



Bonsai Society of Dallas

Message from the President:

By George Straw

I'd like to start by thanking Shane Cary for his wonderful lecture and demo on the growing, care, and styling of the narrow leaf ficus at August's meeting!

Gosh, I think that the water hose is growing out of my hand! With all of the heat it is water, water and more water. Of course, the tropicals are loving the heat.

I hope everyone has been checking out the club web site. Andy

has been on top of the updates. You can get copies of the back newsletter on the web site. Be sure to check out the pictures of items that will be in the club auction.

Remember to get your auction items in as early as possible. We usually have a lot of items for sale and it takes time to get everyone checked in. This is one of the big fundraisers for the club, so be sure to bring your items in. We will be taking anything bonsai related (pots, view-

ing stones, trees, accent plants, stands, tools, books, just to mention a few things.).

The September meeting will be strictly auction, we will not have a business meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting and try to stay cool while you are out there in the yard watering those trees!



From the Editor:

I'm heading back to school for another pottery class this fall, so I'm sorry to say that I won't be able to attend the monthly meetings until summer! However, I'm always just an email or phone call away if you need me! potter@pegasuspottery 972-438-9782 Enjoy the auction!



BSD Calendar

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

September Program By Daryl Le

Date: Sept. 1, 2005
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: North Haven Gardens
7700 Northaven
Dallas, TX

Club Auction!

This is once a year fund raiser for the club.

Here is how it works:

100% of the proceeds of the donated items goes to the club. If you would like to sell an item, 20% of the sale will go to the club and 80% will go to you.

Here is how you can help!

- Donate bonsai related items to the auction!
- Bring more items to the auction to sell for yourself!
- Volunteer to help out - we need lots of help!

We accept the following payment methods: Cash, Check, Visa or Master Card.

Upon registering for the auction, you will be asked to provide your name, address and phone number. We will need all of these things to ensure that all sales go smoothly.

North Haven Gardens only allows us to conduct the sales in this meeting room. No other sales should be conducted on this commercial premise.

Please see page 3 for more details!

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

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

September Bonsai

By John Miller

Check the trees you still have wire on. When the cooler days get here, some trees will expand their branches and get wire cuts rather quickly especially at the junction with the trunk. You need to check them periodically over the winter also. Winter growth will usually be pretty slow but can occur, especially on the evergreens. To remove the wire, I usually cut the wire off. You can easily break the branches trying to unwrap the wire and it's just not worth trying to save the wire. Kathy Shaner says to unwrap it so that you do not overlook a coil and ruin that branch. Whichever way you go, take care to do it methodically and to do it right. If you need to reapply some wire, take care. Remember that the branches will be more brittle when the sap is not flowing.



Watering now becomes harder. As trees slow their growth, they do not take as much water. Neither will they transpire as much on the cooler days. So check each one separately and water as often and as much as the individual tree requires. It is easy to keep the soil too wet and develop root problems.

Tips of the leaves turning brown are indications of a water stress problem. Look at the following areas.

- a: evaporation--too much sun, too windy,
- b: watering--gets too dry between waterings (the soil staying too wet may cause root problems which thus prevent uptake of moisture).
- c: soil or pots get too hot
- d: water too alkaline

There is probably nothing you can do about the foliage this time of year. Problems that occur earlier in the year could be corrected by leaf pruning and growing new foliage. If you have these problems, determine the cause and try to correct for next year.

You should help the plant slow down and get ready for winter by not applying nitrogen fertilizer about 90 days before the first freeze. This would be the first part of September in the Dallas-Ft Worth area. Out here in the boonies, I will stop before September 1. The reason is that nitrogen causes new growth to occur and will not have time to mature before a freeze occurs. You may fertilize with one with a formulation like 0-10-10. The other two, phosphorous and potassium, help the general hardiness of the plant and can be applied now. Evergreens, both needled and broadleaf, and tropical species that will be kept growing through the winter will benefit from a low nitrogen fertilizer.

Make sure that your tropicals are in good health and growing vigorously. That will help them withstand the change of climate when you bring them indoors.

Two things you can do now. You should prepare your winter quarters and you should study your evergreen trees to determine if you need to do any restyling later on this fall.

Check on the place you expect to winter your bonsai. Make sure that it is clean and that you will be able to check the water needs of the trees. It should be somewhat protected from winds but should have some air movement to help prevent molds from developing. Having it in a location where you can see the trees would allow you to enjoy the winter silhouette, i.e. the branch structure and twiginess, that is a great part of deciduous bonsai.

There is not too much to be done on deciduous trees at this time. Bugs and other problems are usually not a matter of concern since the foliage will be dropping soon. Evergreens and tropicals will still need to be watched for their insect problems, especially the spider mites which will be active into fall. Use the Garrett Juice formula to control them. Horticultural oil spray may also be used. If we should have a stretch of damp weather, you should be watching for fungal problems, leaf spot, mildew, etc. Treat fungal diseases with potassium bicarbonate. (Baking soda-sodium bicarbonate- will work about as well). I would be okay with using a 1% hydrogen peroxide solution at this time of the year for fungal control.

Pruning and trimming can be done any time that there is not a lot of sap flowing. Sap flow is indicated by the foliar activity of the plant like in the spring. If your tree went into summer dormancy which occurs during hot weather, then the cooler weather might result in a larger sap flow in late summer or early fall. If your plant gets a flush of new growth, it would be advisable to postpone large pruning cuts for a while. Basically let your tree tell you when it is ok to operate. Pruning spring blooming plants (azalea) may remove buds that have already formed.

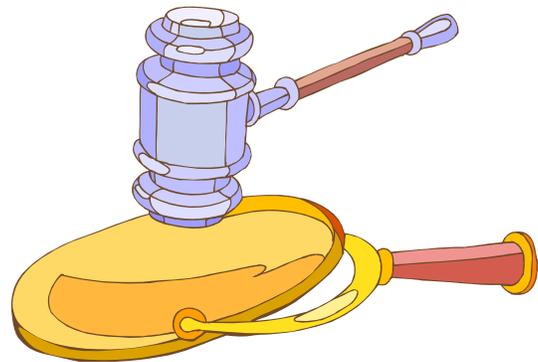
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BSD Auction By Sylvia Smith

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!

MARC NOELANDERS WORKSHOP

Date: September 17, 2005

Time: 9:00 -4:00

Cost: \$35 per person

Location: To be determined

A native of and living in Belgium, Marc has studied extensively in Japan under noted Japanese artists, including Kimura. He was recognized by John Naka as having a recognizable and unique style. In his own characteristic way, he knows how to shape the trees, and show them in a new form to the world!

Marc will be providing a demo in the morning, working on a collected ash juniper donated by John Miller. For the afternoon, bring your own tree for advice and help from Marc!

To register, please contact either Daryl Le at troioi_98@yahoo.com or 214-995-0693 or George Straw at gstra@aol.com or 214-357-3048.

TEXAS STATE BONSAI EXHIBIT by John Miller

TTSBE is again having a drawing for a Caribbean cruise as a fund raiser. The 7 day cruise will depart from Galveston on January 8 on the Royal Caribbean Line. Stops will be in Montego Bay, Jamaica; Georgetown, Grand Cayman; and Cozumel, Mexico. Drawing tickets are \$10 and the drawing will be held on Nov 9 in Austin. Tickets will be available at the September and October meetings or by calling John Miller 903-776-2910 or e-mail at bonsaimiller@aol.com.

Prizes to ticket sellers:

- The club that sells most receives a free demonstration.
- The individual that sells most receives a bonsai.
- The person that sells 10 tickets receives one free.

Last year, Dallas received the free demo which was Mike Hansen in January. The person selling the most tickets was our Paul Surratt. The winner of the cruise was Mark Bynum, a member of both Fort Worth and Dallas clubs.

A suggestion to sell more tickets--take some to work . Also use for presents, birthday, Christmas, etc. Anything you can do will help further the building of the exhibit in Austin.

TTSBE ELECTION by John Miller

The nominating committee for the new directors of The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit would like representatives from your club to place their name on our ballot as a nominee for Director. Since time and distance would be a consideration in attending meetings, we have arranged to schedule three meetings, one hour before the regularly scheduled meetings of the LSBF Board at Zilker Park in Austin.

Some accepting the nomination might be coming to the LSBF meeting anyway and others could possibly car pool with those that are coming. The Executive Board can meet between director meetings of course, and you can be kept informed by email.

Nominees will be elected at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Austin Bonsai Society, November 9th. and must be announced in the November newsletter.

We hope you all will give this position serious consideration as we will value your ideas and those of your club members in building this garden for Texas.

Please respond before October 15th. so the ballots can be prepared.

Contact Greg Setter, Nominating Chair at: Sheila@airmail.net



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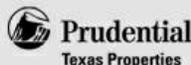
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- Dream Gardens
- Ray Hernandez's Bent Tree Bonsai
- Pegasus Pottery

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