

THE BONSAI *Wire*

UPDATE

November 2014

The Newsletter of The Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society

FROM THE President

It seems Fall is finally trying to arrive. Remember as temperatures drop that your bonsai will not need as much water as they did in the summer months. Overwatering can cause as many problems as underwatering. You should also, by now, have slacked off on fertilizer - especially anything high in nitrogen. You don't want to spur a burst of growth that will not have time to harden before cold/freezing temperatures.

GNOBS annually collects donations for Toys for Tots and Second Harvest for those in need. Donations will be accepted at the November meeting and the December Christmas party. If you wish to donate: Toys for Tots - Bring a new unwrapped toy. Second Harvest - Bring any non-perishable food items.

This month's meeting features a bonsai basics session on winterizing your trees by Bill Butler. Bill will provide you with some much needed information on how to care for your collection during the winter months. For our program, we will have an open workshop - a chance to work on your trees, get opinions and advice from other members and generally socialize as we enjoy our favorite hobby.



Kathy Barbazon,
GNOBS President

MEETINGS & Events

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Bonsai Basics: 7:00pm Bill Butler on winterizing your trees

Program: 7:30pm Open workshop

Bring a tree or two from your collection to work on with the help and advice of other members. This is an excellent opportunity to get feedback on styling and answers to your species questions from fellow members. Free use of club wire.

Election of GNOBS board

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

GNOBS Christmas Party: 7pm

Annual Christmas Party: Bring your spouse or plus one and your favorite covered dish (side dishes, entrees, desserts) for our annual potluck Christmas party. Call Bill Butler (504) 455-5282 and let him know what you are bringing if possible. The club will supply a ham, beverages and plates/utensils. Everyone attending gets a free raffle ticket for door prizes. Featured this year will be a raffle tree and wrapped "mystery" prizes.

Friday, January 23, 2014

Program starts at 7:00pm

Program: Join us for a special presentation (**FREE to all members**) as we welcome Arthur Joura, curator of the North Carolina Arboretum. For the past 18 of his 20 years at the Arboretum, Bonsai Curator Arthur Joura has developed the bonsai program to be one of The North Carolina Arboretum's most stunning collections. As a proponent of styling bonsai in a more natural, treelike fashion Arthur will do a presentation on "Natural Bonsai."

Friday, January 24, 2014

Workshop

Japanese Maple workshop with Arthur Joura, curator of the North Carolina Arboretum. Workshop is full but all members are welcome to observe FREE as silent observers.

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

So You Want to Create a Bonsai

by Joe Day

Our local climate will allow a bonsai artist to grow many species. They all have to be handled a bit different to keep them healthy. If you lead a complex life you need plant species that require simple care. If you can spend almost all your time with your plants you can grow more demanding species. From my experience these species need good but not complex care, Trident Maple, Japanese Maple, Elm, Hornbeam, Podocarpus, Boxwood, Bald Cypress Juniper and Youpon Holly. These species tolerate the same soil mix, fertilizer, temperature and amount of sun light. The Maples can do with a bit less sun

and the Juniper a bit more sun. They have close to the same insect problems, mostly chewing insects and they have few disease problems. All these species will live a long time, grow well in containers and create highly respected bonsai that increase in value with age. This is in no way all species that do well but they all are available in our area at a reasonable cost.

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

Holiday Giving

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