

# THE BONSAI Wire

## UPDATE

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The Newsletter of The Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society

## FROM THE President

**I**t's time again for our annual auction. For newer members who have not attended one of our auctions - you're in for a treat. There are always great trees, pots and books available for every budget and at great prices - even a bargain table with \$1-\$5 pre-bonsai trees. This year we will have the usual full assortment of donated member trees and some quality feature trees from Ed Trout and Guy Guidry and mature trees from one of our late members collections. And let's not forget the two Saints autographed footballs - both with Drew Brees and other fan favorite players. Felix Famularo, our auctioneer, is a GNOBS member and keeps our auction moving at a brisk pace while at the same time keeping it very entertaining. The GNOBS auction is our main fundraiser for the year so please be generous in your donations and in buying some great trees.

We have a couple of great upcoming workshops. In October, we have Adam Lavigne on Neea Buxifolia. On November 1, Guy Guidry will do a "Bring your own tree" workshop for \$50. This is a great price to have an expert like Guy help you with a tree. Depending on demand, we will have 1 or 2 half day workshops. Contact Gerald Nolan to sign up.



Kathy Barbazon,  
GNOBS President

## MEETINGS & Events

### Saturday, August 16, 2014

#### Annual GNOBS Auction

**Auction Setup and Donations Accepted – 12 Noon - 4:00pm**

The success of the GNOBS Auction can be attributed to the generous donations of its members and local businesses. If you have any bonsai material from pre-bonsai stock to well styled trees or anything bonsai related, contact any of the GNOBS board members to make arrangements for your donation. **GNOBS members will be available from 12noon to the start of the auction to accept donations at the Marine Corp League Hall.** Thank you for anything you can donate!

**Viewing – 4:00pm - 6:00pm Auction – 6:00pm - 9:00pm**

This is it! The event for which you wait in nervous anticipation: The GNOBS Annual Auction. Each year, the GNOBS auction offers the most diverse selection of bonsai material and bonsai supplies any enthusiast could hope for. A great time is always had by all. The auction is open to the public. The auction takes the place of our August meeting.

### Tuesday, September 9, 2014

**Program: 7:00pm Michael Ryan Bell Presentation on pots**

**Bonus: Raffle of a nice Japanese pot plus pots for sale**

Ryan is an authority, collector and dealer of fine Japanese pots and now a member of GNOBS. He will give a presentation on the ins and outs of pots - what to look for, how to tell a good pot, appropriate pots for various trees etc.

### Friday, October 17, 2014

**Program: 7:00pm Adam Lavigne Presentation and Demo on Neea Buxifolia**  
Presentation is FREE and open to all members

### Saturday, October 18, 2014

**Workshop: 9:00am - 1:00pm Adam Lavigne–Neea Buxifolia**

Adam is a talented and entertaining young artist and tropicals are one of his specialties. Spots are still open (\$130 includes nice collected tree). Neeas are easy trees with tiny leaves that can produce beautiful bonsai. Contact Gerald Nolan to sign up. Preference will be given to those who had previously signed up for the postponed workshop.

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](http://www.gnobs.org)

# The Drying Cycle

by Joe Day



ot for most plant species is either helpful or not harmful. They have the ability to adapt. Drying is natural and normal. Water evaporating cools the soil and allows the plant to

function. Problems arise when not enough moisture is available to let the process continue. Rain or watering replenishes the moisture. When it rains the water comes, the air cools off and the clouds block the sun. When you water the sun continues and it stays very hot. When

the container is almost dry and you water the water moves deep into the soil cooling the soil and the container plus drawing fresh air into the soil.

When you water too often and the soil is not dry the water does not go deep and cool the soil. This wet, hot soil with bad air is a breeding ground for all types of soil fungus and disease. As long as the leaves on a plant are not wilting the plant has adequate moisture.

When you water, water deep. Water

until the water runs out the bottom of the bonsai container. Never water just to be kind to the plant. You know, the quick spray of water all over the plant and on the soil.

When a bonsai needs to be watered only one time a day in August the bonsai is correctly potted in the correct soil and the correct size of container. Water when the plant needs water but water correctly.

*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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