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## ***Calendar of Events***

February 10 – MSGCBS monthly meeting at MGCCC campus, Long Beach, MS, Espy and “B” Sts.  
February 26-28 – Patio and Garden Show, MS Gulf Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, Biloxi.  
March 6 – Annual Discount Sale, Brussel’s Bonsai Nursery, Olive Branch, MS.  
March 10 – MSGCBS monthly meeting at MGCCC campus, Long Beach, MS, Espy and “B” Sts.  
March 20 – ACBS “Day of Bonsai”, St. Lukes Meeting Hall, Mobile, Al.  
March 26-28 – Lake Charles Bonsai Society Annual Exhibit, Burton Coliseum, Lake Charles, La.  
April 14 - MSGCBS monthly meeting at MGCCC campus, Long Beach, MS, Espy and “B” Sts.  
April 17 – Tri-Cities Bonsai Show, Mobile Regional Library.  
April 24 - Edgewater Horticultural Show, Biloxi.  
May 12 – MSGCBS monthly meeting and annual elections.  
May 28-30 – 2010 Rendezvous at Brussels, Olive Branch, MS.  
May 28-31 - Bonsai Societies of Florida State Convention, Orlando, FL.

## Attaching a tree to a rock

Buck Lawrence demonstrated attaching a rock to a tree for the membership at our last meeting. The tree, a trident maple and the rock, soft enough to drill and a stainless steel pin comprised the kit. Tools included a hammer, wood drill bit, masonry bit, ball point pen and instant glue.

Most of the membership were present (minus 2) and threw out advice like Mardi Gras beads, some of it helpful. Considering no one in the room had actually attached a tree permanently to a rock Buck listened to all and then carefully completed the attachment.



Step 1- Lining up the best aesthetic position of rock and tree. Two vertical marks are made on the tree trunk .



Step 2 – Two vertical holes drilled into tree.



Step 3 – Buck used the drill bit to mark the repositioned rock.



Step 4 – The marked rock drilled.

The next step re-positioning the rock in place and inserting the pin through holes. Instant glue applied to the holes in the rock, then the pin is hammered into the tree and rock. Sealant applied to hole in the tree.

A week later Buck needle grafted a branch and placed the “patient” in an undisturbed area of his backyard .

**Club's First Dig** Buck Lawrence introduced the possibility of a tree dig in the DeSoto National Forest at our last meeting. Permission has been granted. Bring your tools and supplies Saturday, February 6. Buck's Email message -

**"..... So here is the plan. We'll meet this Saturday, Feb 6th, at 8:00 am at the McDonald's on highway 49 in Orange Grove. (It's about 3-4 miles north of the I-10 and Hwy 49 interchange on the west side of the street. We'll leave at 8:15 for some sites off Blackwell Farm Road in Harrison County. I have the Forest service map---we can convoy or share rides. I have several sites that appear near creeks for cypress or hardwood bottomlands trees. Please remind everyone of the tools they will need. I'll have my phone 228.424.5748 if anybody gets lost."**

## **Next Meeting**

"The February program will be :Bring your deciduous tree or trees. A look at outlines, think branch placement and do some pruning and wiring. A great opportunity to look at the skeleton without the leaves."- Buck Lawrence

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*Patrick LaNasa*