

THE BONSAI *Wire*

UPDATE

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The Newsletter of The Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society

FROM THE President

Congratulations to Dawn Koetting and Kirk Vaughn for becoming our Johnny Martinez

Award Finalists. All members at the July meeting perused the trees on display before casting their votes. Dawn had two trees, a maple and a hibiscus, selected and Kirk had a Pine. All three trees are outstanding and will be on display at our annual Auction on August 15. All attendees at the auction will be asked to cast a vote to decide the winner. If you missed the meeting, you can preview the trees on the Welcome page of our website gnobs.org

Just another reminder, we are really depending on you - our members for the success of the annual auction. Please be generous with your donations and plan to attend. The auction is the single reason we are able to bring you guest artists for demonstrations and workshops during the year. We are already beginning to plan for exciting guests next year if our auction is a success. I hope to see all of you there.



Kathy Barbazon,
GNOBS
President

MEETINGS & Events

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Annual GNOBS Auction

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, pots, bonsai books or anything bonsai related, contact any of the GNOBS board members to make arrangements for your donation. **GNOBS members will be available from 12 noon through the start of the auction to accept donations at the Marine Corp League Hall.** Thank you for anything you can donate!

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

Viewing – 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Auction – 6:00pm - 9:00pm

This is it – 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. This year besides donated trees, we have some nice featured trees done by guest artists as well as some material from Brussel's Bonsai. Where else can you buy bonsai at great prices, tax free and no shipping. A great time is always had by all. The auction is open to the public and takes the place of our August meeting.

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Program: Open Workshop 7:00pm

This is your chance to bring in and work on one of your trees and get the help and collaboration of other members. Sometimes a second opinion can help you take your tree from good to great. 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, October 13, 2015

Program: Lowell Tilley Boxwood demo & lecture 7:00pm

Saturday (NIGHT), October 24, 2015

Program: Guy Guidry Hinoki Cypress Workshop 7:00pm

Several spots are open for this workshop. Don't miss out on a reasonably priced workshop with Guy on some extremely nice material. **A sign up sheet will be available at the meeting for the workshop. Bring your checkbook, you must pay when you sign up.**

SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

Ivy/Hedera

by Harry Harrington - Visit Harry's website bonsai4me.com

Hedera is a genus of 10 species of evergreen, woody-stemmed trailing or self-clinging climbers found in light woodland or on rocks and trees. The only limit to an Ivy's suitability to bonsai cultivation is leaf-size, though this can be overcome to a degree by using bonsai cultivation techniques.

Ivy has alternate 3-5 lobed or entire leaves in a variety of colours. Ivy shows two distinct stages of growth. In the juvenile climbing stage, Ivy produces adventitious rootlets, lobed leaves and minute hairy young shoots. In the adult stage however, they produce entire broadly ovate leaves. When styling Ivy bonsai, it is important to try to keep the foliage consistent by repeatedly pinching out the adult foliage in order to keep only the juvenile lobed leaves.

In autumn, Ivy comes into flower which are sometimes followed by minute fruits.

BONSAI CULTIVATION NOTES

Position Ideally partial shade though Ivy will cope with most situations.

Feeding Fortnightly through the growing season.

Repotting As needed preferably in Spring though Ivy are resilient enough to be repotted at any time. Use standard soil mix.

Pruning Prune back hard repeatedly throughout the growing season to establish a central trunk, trim out old foliage unless required.

Propagation In summer, root semi-ripe cuttings of juvenile growth to obtain plants with a trailing habit; use adult growth to obtain plants with a more bushy, tree-like habit.

Pests and Diseases Red spider mites, scale insects, aphids and leafspot can be a problem.

Styling Informal upright forms and cascade forms in all sizes.



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BONSAI Sites and Blogs

- robert-kempinski.ofbonsai.org
- valavanisbonsaiblog.com
- nebaribonsai.wordpress.com
- japanesebonsaipots.net
- ashfieldbonsaiclub.blogspot.com
- indianabonsai.com
- kayasbonsaicorner.wordpress.com

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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