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Coming Events

Feb 8th, 2012 – MSGCBS meeting , St. Jos. Catholic Church, 12290 Depew Road in Gulfport, MS at 6:30pm

Feb 4th, 2012 - LBS Fifth Annual Mid-Winter Workshop featuring Arthur Joura, NC Arboretum Bonsai Collection Curator. Workshop held at Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge

Mar 31st, 2012 – ACBS Day of Bonsai, St Lukes Episcopal School, 1050 Azalea Rd at Japonica, Mobile, AL

Apr 14th & 15th, 2012 - Annual LBS Spring Bonsai, Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Lecture/demonstrations at 2:00 both days. Admission is free.

April 21st, 2012 - MSGCBS 6th Annual Bonsai Show, Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531

April 21st, 2012 – ACBS West Regional Library Show, 5555 Grelot Rd., Mobile, AL

May 5th, 2012 – Tri-city show, hosted by FWBBS, at Westwood Retirement Community, 1001 Marwalt Drive, Fort WaltonBeach, FL

May 19th, 2012 - Annual Auction FWBBS

May 25th – 27th, 2012 - BSF Annual Convention at the Wyndham Hotel in Orlando, FL.

May 25th – 27th, 2012 - Brussels Bonsai Rendezvous, Brussel's Bonsai Nursery, 8125 Center Hill Road, Olive Branch, MS

February Meeting

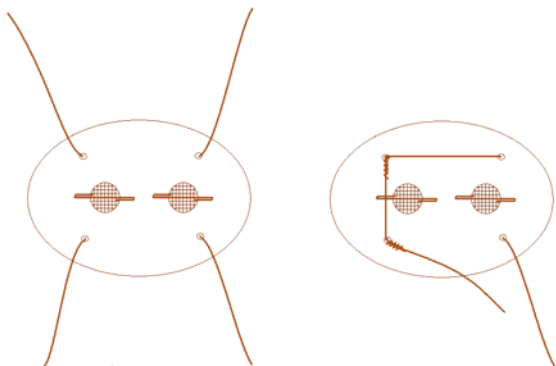
The topic will be 'Getting Started with Bonsai' by Patrick LaNasa. It's a 40 minute CD presentation, 1 of several Patrick is creating to eventually be housed in our club library and be available for check-out.

Patrick says "hopefully two groups will benefit. Those new to bonsai, say 2 years or less, and secondly those of us who have nurtured bonsai and killed trees of all shapes and sizes. The CD as well as handouts and reference notes will be housed in the library as a package. The package along with the digital projector will allow those confident enough to present it as a program to the uninitiated, the curious, other bonsai clubs w/ new members, volunteer organizations- Kiwanis, K of C's, Elks, Masons, etc." Or the CD can be viewed by individuals on their computer for their own study and enrichment.

While we can all benefit from some beginning refreshers, this program should be of special interest to our members who are not only new to the club, but new to bonsai. Hope to see you all there.

January Meeting

Byron Myrick, did a program on Boon Manakitivipart's repotting methods. Byron did classroom demonstrations of several of Boon's techniques as well as play a DVD produced by Boon on his methods. Most interesting was the means of anchoring a tree in a pot. The anchor wire is measured to roughly 2X the length plus 1X the width or approximately the circumference of the pot. Then, rather than wiring over the nebari or a few specific roots, wiring is done in a rectangular pattern continuing around the pot and concentrating on the root mass instead.



Byron also pointed out that Boon's soil mix is entirely inorganic, 1 part each of lava rock, pumice and akadama with the addition of (½ cup horticultural charcoal and ½ cup decomposed granite per 5 gal mix).

After anchoring the tree, sufficient soil added to desired level and the soil mix is being worked around the roots, it is better to use a back-and-forth motion with the chopstick rather than a circular motion. This helps promote the settling of larger particles to the bottom instead of smaller particles resulting in better drainage. The final part of the process is to flush the soil with water until the water draining from the pot is almost clear.

It was also interesting to see how much Boon prunes the root system and his method of spreading and separating the roots. The DVD is well worth watching and Byron did a wonderful job with his demonstrations.

GNOBS Workshop

GNOBS is having another workshop and we are invited to participate. Erik Wigert of Wigert's Bonsai in Ft. Myers, Fla. (www.wiegartsbonsai.com) will be the guest artist. Erik specializes in tropical bonsai, has won numerous awards and has taught throughout the US, Puerto Rico and Mexico. He has also been a featured artist at several conventions in the US and Mexico. Erik will be doing the workshop at GNOBS on June 1st, presumably at their new location in Kenner, La. There will be two sessions, one morning for GNOBS members, and one afternoon for participating guest. The material will be tropical (species not known yet) and the price will be ~ \$100. If you are interested, please contact Mitch and let him know.

2012 MSGCBS Tentative Schedule

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| January 11 | Repotting 'Boon Method' – Byron Myrick |
| February 8 | 'Getting Started with Bonsai' – 40 min CD Presentation - Patrick LaNasa |
| March 14 | Collecting Trees – Mitch Thomas |

April 11 Annual Show Preparation (show 4/21/12)

April / May Guest Artist – Jim VanLandingham

June 13 Wiring & Styling

July 11

August 8 Gardenias – Rick Berrigan

September 12 Difference in Bonsai Pots – What Styles do Best

October Guest Artist – Ted Matson

November 14

December X-mas Party



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