

# THE BONSAI Wire

The Newsletter of The Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society

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## FROM THE President



I am looking forward to seeing what Kristy Majeske presents to us at the next meeting.

We have never had a scroll expert in our midst before. It is sure to be educational and enlightening. I encourage you to check out her website <https://www.antiquejapanesescrolls.com>.

November is the month we nominate and vote for next years board members. We still have a vacancy for Vice President, if you have an interest in seeing how we plan our meetings and would like to help carry on our club mission please let me know at the next meeting. The board does an excellent job at bringing the club guest artists and planning topics for future meetings. Come join us and help make next year even more event filled!

I just recently started watering my trees every other day. Just be mindful that deciduous trees need less now that their leaves are shutting down and getting ready to fall, at least some of mine are. Old leaves are not transpiring anymore and are about to be sacrificed. Less water is needed. One of my swamp maple tree's leaves are turning yellow! It's also a good time to fertilize with low to no nitrogen fertilizer. Nitrogen fuels the green growth and you don't want that at this time of year. Your trees are setting up for dormancy. You can mix your own N-P-K fertilizer, I have used

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## MEETINGS & Events

*Reminder - our new home for meetings is:*

**American Legion Hall 1225 Hickory Ave, Harahan, LA 70123**

### Friday, November 4, 2022

**Program: Lecture/demo on scrolls, displaying bonsai by Kristy Majeske 7:00pm**

Kristy Majeske, an expert on Asian art specializing in Japanese scrolls will do an informative presentation on Japanese scrolls, their history and meanings and their appropriate use in bonsai displays. She has participated in Japanese cultural events and bonsai conferences throughout the USA.

### Saturday, November 5, 2022

**Program: Create your own scroll workshop with Kristy Majeske 9:00am**  
**Cost for the workshop is \$40 and includes all materials.** For those who doubt their own artistic ability, Kristy has said she has successfully conducted and taught this scroll making program to children - so I'm sure we can handle it!  
*Members not taking the workshop are welcome to attend as SILENT observers.*

### Tuesday, December 13, 2022

**Program: Annual Christmas Party 7:00pm**

Bring your spouse or plus one and your favorite covered dish (side dishes, entrées, desserts) for our annual potluck Christmas party. A sign up sheet will be available at the meetings. The club will supply a ham, beverages and plates/utensils. Everyone attending gets a free raffle ticket for door prizes (including a tree and gift certificates).

### Friday, January 27, 2023

**Program: Lecture/demo on Trident Maples by Jennifer Price 7:00pm**

One of the new rising stars in bonsai, Jennifer Price discovered bonsai after retiring from the stage as a professional ballerina. For the last several years she has been involved in an intensive study program with Walter Pall from Germany and Jim Doyle from Pennsylvania. She has taught workshops and given demonstrations

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## *ABS National Convention 2022* *Rendezvous on the River*

By Randy Bennett



*Kristy Majeske's booth featuring Japanese scrolls*



*Rocky Mountain Juniper*



*Japanese "Full Moon" Maple*



*Pomegranate*



*Dawn's  
Brazilian Rain  
Tree*

**T**he Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society was well represented at this year's American Bonsai Society Convention. And we had a great time. It was four days packed with workshops, lectures, demonstrations, raffles, an exhibit and vendor area that had everything imaginable relating to bonsai. The convention was sponsored by the Memphis Bonsai Society and Brussel's Bonsai Nursery. Top notch bonsai artists were there, including Mauro Stemberger from Italy, Marc Noelanders from Belgium, Suthin Sukosolvisit, Bjorn BJORHOLM, Kathy Shaner, Rodney Clemons, Martin Schmalenberg, Michael Ryan Bell, John Powell, Byron Myrick and Robert Steven from Indonesia. These talented individuals taught over 30 workshops as well as demonstrations by 8 of them. In addition, there were 15 vendors from around the country offering finished trees, pre-bonsai stock, accent plants, pots, display stands, tools, scrolls, soils and accessories. Below are just a couple.

### *Superfly bonsai booth*

I went through the exhibit at least a dozen times. You never get tired of admiring bonsai of such quality. Here are just a few of the fabulous trees in the exhibit.



*Japanese black Pine*

### *Silverberry*





*Trident Maple*



*Marc Noelanders Lecture/ demo on Japanese Yew*



*After the styling was completed*

There were 10 in attendance from New Orleans and several more from other clubs

in Louisiana. My wife Teresa attended all the lectures by John Powell on Japanese gardens. And you could find several of our members in workshops at any given time.

**Workshops**

*Byron Carr in workshop with Bjorn Bjorholm*



*Felix Famularo in workshop with Marc Noelanders*



*Dawn Koetting Hinoki workshop with Suthin*



*Saturday night's banquet and awards program*

Although I did not participate in any workshops, I sat in as a silent observer in a number of the workshops. Anytime you have to opportunity to listen to artists of that caliber, you should take advantage of it. And it was especially enjoyable watching all the demonstrations and lectures. Those were all conducted in a room with amphitheater seating so everyone could see clearly what was going on. I shopped the vendor area and enjoyed viewing all the wonderful creations, not to mention meeting fellow bonsai enthusiasts from across the country. Attending conventions such as this is what any serious bonsai practitioner should do.

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worldwide and last year was in Germany to be a part of Generation Bonsai and went on to represent America at an international bonsai convention in Shanghai, China. Jennifer was our guest last year for a demo and workshop and she is both talented and an excellent teacher!

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**

**Program: Trident Maple workshop with Jennifer Price 9:00am**

Cost for the workshop is \$125 for some large trunked trident maples. More information will be available at the meetings. We hope to bring a few examples for the club to see in advance. Sign up sheets will be available at the meetings.

*Members not taking the workshop are welcome to attend as SILENT observers.*

**Shimpaku Juniper**

Lecture demonstrations were conducted every evening with several artists exhibiting their skill at the same time and on a wide range of material.



*Scenes from a couple of the lecture / demonstrations*



*Suthin Sukosolvisit Lecture/ demo on collected Ponderosa pine*

*George Munoz shimpaku workshop with Bjorn*



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a 0-46-60 granular. I've also used 0-10-10 liquid fertilizer. If using a liquid fertilizer I recommend filling a masonry tub or similar shallow wide tub to pour diluted fertilizer/water solution and soak several trees at once in tub. If you water your trees with liquid fertilizer solution like you normally water then you're wasting a lot of fertilizer and money, most of the fertilizer washes away. Soaking a few at a time let's you stretch that fertilizer a lot and allows your trees to soak up more of it. I also started using a granular micro nutrient only fertilizer (can be combined with an N-P-K granular, I usually do during spring and summer). Micro nutrients are the other nutrients plants need other than nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (and carbon, oxygen and hydrogen of course). People call them micros because less of that nutrient is needed but still essential for healthy plant growth. The most common micro nutrients are boron, calcium, iron, magnesium, manganese, molybdenum, copper and zinc. Keep in mind that fertilizing deciduous trees now is not that crucial as noted above that their leaves are about to drop. They are not using or needing the same amount of nutrients they would need during active growth producing food for the tree. I only fertilize my evergreens in the fall. Another thing to keep in mind is that you can fertilize with organic fertilizer at anytime of year.

**Dennis Burke**  
**GNOBS President**

**Study Group Sign up Sheets will be available at the November Meeting**  
**Monthly Groups begin in January and will be located in several Metro areas:**

- Randy Bennett - Metairie
- Kathy Barbazon - Harahan
- Jim Osborne - WestBank

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