

THE BONSAI Wire

UPDATE

June 2016

The Newsletter of The Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society

FROM THE President

Hi Thanks Guy, soil was the next thing I was going to concentrate on so thanks loads for the info.

Just got back from Rendezvous, it was so awesome. Anybody that can find a way to go should. The quantity of trees and species of trees is impressive on its own. My amount of money and size of car were so limiting, I'd have loved to get one of each. Listening to the lectures was so interesting and so much to learn. Do you know how to wire 4 branches with one piece of wire? Now on ours, this meeting is one I have been waiting for. Our own Randy Bennet is going to teach us to build a forest of Trident Maples. He has been planning this for awhile for us, even went to Mobile to see Joe Day for the trees. He is going to have a film, besides doing a demo of several trees on a slab. If that's not enough for an action packed evening, Randy is also going to tell us about going collecting. The club has permission to go collecting in a Bayou in July. He will schedule it. Just more reasons to attend meeting, should be great.

Are you getting ready for the Auction in August. A great chance to thin out your collection to have room for the great things you want to get. The Auction is the club's way of being able to bring in all our guest speakers and other things the club is able to do. So please donate, and come with your



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MEETINGS & Events

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Program: Randy Bennett Trident Maple Forest demo 7:00pm

Randy Bennett, a long time member and past president of GNOBS and a very respected, experienced bonsai artist will do a demonstration on creating a Trident Maple forest planting. If you only have single bonsai in your collection, this is an opportunity to learn how to do a multi-planting correctly in both style and assembly.

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Program: Dawn Koetting Shohin Demo 7:00pm

Program: Johnny Martinez Competition

Dawn Koetting known for her Shohin styling and last year's winner of the Johnny Martinez Award will do a Shohin demo and a critique of the trees entered for the competition.

Johnny Martinez Competition: All members are asked to bring in their best trees (limit 2) for a friendly competition. All members present will get 3 votes for their favorite trees. The 3 trees with the most votes will be displayed at the Auction. Auction attendees will vote for their favorite tree from the 3 for the Johnny Martinez award. We ask that you not bring in a tree from a workshop done in the past year. **If you have not signed up, please let Gerald Nolan know if you are bringing trees.**

Saturday, August 13, 2016

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

Viewing – 4:00pm - 6:00pm Auction – 6:00pm - 9:00pm

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.

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 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!

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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2016 Louisiana Day of Bonsai

The Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society presents Internationally Renowned Bonsai Artist

Ryan Neil

Come to the GNOBS meeting 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-5pm

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checkbook with the ability to increase the quality of your collection. September 17 is a date you need to circle on your calendar twice. The Day of Bonsai with Ryan Neil is coming soon. Jim has been talking with Ryan for 3 years. He is retiring traveling, so this is the last time many of us will be able to see him. We have been planning and it is action packed: Ryan is teaching a workshop of 5 in the morning. It is \$100 for the workshop. We knew so many would want in so we are having a raffle to get in the workshop. Tickets are \$5 each and will be on sale at next meeting. Winner being picked at the Auction. In the afternoon, Ryan is doing a demo of a huge Shimpaku Juniper; sales tables of 5 different companies; plus the Vaughn Banting challenge. Bring your favorite tree for the competition. Oh one more extra, lunch is being cooked by our own Gerald Nolan, a great cook. Should be a great day! We are wanting as many of you to be able to attend as possible so cut the cost to only \$15 to members and non-members, so you need to join us for great day of fun. That doesn't end the great things our club has planned, so come to the meeting and get ready for more great stuff. See you Tuesday,

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President of GNOBS

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