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Events

- November 8 - LABS "Day of Bonsai", 10AM, Bonsai Northshore, Covington, La.
See www.bonsainorthshore.com for details
- November 10 Demonstration/ workshop by Jim VanLandingham, 6:30, MGCCC, Long Beach
- November 12 - MSGCBS meeting, 6:30, MGCCC, Long Beach, "Grafting Bonsai" by Lowell Tilley
- November 18 - Annual LCBS Bonsai Auction, Lake Charles, La.
- November 27 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 6 - MSGCBS Christmas party, 11AM, home of Lauralee and Lou
- December 25 - Christmas Day

New Year Highlights

- January 14 - MSGCBS Regular meeting, MGCCC, Long Beach
- February 4 - Ben Oki Workshop at ACBS, Mobile, AL, BSF Master's Tour
- March 14 - ACBS "Day of Bonsai", St. Lukes School, Mobile, AL.
- March 19-23 - Florida State Bonsai Convention, Orlando, Florida. See www.bsf-bonsai.com
- May 2 - Gulf Coast Regional Bonsai Exhibit, Westwood, Ft. Walton, Florida
- June 11-14 - ABS Convention, Learning Seminars, Boise, Idaho see ABS@pfmbonsai.com
- June 19-21 BCI Annual Convention, Botanical Garden, City Park, New Orleans, La.

What's Cookin



On Monday, November 10th we'll host a Jim VanLandingham workshop at the Gulf Coast Community College in Long Beach. Jim will be traveling and workshopping (is that a word?) his way through the Florida panhandle and Mobile before visiting us.

Members and all others who attend will pay \$5.00 toward the workshop expense. There will be no extra charge for bringing a tree for Jim to work on. This is a bargain for both the members and the club. If you don't bring a tree at least bring a notebook as Jim will explain the why as well as the what. All too often we hear grunts and occasional smiles from hard working visiting masters but scant information.

The \$5 fee is also inexpensive from another viewpoint. Improved design and follow up procedures can save years in maturing a tree.

Buck Lawrence, Mitch Thomas and I had the pleasure of experiencing one of Jim's workshop in Mobile last year. He always asked the owner for his perspective on the tree's future look and added his own and giving advice on the uniqueness of that species.

Although I didn't bring a tree I picked up on some techniques and confirmed a number of others as good practice. Some basic and some advanced. All in all, well worth the trip to Mobile. Any questions on this upcoming event call me at **228 255 8735**.

For our regular meeting on the 12th of November we'll have a visitor from Baton Rouge, Lowell Tilley. This will be the 3rd time we'll host Lowell. As before one or more members from his club will visit as well. The Louisiana Bonsai Society of Baton Rouge lays the claim as being the oldest bonsai club in the state, chartering before 1970. Lowell is the program director (he refers to his title as program misdirector) and Wade Latham is the president. Some of you may remember Wade who gave us an excellent presentation on Satsuki azaleas awhile back.

This program will be about fusion grafting (process or result of joining two or more things together to form a single entity). Lowell will bring some examples with him so we can see first hand the progress and/ or completed success of different species.

In lieu of a meeting in December our club will have a Christmas party at Lauralee and Lou's place in Covington. This will be followed by a dig in the woods, so bring an appetite and a shovel.

Elsewhere

In October Joshua Richey, George Stevens, Lauralee Reugger, Lou Leger and I attended the ACBS annual auction. This being the primary fund raiser for that Mobile club. There were bonsai enthusiasts also from Florida and Louisiana. I picked up on a nice cascade juniper and a trident maple with promise. MSGCBS members will be back next year.



Auctioneer Randy Haga conducting the annual fund raising auction for the umpteenth time in Mobile for ACBS.

Words to remember-

From Steven Wright, USA, *"Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it"*.

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