

THE BONSAI Wire

UPDATE

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The Newsletter of The Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society

FROM THE President

Dues! Dues! Dues!
Yes – it's that time of the year. The club depends on your dues to bring in guest artists for quality programs, pay for the hall, newsletter and misc expenses. Please pay your dues (\$30 individual and \$35 family) to support your club and to continue receiving the newsletter for all updated club news.

2015 got off to a great start with Arthur Joura. This month our guest artist is Brussel Martin of Brussel's Bonsai doing a demo on Shimpaku Juniper. This is a rare opportunity to see Brussel at work. Please join us for an exciting program on what is arguably the best juniper for bonsai.

One note on the June Nerifolia 89 workshop: As announced last meeting, due to an illness in Ed Trout's family, he will be unable to conduct the workshop. Joe Day has kindly agreed to take his place. If you are not familiar with Joe, I can personally say he has probably forgotten more about bonsai than we will ever know - and he is an excellent and patient teacher.

Spring is almost here (if the cold will ever go away). Use your time well to pot and get your trees in shape. In July the club will have a friendly bonsai competition and re-institute the Johnny Martinez award - more details to follow.

Hope to see all of you at Brussel's demo!



Kathy Barbazon,
GNOBS President

MEETINGS & Events

Friday, March 13, 2015

Program: Brussel Martin Shimpaku Juniper demo 7:00pm

Brussel Martin, owner of Brussel's Bonsai will demo a large Shimpaku juniper. Though most of us know Brussel as the owner of Brussel's Bonsai, he is also a talented bonsai artist who began studying bonsai as a teenager. His former teachers include John Naka and Ben Oki. Don't miss this opportunity to watch him at work on what is generally considered one of the best juniper species for bonsai. **FREE and open to all members.**

Note: Brussel may also be bringing items for sale.

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Program: Brussel Martin Shimpaku workshop 9:00am

Brussel Martin, bonsai artist and owner of Brussel's Bonsai, will conduct a workshop on seven gallon Shimpaku junipers. The workshop is currently full and there is a waiting list. **Members not in the workshop are welcome to attend FREE as silent observers.** You will have the opportunity to watch Brussel as he gives advice and helps to style ten trees.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Program: Bonsai Blitz 7:00pm

Something new! Three 30 minute programs on subjects important for any bonsai artist. Bill Butler on **dealing with bonsai pests**; Kathy Barbazon on **wiring bonsai**; William Majoue on **selecting material for bonsai**. Come and learn, ask questions - and for our experienced members, share your thoughts on these three subjects

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Program: Guy Guidry Boxwood on Rock Demo 7:00pm

Guy Guidry, a GNOBS member, nationally recognized bonsai master and owner of NOLA Bonsai will do a boxwood on rock demo. Guy's demo's are always entertaining and highly informative and fascinating. Make plans to attend.

Meetings take place on the second Tuesday each month at 7:30pm (pre-meeting activities begin at 7:00pm) at the **Marine Corps League Hall**, 2708 Delaware St., Kenner, LA. For more information, articles and everything bonsai, check us out on our website at www.gnobs.org

THE SHOHIN SIZE **Book Review**

Title: Bonsai

Author: Peter Warren

Level: Beginner to Intermediate

What's good: Though probably intended as a beginner book - it also has many valuable tips. Good clear explanations and exceptional pictures illustrating a variety of techniques. Normal illustrations of Japanese styles—but also includes styles from other areas including flat top cypress. Several pages on how to choose stock. Species care directory.

What could be better: No real faults to the book - though not intended for very advanced enthusiasts.

BONSAI **Basics** Bonsai Terms by Harry Harrington

URO: A carved (or natural) deadwood hollow, often seen on (but not limited to) deciduous trees.

SUIBAN: A shallow tray with no drainage holes that is commonly filled with either gravel or water and can house rock plantings.

RAMIFICATION: The repeated division of branches into secondary branches.
URO A carved (or natural) deadwood hollow, often seen on (but not limited to) deciduous trees.

NODE: Growth point on a branch or trunk from which leaves, leaf buds and shoots can arise.

INTERNODE: Section of growth between two nodes (leaves or leaf-joints).

DIEBACK: Death of growth beginning at tip from disease or injury.

DESSICATION: Lack of water; desiccated leaves usually occur when the roots are unable to supply water to them.

BUTTRESSING: This is also known as root-flare, where the base of the tree flares outwards giving the feeling of great age and solidity.

Members are always encouraged to bring any tree to meetings that they wish to discuss or about which they need advice.



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Attention: This is your last newsletter for the year if you have not paid your dues!

2015 Dues are due! Please pay the treasurer at the next meeting or mail in your check to:

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