

THE BONSAI *Wire*

UPDATE

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The Newsletter of The Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society

FROM THE President

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s I am doing this newsletter I am preparing with great excitement to leave for the Brussel's Bonsai Rendevous after having

just come back from a week long Graphic Design/Marketing seminar. I have come to one conclusion – creative people people need creative people. No one creates in a vacuum. That is why organizations like GNOBS and workshops/demonstrations like the Rendevous are so important. Many of us don't work in creative professions – but we are all bonsai artists and all artists need other artists for their knowledge, feedback and inspiration. If you only do bonsai on your own then you only have your viewpoint. You will never progress to what you are fully capable. To reach your full potential you need inspiration and wisdom from many sources. Books, websites, blogs are all good but nothing beats interaction with other artists. A book can't argue with you or compliment you or make you see new and different possibilities for a tree that never crossed your mind.

Enjoy your fellow bonsai artists. They are the only people who don't look at us like we're crazy when you tell them how many trees you have or how much time you spend on them. They are our bonsai family!



Kathy Barbazon,
GNOBS President

MEETINGS & Events

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Program: Open workshop This is your chance to bring in and work on one of your trees and get the help and collaboration of other members. Members will be available for basic advice as well as to give a second opinion to help you bring a good tree to a great tree. It's also a good time for newer members to get the help of more experienced members. Club wire will be available for use.

Tuesday, June 28, 2014

Program: Bunjin Workshop This inexpensive informal workshop, postponed from earlier in the year, is at Gerald Nolan's house. Jim Osborne, for whom bunjin is a passion, will lead this workshop on collected boxwoods. Check with Gerald at the meeting for details or to see if any spots are open.

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Program: Randy Bennet Presentation on bonsai trees of the National Arboretum Randy, known to you as a past GNOBS President and as an accomplished practitioner of bonsai will give a presentation on the trees of the National Arboretum and their evolution over the years.

Saturday, August 16, 2014

Annual GNOBS Auction

Now is the time to go through that overcrowded bench and decide which of your trees should go to the auction for a new home. All donations contribute to the operating budget of the club and we hope to bring you even better programs next year. Besides, you'll need the space for the fabulous new bonsai that you just can't live without and bring home from the auction.

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

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

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Suggestions!

GNOBS values the opinions of its members. Please give us your suggestions on what programs you would like to see or any ideas for improvement of the club.

There are board members at every meeting. We would be more than willing to speak with you about any ideas you have for the club.

About Spider Mites

Spider mites could be named as the number 1 reason most people give up trying to be a bonsai artist. One day you have a nice bonsai, the next day it looks off color, a couple of days later it's dead, real and permanent dead. Look up spider mite on the internet and get as much information you can. You will never regret the time spent.

The problem with spider mites is they breed very fast. The eggs hatch after you have killed off the live mites so you must treat an infection every 5 days until they no longer exist. It's not if you get spider mites it's when you get spider mites. Always start with the safe way to

handle spider mites. Spray your bonsai with a fast mist of water, often. This will knock most spider mites off and prevent a build up. It's also safe for all species. Neem is a safe treatment for almost all species but not all species. After Neem, all the other miticides available can work but are more dangerous to both you and everything else. Spider mites can build resistance to any chemical quickly so only treat the problem when you have it and treat on a repeat every 5 days until they are all dead and can not breed resistance. Knowledge is power over any problem.



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