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Events

- January 14 - *MSGCBS regular meeting*
- January 17 - *Bonsai Workshop, La. Bonsai Society of Baton Rouge.*
- February 4 - *Ben Oki Workshop at ACBS, Mobile, AL., BSF master's Tour.*
- February 27, 28 &
- March 1 - *MS. Nursery and Landscaping Association. Patio and Garden Show, Biloxi*
- March 14 - *ACBS "Day of Bonsai", St. Lukes School, Mobile, AL.*
- March 19-23 - *Bonsai Societies of Florida Convention, Orlando, FL. www.bsf-bonsai.com*
- April 18 - *ACBS Annual Bonsai Exhibit, West Regional Library, Mobile, AL*
- May 2 - *Gulf Coast Regional Bonsai Exhibit, Westwood, Ft. Walton, FL.*
- June 11-14 - *ABS Learning Seminars, Boise Idaho ABS@pfmbonsai.com*
- June 19-21 - *BCI Annual Convention, City Park, New Orleans, La. www.bci2009.com*

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Bonsai Northshore, Covington, La.



George Stevens, Patrick LaNasa, Lauralee Reugger, Lou Leger made the event from MGCBS (we're in this crowd somewhere).



Bill Burnett, GNOBS, wins the free raffle



Dave Chauvin wiring a demonstration tree.

Bonai Enthusiasts from around the Gulf Coast came together at Guy and Chris Guidrey's place in Covington for the 2008 annual Louisians Bonsai Socitie's "Day of Bonsai". Raffles, demos, workshops, plentiful food and drink made this a worthwhile trip

Bonsai and Garden Pests # 099 (deer) # 098 (rabbits)

Yes, yes, bonsai enthusiasts, Bambi and Thumper, favorites of the kind hearted, fabled friends of the forests, love (as in delicious) certain bonsai and garden plants, or at least, their close relatives and in-laws are guilty of munching my stuff.

For more than eight or nine years the munchers have been successfully banned from this backyard by a white picket fence. Armadillos, possum, raccoons and the neighbor's cat are still key annoyances but that deserves another trivial article.

Here, in Diamondhead, MS., using noisy 16 gauge shotguns, daylight or evening hours, is frowned upon. Not sure about ordinances concerning crossbow hunting on my property. A considerable investment anyway.

So, how to rid myself of pests #'s 099 & 098? And, are they pests?

Without a fence, Rottweiler or an alligator filled moat, one MSGCBS member in Diamondhead has been semi successful evading these two woody critters. He carries a few of the most treasured specimens into his screened porch each night. He's still tightlipped about any other techniques.

My problem renewed itself when I planted a dozen ornamental red kale and cabbages outside the white picket fence. Overnight three cabbages were devoured. OK, I'm busted, cabbages are not necessarily preferred bonsai material. I just wanted some winter color.

Back to the deer & rabbit problem. I thought of a possible solution that worked over fifty years ago for my granpa. As a piano mechanic in New Orleans he used a number of home remedies to repair, overhaul and refinish pianos. One problem solved involved the mice/ rats gnawing on the felt portion of the hammers in the action of the musical instruments. He sprinkled RED PEPPER on both the felt portion and arms of the hammers.

I purchased a pint of cayenne pepper from Sams. Sprinkled the powder liberally on the leaves. After a downpour I revisited and re-sprinkled. It's been about 6 weeks and, so far, so good. And, it's cheaper than using shotgun shells and bail bondsmen.

o) Is it practical on our small leaved bonsai? You decide. p1



Lost one cabbage during the six week treatment period.

A Winter Workshop in Baton Rouge – Louisiana Bonsai Society

Lowell Tilley, as MSGCBS Members may remember, gave us a presentation on grafting a few months ago. He also attended our Jim VanLandingham Critique earlier.

Not slumbering or hibernating in the winter months, Lowell has put together a bonsai happening in January. At first Baton Rouge seems a distant far for Coastal Mississippians. I'm convinced that the measure and appreciation of distance and time are directly related to the goal.

In this case, for this bonsai enthusiast, the goal warrants a trip to the capitol of Louisiana.

Here are some of the details-

- Workshops (2) Saturday, January 17, 9AM.
- Bonsai Vendors offering material for the workshops or our collection.
- Raffle of the demo tree and items donated.
- Swap table for any of us to sell or trade bonsai related items.
- If paid in advance, cost is \$10 admission and \$30 for a workshop. Slightly more at the door.
- Make checks payable to LBS. Send checks to Lowell Tilley, 520 Laurie Lynn DR., Baton Rouge, La. 70819.
- Joe Day will bring a juniper for the demo. *pl*

MSGCBS Meeting, Wednesday, January 14

Our meeting will be in the classroom, Multi Ed. Bldg. at the MSGC Community College, Long Beach at 6:30.

Emphasis will be the upcoming MSGCBS events- the Patio and Garden Show at the end of February and the Edgewater Bonsai Exhibit (Edgewater Horticultural Show) sometime in April.

At our meeting this month I plan to nominate Josh Richey to chair both these events. I have every confidence in his determination and integrity to make both these events a success.

As in the past, the Patio and Garden Show at the Coastal Coliseum, has brought us new members. More so than any other effort by club members in any other endeavor.

For a number of reasons. Persons passing by the complimentary bonsai booth are "plant people" drawn to the P&G show, as opposed to say gun nuts, archers, bowlers, diehard golfers, etc.

Some of these gardeners are looking for opportunities and challenges beyond getting ready for another spring, beyond the annual goal of the greenest and weed free lawn in the neighborhood or the latest flower introductions.

Depending on us, our exhibit, the impression we give to the mildly curious, the interested passerby in the way we answer questions or the appeal of a demonstration tree will directly or indirectly affect the number of persons who fill out a membership form.

We have also encouraged some new members in the lecture hall of the P & G shows. None more so than a presentation given by Russell Veazey and myself a few years back. I'll volunteer to present a program in the lecture hall next month as well.

With each passing year beyond the Katrina aftermath the Mississippi Coast creeps closer to 'normalcy'. In the Coastal Coliseum this is reflected by reported ticket sales. More tickets, more opportunities passing by our booth.

We added 3 new members from the coliseum last year. One of which has been a very enthusiastic beginner, George Stevens. If we hadn't been at the P & G show, the loss would have been ours and George's.

I've been the chairman for both exhibits for, well, too long. Any organization, social, commercial or volunteer needs new members. Just as important is the need for qualified leadership in the various areas of responsibility within that organization.

If elected, Joshua Richey will have my support and direct assistance. *pl*