



Bonsai Society of Dallas

Monthly newsletter

October 2007

Message from the President

By Sylvia Smith

The time has come for the much anticipated club auction. Hope all of you have your wallets ready and your trees and supplies sorted out. **Please bring your items between 8:30am - 9:30am** and get these registered as soon as possible. All those bringing donated items will be given a form to fill out where they can list their items for tax deduction purposes. Everyone who brings items for a 20/80 split will have to register these items at this time. Items not sold must be taken home by the owner or someone they have assigned to be in charge. The club does not have room to take items to hold. **Registration will begin at 9:00am for all persons participating. The auction will run from 10:00am to noon.**

Everyone gets a chance to get their items home, see what they need help with and are then invited back to a round-robin with our guest artist Peter Warren. Peter comes to us from the UK and has studied with Kunio Kobayashi in Japan for 4 years. We encourage all of you attend even if just as a silent observer (free to all club members). This will take place in Northaven Gardens from 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

Sylvia Smith

BSD CALENDAR:

- Club Auction
*8:30 AM Saturday, Oct 6th
North Haven Gardens*
- Peter Warren Round-Robin
*3:00 PM Saturday, Oct 6th
North Haven Gardens*

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Would you like to get this newsletter via email? Has your address changed? Comments? E-mail amy.james@gte.net.

In Memoriam:

On Saturday, October 22, George's life time partner, Rip Corley, passed away after suffering from a massive heart attack at their farm. Many of you had met him during some of the club digs. He was a kind and generous man and I'm sure you will join me in offering our condolences to George for his loss.



October Program

Club Auction and Guest Artist Peter Warren

Conducted by: The Board
Place: North Haven Gardens

Time: 8:30-12 PM & 3-6 PM
Date: Saturday, October 6th

This month is going to be a double-header folks!

Club Auction – 8:30 AM to Noon:

First off is the club auction in the morning. This auction is going to be special as there are a several people auctioning off their entire collection of bonsai trees and supplies. Don't miss out! A full set of guidelines was sent out to the club membership via e-mail a couple of weeks ago, but here's a quick rundown:



1. Auctions items can be donated to BSD. All items must be registered as donations by one of our recorders.
2. Personal items can be sold at a 20/80 split. This meaning that 80% goes to the owner and 20% commission for sales goes to BSD.
3. Items for auction must be related to bonsai: plant material, tools, books, pottery, bonsai stands, etc.
4. Everyone who attends MUST be registered as a buyer and given a paddle number. This is our way to keep track of registrants, sales, etc.
5. Auction items can be previewed 30 minutes prior to the auction. The action will begin promptly at the appointed time.
6. Everyone must check out and return their paddle. Only those with a paid receipt will be allowed to pick up purchased items.

So, you ask, when does the fun start?

Auction items brought & registered: 8:00am - 9:30am
Registration: 9:00am - 10:00am
Auction item preview: 9:30am - 10:00am
Auction: 10:00am – Noon

Peter Warren Round-Robin – 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM:

Peter Warren, a professional bonsai artist from the United Kingdom, will be heading a round-robin the afternoon after the auction at North Haven Gardens from 3pm to 6pm. Anyone who acquires a really cool tree at the auction (or already owns one) can bring their tree in for guidance and work for a mere \$20 per tree. **This is 90% off the cost of private work!** Don't miss this rare opportunity for some one-on-one attention. Silent observation is welcome at no charge to members.

Peter has studied for 4 years in Japan under the tutelage of Kunio Kobayashi and during that time has had the opportunity to learn not only about bonsai, but suiseki, display and pots as well. He has already been featured in Bonsai Focus. His mission is to “Bring the best of Japanese Bonsai to the rest of the world.” Learn more about Peter at www.saruyama.co.uk.

The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit

The big news is that the TTSBE has acquired land just south of Austin for its permanent state exhibit. This will enable them to accelerate obtaining corporate sponsors and get the show on the road.

At present time directors are primarily from the Austin club. However that is not their desire. If you would be interested they would like to include you. Contact me or one of the people below.

The following is from Els Ulug, nominating chairman:

We still need new officers for the TSBE, and I need some help recruiting.

I want to ask you all if you can check with your club members if somebody likes to be an officer.

At the November meeting we will vote on the new officers. If you find somebody, they can contact me or any of the current officers.

Thank you for your help
Els Ulug
ph# 512 707-9742

The following is from Mike Hansen:

As Chairman of a nonprofit educational organization I am always looking for opportunities to raise funds. For many a fundraising appeal conjures up feelings of instant pain and resistance. Well, I would like to ask you to help us in a most painless way.

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Recap:

Pedro Morales Demonstration

Last month Pedro Morales gave an impressive and informative lecture and demonstration for the Dallas club at H.O. Haggard Library in Plano. The lecture focused primarily on tropicals and what's currently going on in the Puerto Rican scene. Discussions included growth characteristics, defoliation techniques and schedules, pest control, and the differences in philosophy regarding design between various cultures. Pedro showed slides of some beautiful examples of trees from both Puerto Rico and Taiwan.



For the demonstration portion, Pedro worked on the initial styling of a *Ficus benjamina*. After some discussion, he decided the best approach was for a "Taiwanese" design. As George cringed, Pedro removed all of the aerial roots—a very different concept from a more typical Western ideal of playing up aerial roots (Banyan style). After some intense work, where even several club members

helped, Pedro had cut, wired and bent the tree into his vision. Two of the larger cuttings were raffled off (congratulations to John and Diane). A big thank you to Pedro for coming and sharing his knowledge!



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As a nonprofit organization we are registered with a web search engine called Goodsearch. It is every bit as powerful as Yahoo and every time someone uses it in our name we receive a small donation. The idea is at if enough people use Goodsearch regularly the small donations add up for The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit, Inc.

I am asking you to help us as you search the web by going to www.goodsearch.com and typing in The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit in your favorite charity box. Click verify. Then click on "Add Goodsearch to your IE, Firefox, or Mac toolbar" and follow the instructions. Goodsearch will appear on your internet browser and each time your search you are helping The Texas Stat Bonsai Exhibit, Inc. build a world class permanent bonsai exhibit in Central Texas.

Check out our web site at www.ttsbe.org for more information. You will want to check back in a few weeks to see our new web site! We will feature some exciting announcements.

Thanks!
Mike Hansen

October Bonsai

By John Miller

If you have not checked your wiring yet this fall, you had better look at it. The fall growth can make the tree swell up and get bad wire marks in a hurry. If the tree/limbs do not stay where you want them, then rewire it placing the new wire in a slightly different path or possible wrap in the opposite direction.

Watch your watering now that the temperature is a little lower. Cut back on the watering but do not allow the trees to dry out. Trees require less water during the shorter days and lower temperatures. However you need to remember that the wind can still stress the trees and dry out the soil so you should water by checking the soil and not just on a given schedule.

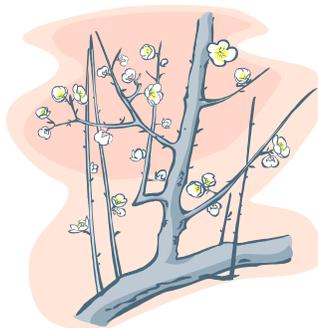


Insects will continue to be present. Cooler (but not cold) days mean a resurgence of the aphids. Mites will also still be around. Scale also can be a problem. Treat with a light horticultural oil which will kill the adults and also wipe out the eggs and over-wintering pupae. Be sure to cover all the cracks in the bark to get to the eggs. The organic spray (one tablespoon each liquid kelp, fish emulsion, apple cider vinegar, and molasses in one gallon

of water) will work on evergreens and will also give them some nutrients. The dead scale will probably have to be removed physically. A soft toothbrush works for me (I sometimes need to wet the branch to loosen the scale).

Feeding of deciduous trees should be discontinued for the winter. Evergreens and conifers will benefit from a low nitrogen feeding. One such mix might be 70% cottonseed meal and 30% bonemeal. Being organic, this will breakdown into nutrients more slowly as the season gets cooler and the trees activity slows also. The organic spray given above can be used as a soil drench but dilute it a little more. Kelp is an excellent source of the essential minor elements needed by plants.

As the trees lose their foliage, you can study their trunk lines and branch structure. Any faulty styling and the general design features can be observed more easily and corrections planned. Look for crossing branches. Cut vertical growing twigs both growing up and those growing down. Reduce long internodes by cutting back and growing new extensions. Clean out heavy branch clusters that make the tree look too dense. Be particularly attentive to the formation of heavy branches in the top part of the tree where faster growth often occurs. Work can be done now or later during the winter at your leisure but it is too easy to forget about it when the tree is in winter storage.



Some may repot in the fall but I feel that it is counter-productive to do so. New roots are more prone to freeze damage if we get a bad winter. It has been stated that the key to safe repotting is to minimize root disturbance and to

12th Annual Kathy Shaner Seminar

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Please join us in a seminar with one of the most exciting, knowledgeable and personable bonsai masters—Kathy Shaner.

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(Highway 71 East) in Austin.

Call Terry or Sheila at (512) 280-5575 or send an e-mail to phbonsai@sbcglobal.net if you have questions.

[For those who are interested, I have a PDF with all the relevant information that I will be forwarding on to the club in a separate E-mail. There is too much to place in the newsletter itself. — Ed.]

Events of Interest



- **Kathy Shaner's 12th Annual Seminar**
Oct. 20-21, 2007
- **Dallas Bonsai Society Club Auction & Peter Warren Round-Robin**
Saturday, Oct. 6th,
North Haven Gardens (more info on pg 2 of this newsletter)

exclude severe root pruning. This seems to me to be a recipe for developing root problems, poor drainage leading to root rot and the inability of the old soil to hold enough water to last all day. No heavy pruning will lead to the lack of refinement and a top heavy tree. I would recommend that you do the above paragraph this fall and repot at the proper time next spring which is when the buds swell and new growth is imminent.

Creating some shohin bonsai can lead to some winter enjoyment. Since they do not take much room you can find a space in the house or a small greenhouse. Let them go dormant for a short period and you can take them in and have new growth in a very short time. Small elms are especially good for this. Then set back and enjoy your little fellows in the house while the winter wears on. ✍

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- The Bonsai Smiths
- Dream Gardens
- Ray Hernandez's Bent Tree Bonsai
- Pegasus Pottery
- Sanderson Creek Bonsai

We are so grateful to these businesses for their generosity to BSD members! If you have a business and would like to offer a discount to club members, please contact George Straw at GSTRA@aol.com or James Bonney at amy.james@gte.net.

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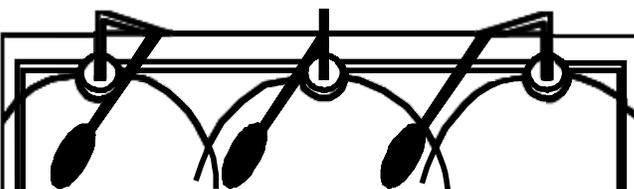
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Please mail to:
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Or Turn in at Club Meeting

Bonsai Society of Dallas meets on the first (1st) Saturday of each month.

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: North Haven Garden Center

7700 Northaven

Dallas, TX

Date: _____

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