

THE BONSAI *Wire*

UPDATE

The Newsletter of The Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society

March 2014

FROM THE President

To all those procrastinators, of which I am one, this is a reminder that excluding

tropicals, you will get 90% of your growth the first 60 days after budbreak. Now that the days are finally getting consistently warmer, growth is starting to take off. I noticed one of my trident maples went from nothing but buds to fully leafed within a few days. What that means to those of us that put things off is that now is not a good time for procrastination. Your potting should be mostly done or at least underway. If you have spring wiring to do, try and get it done before your trees leaf out. Be vigilant in watching your wired trees at this time. Wired branches will set faster now because of the accelerated growth – and wire marks will appear faster as well!

Our pest friends will also become more prolific and active. Watch your trees and spray as necessary.

Watering schedules will also soon need to be accelerated. In the winter watering can be done every two or three days. Trees will begin drying out quicker as the weather warms. You will need to water soon every day. Trimming and pinching should now be a constant routine. Trees like Tridents can get out of shape in a week.

Get those tools out and get cracking!

MEETINGS & Events

Friday, March 28, 2014

Program: 7:00pm Adam Lavigne Lecture and Demo on Neea Buxifolia
Adam is a talented young bonsai artist living in Orlando, Florida. Experienced in multiple species, he is quite adept at tropicals. You can check out his blog at <http://adamaskwhy.wordpress.com> This lecture/demo is **FREE for all members**.
Bonus: Adam will be bringing some bonsai for sale.

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Workshop: 8:00am-Noon Adam Lavigne - Neea Buxifolia

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Program: 7:00pm Jim Osborne will demo a Bunjin style boxwood
Bunjin is a favorite style for Jim and has it's own distinct rules—or lack of rules for styling. He will demo a collected boxwood and lecture on the nuances of the Bunjin style.

The boxwood workshop previously scheduled for April 12 will be rescheduled for a later date due to a scheduling conflict. Participants will be notified.

Workshop: Collected boxwoods suitable for Bunjin styling

This will be an informal workshop led by Jim Osborne. Cost of the workshop, which includes the collected boxwood and use of club wire is \$25. There will be a sign up sheet at the meetings.

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

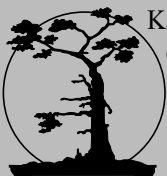
Program: 7:00pm Dawn Koetting will do a presentation on Shohin bonsai.
Dawn is a previous winner of the Vaughn Banting Award for her Shohin display and has done shohin presentations for the Louisiana Day of Bonsai. Shohin is not just a size. It involves it's own techniques for styling and rules for display which can be complex. It should be an interesting and informative program.

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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Kathy Barbazon,
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Too Late to Repot?

by Joe Day

It's wonderful when you can get all your bonsai repotted at just the correct time for each species. Stuff happens and you have a few trees that have new leaves on them and you want to put them into a new pot or it's root bound and needs badly to be repotted this year. If the bonsai is going in a new pot about the same size as the old one, no problem, just trim the roots a bit and repot. If it needs a lot of root pruning, two things are important, the species and the amount of time you have to give the tree attention. Strong trees like Trident Maples, most Japanese Maples, Elms and Boxwood can handle about 50 percent root loss after they have new leaves without a lot of harm if you keep them moist and out of the wind and direct sunlight. Trees that put out new leaves late in the spring are not so tolerant to root work after new growth. If you are able to mist the tree and keep it out of the wind almost all can be root worked after new leaf.



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