

THE BONSAI Wire

UPDATE

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The Newsletter of The Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society

FROM THE President

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i Are you ready the next 2 months are going to be hectic. Saturday August 13 is the Auction. That tree you are aggravated

with, any second copy of the same specie, anything you would like to donate to support the club. This is our big fundraiser for the year. This activity gets us the money to have the great visiting artist we have during the year. Also come with your checkbook, this is a great way to add a great new one tree or more to your collection. Plus we have fun, food, and drinks. Every one welcome, not just members. Bring your date.

Saturday September 17 is our Day of Bonsai with Ryan Neal. Jim has been working for over three years to get him here, because he is that good. We are planning all kinds of great fun. Remember the Workshop is first for only 5 picked by raffle. Should really be interesting to see 5 different trees styled. Remember the tickets are 5 for \$20. What tree are you planning on putting in the Vaughn Banting Award? Remember the sales tables, there will be all kinds of great stuff. And one more we are having a raffle of trees, pots, and more great stuff. And don't forget all for only \$15. Gerald is a great cook, looking forward to eating good.

We don't stop there, we are having some great speakers and workshops the rest of this year and already scheduled for next year.

See you at the Auction, planning on having fun.



Peggy L Howard
President of GNOBS

MEETINGS & Events

Saturday, August 13, 2016

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.

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Louisiana Day of Bonsai

Registration begins – 8:00am
Event – 9:00am – 5:30pm

GNOBS hosts the annual Louisiana Day of Bonsai featuring internationally renowned bonsai master Ryan Neil as well as multiple vendors and raffles. Further details are on the back of this newsletter. Members of the Louisiana Bonsai Clubs are invited to submit their best tree for the Vaughn Banting Award for Design Excellence. (Trees should not have been in a workshop in the past 3 years.)

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Program: Ugliest Tree Competition 7:00pm
Program: Swap Meet Workshop

Time to have a little fun. In honor of Halloween, bring in your ugliest tree for competition. For the second part of the program, bring in nursery material suitable for bonsai (\$15 to \$25). We will pull numbers and swap the material. Everyone will style the material they receive and we will vote on the best styled tree.

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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2016 Louisiana Day of Bonsai

The Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society presents Internationally Renowned Bonsai Artist

Ryan Neil

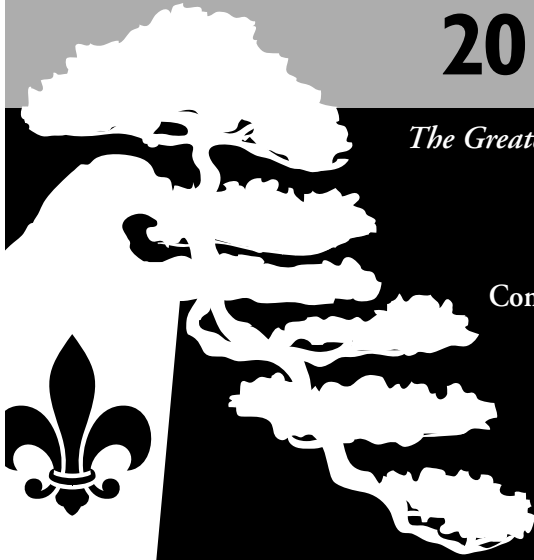
Come to the GNOBS Auction and ask about the raffle to win a spot in Ryan's workshop

Workshops and Ryan Neil Demonstrations all Day • Raffles • Vendors Including:
Byron Myrick, Joe Day, Guy Guidry, Bill Butler, Dana Quattlebaum
Custom Pots • Slabs • Soil • Pre-bonsai • Bonsai

Admission only \$15 (which includes lunch)

September 17, 2016 • 9am-5:30pm

Marine Corps League Hall • 2708 Delaware St, Kenner LA



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TIPS & Tricks

Headlamps

Dawn Koetting originally turned me on to using a headlamp when doing bonsai. Yes – you will look like a dork – but in your backyard or garage, who cares. Even on a sunny day outside, it can be hard to see well into the interior of a dense tree. These lamps, among other things, can help you distinguish between brown bonsai wire and a brown branch when you're cutting off wire! Suitable lamps range from \$9 to \$25 depending on number of lights and features. I would advise getting one that tilts so you can adjust it. It's great to have a light that actually follows your line of vision. Available at Amazon, Home Dept etc.



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