



***Mississippi Gulf Coast
Bonsai Society***

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Coming Events

September 8th, 2010 – MSGCBS monthly meeting at ***St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 12290 Depew Road in Gulfport***
October 9th & 10th, 2010 – Houston Bonsai Society Annual Fall Show/Sale, Hermann Park Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Park Dr., Houston, Tex.
October 9th & 10th, 2010 – 15th Annual Carolina Bonsai Expo, North Carolina Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC.
October 23rd, 2010 - ACBS Fall Auction, St Lukes Episcopal School, 1050 Azalea Rd at Japonica, Mobile, Ala.

Meeting Wed. Sept. 8th

Bring a tree or trees to the meeting, we will be dispensing with more advice / criticism, pruning and wiring.

Hadite

We've made all of our Hadite related purchases (Bagster to contain Hadite on Mitch's trailer, Sandbags to package Hadite in ½ cu ft quantities, Hadite and Gasoline for Mitch's trip to Baton Rouge to get the Hadite) in July.

Rick, Patrick and I rode with Mitch with his auto trailer in tow and Bagster in hand on July 9th to BR. Unfortunately the only thing we came home with was a good lunch under our belts. They (Big River Industries) considered the Bagster to be unacceptable for loading overhead and would not budge on the issue. So, we came home empty handed. Mitch, in the meanwhile, procured some lumber and built a large box to put on his trailer. On July 22nd, Mitch and Rick made another attempt and Mitch's labor paid off. And as it turned out, they didn't drop the hadite down from overhead, they loaded it with a front-end loader. Don't you want to scream sometimes ?? On the return trip, the Trailer of Hadite was deposited at Lou and Laura's, whereupon Mitch and Rick immediately filled 12 bags as Lynn and Ed Fabian, of Fort Walton Club, were coming buy to pick up a few bags.

Lynn and Ed came by on July 27th and bought 6 bags on their way back to Fort Walton to experiment with. A few days later, Lou and Laura filled another 12 bags, as Rosemarie Voelker and T. Morris of the Pensacola Club were coming by on August 4th to purchase 12 bags. On August 8th, Patrick, Rick, Mitch, Penne (Mitch's wife) and Laura got together to bag the rest of the Hadite, 75 bags in all. Apparently we got more Hadite than we purchased. Still had ½ as much again to bag.

Bought another package or 50 bags and on Saturday August 21st, Mitch, Patrick and Rick came over and Lou and I helped them with bagging another 35 bags of Hadite. The total bag count for the entire

load of Hadite came to 138, ½ cu ft bags. Of those, 30 bags were sold to non-club members and 75 to club members. That puts the club in the black for all of the related expenditures. Actually, we are ahead and have made a small profit for our treasury and still have 33 more bags for sale.

During the first bagging process, drinks were available, and after all was done, we had a relaxing lunch of sandwiches, chips, fruit and cookies and of course, some socializing. For the second bagging, we had drinks and donuts since it was way to early for lunch. All were welcome to partake of the pool to cool off, but none chose to do so. The teamwork was excellent, the process went smoothly and the company was wonderful as always. The only thing that would have improved the whole to-do, would have been more volunteers.

Lauralee Reugger

Changing Face of a Shimpaku

For many years I had been fascinated by bonsai and would occasionally succumb (foolishly) to temptation and purchase one. I say foolishly, because I did so not knowing a darn thing about them. I had absolutely no inkling as to the care and maintenance of a bonsai much less what it took to make a bonsai and had not read even one article pertaining to bonsai.

In April 2002, a relative (85 years young) was recuperating at my house from hip surgery and one day while reading the newspaper, noticed that the Nurserymen's Garden and Patio Show would be the following weekend. Well, Aunt Mary, being an avid gardner, wasn't going to let anything get in the way of a visit to the show. Despite the fact that she had just had surgery two weeks before, she just wouldn't hear of missing it regardless of how many times we tried to sway her because it was at the Fairgrounds and would be sandy with wood shavings, etc. Well, come Saturday, we loaded the energizer bunny and her walker in the car and off we went to the show.

Upon arrival, we were given a schedule of lectures that would be occuring throughout the

weekend, one of which was a presentation by Guy Guidry within an hour of our arrival. Needless to say we attended the demonstration and learned that Guy periodically gave lessons in bonsai. Within a week, we were all signed up. The bug had bitten and we were all infected.

Aunt Mary returned to Mississippi eight weeks later and eventually learned of the newly formed Mississippi Gulf Coast Bonsai Society. By February of the following year, she had signed us all up, herself, Lou & I.

In the interim, we were each experimenting with plants we had either purchased at a nursery or dug up out of our yards. For a while it seemed like Lou was attempting to bonsai Covington. In the year following, we would occasionally go to Bonsai Northshore and make a purchase of a bonsai, but we

had no idea how bad the bug was until Lou and I went to Brussel's Rendezvous in 2004.

The Shimpaku shown below was only one of the many trees we purchased that weekend. While we have learned volumes since then, we are still rather timid and aren't very aggressive when it comes to pruning. Also, we don't wire as much as we should because of hand problems. So we tend to do more clip and grow and as a result, our trees may progress a little more slowly, as evidenced by the sequence of the photos below. But that doesn't stop us. We have way too many trees. We lose a few now and then and we purchase a few now and then. I guess the best part about it is that it keeps us occupied and active and it's good for the soul.

Lauralee Reugger

April 2005



January 2006



April 2007



April 2008



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