heat but, of course, hate the cold weather. But in my opinion, they are worth the effort to have a few in your collection.

The board as been working on the 2007 Convention. We will keep the club members up to date as we progress and will be asking for help on the different committees. Right now we have Boon, Marco, Suthin, Shane, and Howard and Sylvia who will be the bonsai artist at the convention. We have demo trees for Boon and Marco and workshop trees for two workshops. The material will blow you away. We are getting excited about the convention and are planning on having on having outstanding demo and workshop trees. I am in the process

of putting things together for Andy to add the convention information to our web site. I will let everyone know when that is done so you can see some of the material that we have.

Keep on watering, it makes the Bonsai happy and when they are happy so are you!

NOTICE:

REMEMBER THAT THE AUCTION IS FOR THE CLUB TO RAISE MONEY. PLEASE DO NOT SELL ANY PLANTS IN THE PARKING LOT BEFORE OR AFTER THE AUCTION. IF WE SEE THIS HAPPENING, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BRING PLANTS NEXT YEAR.

From the Editor:

Thank you so much to all of you who attended the Club BBQ in July! I really enjoyed spending time with you and munching great food!

I'm still open to more articles and clip art! Please email them to me at potter@pegasuspottery.com.



BSD Calendar

- Aug 4 - Shane Cary, Tropicals
- Sep 1- Club Auction
- Sep 17 - Marc Noelanders Workshop
- Oct 6 - Marty Klajnowski, Shohin
- Nov 3 - Yvonne Padilla
- Dec 1- Club Holiday Party

August Program By Shane Cary

Date: August 4, 2005
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: North Haven Gardens
7700 Northaven Dallas, TX

My program for August will be on Willow Leaf Ficus Ficus Salicifolia (sometimes called nerifolia). I will be presenting on various methods of rearing this ficus in the shohin style. including best methods of propagation cuttings

vs. airlayering, long term design planning, horticultural care, repotting, banyan style vs. classic bonsai design, maintaining proper rootage, and more.

I will be working with 3 -5 trees.

- One tree which I will demonstrate airlayering to create shohin bonsai.
- One shohin tree which has been in development for 15 years, I will be repotting.

- One tree which will be wired and shaped that I have been developing for around 10 years.

Club members are encouraged to bring their ficus bonsai, for critique, or just to share. The more trees the better.

**Hey Folks!
Bring a tree or pot
for "Show and Tell!"**

Other Dates of Interest:

- Sep 17 Shohin Society, 10am, Persimmon Hill Bonsai, Austin
- Oct 7-9 Kathy Shaner at Persimmon Hill Bonsai, Austin
- Oct 8 - Fall Plant Sale at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
- Oct 22 LSBF meeting 1PM Zilker Park, Austin
- Oct 22-23 FallFest at the Japanese Gardens at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

August Bonsai

By John Miller

On to the more mundane tasks needed to be done during the hottest part of the year. For all except the tropicals, this is the most stressful time. Most native species can take the full sun on the foliage, but cannot take heating of the roots. Tropicals are usually repotted during warm weather, but you should remember that even the tropicals do not like their roots hot. Sun on the pots may heat the soil and prevent new root development even though the tops may break new buds. No new roots eventually means “dead tree,” a finished bonsai.

Not only does the heat get to our plants, but the low humidity causes the plants stress by evaporating the water from the leaves faster than the plant can move it upward. Any wind that is present multiplies the problem. The sun shining on the pots will raise the soil temperature, causing both the soil to dry out and also damaging the plant roots. Therefore, you may need to water more than once a day. If so, my preference is to water heavily in the evening letting the plant recover during the cool night and then to water lightly in the morning spraying the foliage also. Partial shade, 50% shade cloth or afternoon shade will be great. Mulch on the soil will help, but does not keep the sides of the pot from getting hot. Even the morning sun can be too much on the pot in August. A cloth cover will work as will setting the pot in a loose fitting box.



Remember to water twice. Wait a few minutes after the first watering for the dry soil particles to absorb some of the water on their surface. Then the second watering gets the whole particle wet.

The stress caused by the temperature will give any insects a chance to wreak havoc. Watch for the spider mites and scale especially this month. The morning spray will help knock some off. The Garret juice foliar spray will keep them down also. Gary Marchal said he uses the new horticultural oil sprays year around. (The old oil sprays were heavy and would burn foliage, so be sure to get the new type). Even so, you should remember that he doesn't live in 100+ dry heat and you should be cautious about using them in July-August. Chemical sprays are available, but most chemical reactions are accelerated by heat and may damage plants. Read the labels!

Be careful about applying fertilizer in hot weather. Even organic fertilizers create some chemical reactions and the above remarks apply here too. By the end of the month the nitrogen applied to the tree should be reduced. A little may be put on into September but the tree needs to be allowed to stop growth to get ready for dormancy. Evergreen trees benefit from a low nitrogen fertilizer through the winter.

Any rainy spell can bring some fungal problems. Powdery mildew or black leaf spot are a couple of them. That is why I use the foliar spray in the morning, so that the leaves will dry quickly. The organic websites say you can mix baking soda with the Garret Juice for fungal control. However I have decided to do separate sprayings. The GJ has an acid (vinegar) which would react with the baking soda thereby reducing the effectiveness of both. Anyhow, all your trees would benefit from the GJ but not all would have a fungal problem.

If you have a fungal problem, you may also use potassium bicarbonate available at most nurseries. One brand is named Remedy but that is also the name of a potent herbicide, please check all labels.

Do not prune azaleas any more this year if you want flowers next spring. Buds have been set by now. If you are still developing your azalea, go ahead and prune. Some varieties will set a few buds anyway. In general, when pruning look for the cluster of twigs at the site of last spring's bloom. Cut out all and leave two, usually the ones growing horizontally. Be sure to cut back strong growing shoots to a couple of leaves.

Since deciduous trees have slowed their growth, you can do some pruning on them. However pruning may stimulate new growth that may not have time to harden before winter which would result in some dieback of the new growth. On these trees it's better to wait until later. After leaves have fallen you can see where corrections need to be made more easily.

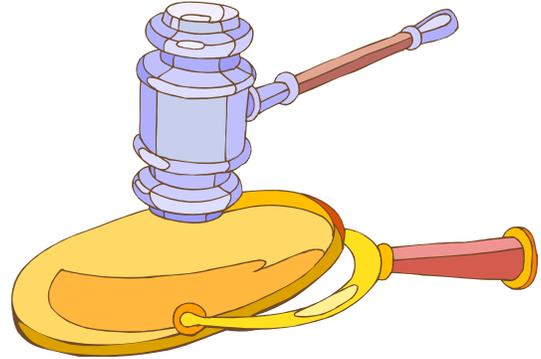
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BSD Auction By Sylvia Smith

Ready for more one liners and bargain bonsai? Good, because it's almost auction time again at BSD! Our annual auction is a lot of fun and it's also a great way to get new material, make room in your backyard for more or downsize while making some extra cash! Remember, the auction is open to the public so you don't have to be a club member to bid, which means it's okay to bring a friend or two to share in the fun.

Here are a few simple rules and guidelines to help us run this night as smoothly as possible. Your cooperation and patience is greatly appreciated, as we eagerly look forward to another successful event!!



1. Items brought to the auction can be donated (100% profit to BSD) or they can be split with the owner at 20/80 (20% profit to BSD, owner gets 80%).
2. Items for auction must be related to bonsai: plant material, tools, books, pots, stands, etc.
3. Items up for auction are to be brought between 5PM to 6:30PM for registration. **PLEASE ARRIVE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.** Your item will be registered as either a donation or a 20/80 split. If you are splitting the profits with BSD, you may choose to set a minimum price amount on your item. If the item is auctioned below the minimum, the **owner** has the option of selling the item at the new price or to withdraw from the sale and take their item back home.

Since this is a fundraiser, WE DO NOT ALLOW OUTSIDE TRANSACTIONS AT ANYTIME DURING THE EVENING. THIS MEANS THAT YOU MAY NOT SELL YOUR ITEM OUTSIDE OF THE AUCTION EITHER PRIOR TO OR AFTER THE AUCTION. This is not a venue for small business transactions that do not include BSD. Not to mention, we are meeting at a place of business that has it's own rules about sales not including Northaven Gardens. Be courteous and remember that we are raising money to fund our convention in 2007.

4. Everyone that attends will also be registered as a buyer. You will be given a number and a paddle and required to give your name, current address and current phone number.
5. This year we are going to try to section off areas for items that have been won. If you are the winning bidder, your item will be taken outside to a cart. If you have a cart, please bring it with you and put your name and paddle number on it. We are very limited in space, so we will attempt this new method to make more room in the auction area. **Please note that you may NOT place your items in your car until you have checked out. At that time, a runner will assist you with your items.**
6. We will have early checkout to avoid the congestion at the end of the auction. No one is allowed to leave prior to checkout. Please present your receipt for purchases to the door monitor prior to taking your auction purchases to your vehicle. We will have helpers available to load trees in cars at the end of the auction.
7. Please return your paddle at check out. This will help us visualize how many people still need to be checked out at the end of the auction and it will be used to confirm your account.

See you soon!



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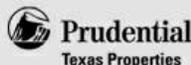
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