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## Monthly Meeting: Repotting

The next meeting of the Houston Bonsai Society (HBS) will be Wednesday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park, 1500 Hermann Drive. Refreshments and Curbside Consultation at 7:00.

The January program will be repotting evergreen or deciduous trees. Soil will be available. **NO TROPICALS!!!**

January 22 **Roy Nagatoshi** will give a lecture-demo at 7 p.m. in the Houston Garden Center. On January 23, he will give workshops also in the garden center. Morning workshops will be on grafting junipers.

At the February meeting, local **pottery artist Andrew Sankowski** will demonstrate "throwing pots" with his potters' wheel. He will bring samples of his work.

In March we will have a **workshop on boxwoods**. We will have 10-15 trees available, cost will be \$20-25, and we will provide the soil. Some are Kingsville, some Saunders, some Morris midget. Bring your own pot.

## January 9, Saturday Study Group

The HBS Study Group will get together on Saturday, January 9, at Cabrera Farm Nursery located at 3910 Cabrera Dr. in Sugar Land. We'll get started at 9 a.m. and work until noon or beyond. This is a good time to do repotting of cork bark pines, black pines, red pines, quince and azaleas. If December was a cold month, it isn't too late to repot junipers. There are different approaches used when repotting based upon the type of tree, age, vigor, etc. When it comes to repotting, there is not one method that fits

all. Repotting methods will be covered and concerns addressed for the trees brought to the get-together. So bring your tree(s), soil, soil additives, root stimulator, root hooks, wire, pot, screen and bonsai tools. We are going to get dirty!!!

If you need bonsai supplies, Cabrera Farm has it for sale; the phone number is 281-313-2000. All are welcome the novice and advance bonsaist. So come and enjoy and share with others the art of bonsai.

--Michael McCluskey *Second Vice President*

## Club Dig, Saturday, January 16

We have a planned dig on Saturday, January 16, at Addicks Reservoir. The meeting point will be on Eldridge Parkway. Turn north at I-10, go about three or four blocks. You will cross over a bridge. Take the first dirt road turnoff on the left. The dig will be from 8 to 11 a.m. We will meet at 8 - 8:30 a.m., and go out in pursuit of trophies. At 11 a.m. we will be leaving. So if you want help, get there early.

--Hurley Johnson, *First Vice President*

## Officers, Directors and Delegates for 2010

At its December meeting, the HBS elected the following officers: Hurley, first vice-president; Seda, secretary; and Phillip and Dean, members-at-large. Officers also serve as directors. Buddy was elected LSBF voting delegate; and Carmen, LSBF alternate delegate.

Our thanks to these members for giving up their time to make our organization work. Thanks, too, to outgoing officers Rossana, L.D. and Nancy and delegate John for their hard work for the club.

## Monthly Bonsai Care

by John Miller

*John Miller, who writes a monthly column for the Bonsai Society of Dallas and the Fort Worth Bonsai Society, has agreed to share his column with us. We need to make adjustments for our warmer, damper climate, with its early springs, long summers, late falls and erratic winters.*

Christmas has gone so now you can devote your full time to bonsai again-- well, if you are not working, are not married, are a complete loner, etc. Anyhow you cannot just ignore them since they are dormant. Their needs must be met although most needs are not as strict as in the summertime.

My most unforgettable January calamity in recent years was having two Catlin elms and a trident cut and stripped by a packrat for his nest. The two elms took some time but they recovered. The trident never did. I now keep outdoor rat poison blocks scattered among the trees. I like blocks rather than pellets since they are easier to pick up come spring.

Other outdoor pest problems will depend upon the temperature. If there are many warm days, spider mites, scale, and aphids may show up. Use the same controls you did last summer. Too much water could cause root rot, fungus or other damage.

Indoor plants will have the same pest you had last summer and maybe some more since any eggs will hatch and they usually love the warm indoors. So keep your eyes peeled when you are watering.

Watering tends to be a bonsai growers biggest problem in winter. It is difficult to determine how dry the soil is when they are put close together in winter storage. That could be another argument for having a porous well-draining bonsai soil which is very difficult to over water. Just remember, the water will evaporate quickly when the warm winter sun hits the pots, and more so if there is a little breeze.

January is an excellent time to do styling work. Deciduous trees are bare so you see the real tree and are not confused and misled by foliage. Examine the branch structure and decide if you need to reposition any branches. If a tree has been styled for some time, you may need to reduce the length of some branches by selectively cutting back a larger secondary branch and developing a smaller branch. This also gives movement in the branch. Remove vertically growing twigs and branchlets. Do you need to develop more ramification? If so, make a note to go on a rigorous tip pruning when growth starts next spring.

Evergreens may be worked on although the best time would have been last fall. Their sap flow is now at a minimum so they will not bleed too much.

Do not do too much work on spring flowering plants like azaleas. Their buds were set late last summer or fall and you will be losing some blooms. Most later bloomers (wisteria and crape myrtle) generally have their blooms on new growth so you can style them now.

Greenhouses can be a great source of bonsai enjoyment in January. Of course, there are always the tropicals that stay green the year around and will therefore need a bunch of care. I let my small elms and maples get a month of cold, hopefully they get to 25 a couple of times to be really dormant. Then between Christmas and New Years, I bring them into the greenhouse and can do their repotting in January and enjoy the flush of new foliage before the bigger trees are needing anything.

The cheapest way to upgrade your collection is to join the club digs. Most digs are scheduled in the late winter which gets them at close to optimum digging stage. If you have doubts about the care after you get home, just ask any of your fellow diggers. They all like to share techniques. Collected trees are faster than other ways to get a developed bonsai. You can grow your own from cuttings. Cuttings do not take any care at all the first year, just put them under the bench and hit them with water when you do the bonsai on top.

The only way to learn bonsai is to do it. You cannot get the why out of a book. You need to have someone help you with the styling and to point out not only what he is doing but why she is doing it. All clubs work hard on having good programs but the real learning is by taking advantage of any workshops offered, both by local club personnel and by visiting artists that the club brings in. The LSBF state convention each year offers a concentrated weekend of study. I still like to watch a master work and listen to his comments. There will always be something slightly new or different or an approach that will be made clearer. Wiring or repotting in itself might be boring but the presentation is never boring.

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The Houston Bonsai Society's membership fees are due in January. An individual membership is \$25.00; a family membership, \$30.00. Memberships run from January to December.

#### **Did you know?**

Your membership fee is one of the major methods by which the HBS finances and funds its operation and activities such as guest speakers, demonstrations, workshops, tree raffles, refreshments, etc.

Your membership fee aids in funding the production of *The Bonsai News of Houston*, a monthly HBS publication with valuable information and educational information about the art of bonsai and up-coming events.

Being a member makes you eligible to participate in workshops offered by the HBS. Included in your fee is membership in the Lone Star Bonsai Federation (LSBF), our state organization, so your HBS membership helps support its financial activities such as funding the annual tour speakers and aiding the annual state conferences.

Your membership fee aids in funding the production of *Texas Bonsai*, a newsletter published three times a year by the LSBF.

The small membership fee goes a long way and without it our/your bonsai organizations, both local and state, could not operate. Your membership and participation is critical. If you have not paid your 2010 membership fees, please do so as soon as possible. You can see how important it is. Those that have already paid, thank you for your payment, support and punctuality.

Enjoy – Learn – Share. --*Education Committee*

#### **Newsletter Has New Email Address**

Please note that *The Bonsai News of Houston* has a new email address: [hbs.news@yahoo.com](mailto:hbs.news@yahoo.com).

#### **Creating Flat Root Base Shohin Bonsai Workshop, February 20**

Saturday, February 20, The Shohin Society of Texas will have a workshop called, "Creating Flat Root Base Shohin Bonsai." This workshop is all about creating shohin bonsai with flat root systems. Olive, oak, trident maple, wisteria, bougainvillea and redwood have been found to respond to the advanced techniques used to create a flat root system. It is probable that ficus and possibly yaupon holly will

also respond to the techniques. Start looking now for 1 gallon to 5 gallon listed trees.

The workshop will follow the procedure developed by Doug Philips. To prepare, visit Doug's website at <http://www.dugzbonsai.com/index.htm> (click on "Olive Tour"). Also read his detailed article, "Flat Cut Olive Trees," in the winter 2002 edition of *Bonsai: The Journal of the American Bonsai Society*. If you do not have the magazine, check your home club's library. Both the website and article give great show-and-tell details. This will be an exciting workshop.

The workshop will be in Austin. For information, contact Terry or Sheila Ward, 512-280-5575 or [phbonsai@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phbonsai@sbcglobal.net).

#### **Establishing an Advance Study Group**

There will be an open meeting on Saturday, January 30, at 9 a.m. in Bayland Center in Bayland Park to determine the need for and interest in an advance study group. We will discuss and establish goals, objectives, meeting location and time, and meeting format. The plan for an advance study group will be presented to the board at the February board meeting for review and approval.

Meeting attendance will be the best indicator of interest and need. So, if interested, attend this meeting and come to express your ideas. This will be an open meeting with an open discussion. All are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend and want to express your thoughts, please send them to Michael by January 27.

Bayland Park is located at 6400 Bissonnet (Bissonnet at Hillcroft—south of 59 and west of Hillcroft).

Enjoy-Learn-Share --*Education Committee*

#### **Planning HBS Activities and Events**

The HBS is in the process of planning the calendar of bonsai activities for 2010. This includes programs, topics for monthly meetings, identifying and scheduling internal and external speakers, and identifying instructors for the introductory class.

The art of bonsai is best relayed, learned, taught and handed down by teacher to student(s) or from person to person. Passing on the techniques and methods is and should be something that we all participate in. So why not volunteer to do a presentation at the monthly meeting or cover a topic(s) in the introductory class? Don't wait to be asked!! This is an opportunity to assist others by sharing, teaching and demonstrating what you know about a bonsai topic, subject or technique. This is

also an opportunity to return some of the fun, knowledge and enjoyment that others have shared with you. We are always looking for participation from our members in this area. If you are interested in preparing or presenting a program, please contact Hurley Johnson.

One last thought, why not do a program or presentation with another person. It is always easier and more enjoyable if you share the responsibility and fun with another.

Enjoy-Learn-Share --*Education Committee*

## Committee Reports

Following are reports of various committees of the HBS for 2009 – 2010:

### LSBF/HBS Convention, 2009

The convention was a rainy success, but it was a good one. The opening day, Friday was a good day and many people visited the convention. Saturday was a very rainy day and very few people braved the rain. On Sunday, the sun came out! All is good that ends well. The combined efforts of the Houston Bonsai Society members working in seven committees made the convention a success. I want to thank the committee chairpersons who spent many hours meeting and planning the things that made the convention a success. Many thanks for a job well done to JoAnn and David, Pete, Hurley, John, Donald, Alan and to all of the others who helped. The raffles, exhibit vendors, goodie buckets, good food, excellent bonsai artists, and good workshop materials all contributed to the convention success.

The convention did not make a large amount of money, but we did not lose any either. Houston Bonsai Society and LSBF each received \$1524.45 for their part of the convention income. LSBF gave HBS \$500 seed money as it does to every club to help with initial planning.

The Lone Star Bonsai Federation or LSBF was formed in 1980. The purpose was to bring together the bonsai clubs in Texas and to help with the state conventions. The federation originally consisted of twelve clubs throughout Texas—Austin, Dallas, Corpus Christy, Fort Worth, Houston, Longview, San Antonio, The Shohin Society of Texas (in Austin), Tyler, Abilene, Beaumont and McAllen. The clubs at Tyler, Abilene, Beaumont and McAllen are no longer active.

The federation is served by a president, first vice president, secretary and treasurer. Each active club is represented by a delegate and alternate. The federation meets three times a year in Austin and publishes the *Texas Bonsai* newsletter three times a year. The newsletter is distributed to most members via Internet and hard copies are made available to members without Internet access. Every member of active clubs is a member of the federation, and my goal is to assure every member receives the LSBF *Texas Bonsai* newsletter.

The minutes of the LSBF meetings are finalized within three weeks of the meeting and sent to the newsletter editor to be included in the *The Bonsai News of Houston*.

The federation sponsors a speaker once a year who travels to the member clubs. We call this event the Texas Tour Artist. The federation pays the airline expenses for the artist. Each club schedules the number of events (lecture/demonstrations and/or workshops) for their club and pays the artist's event fees.

--*Buddy, LSBF Representative*

### Mentor Program, 2009/2010

The art of bonsai is best learned by word of mouth from one person to another. HBS's mentor program pairs up new members with more experience members who can offer guidance and insight into the art of bonsai.

The person doing the mentoring has volunteered to assist others through this learning process. Having someone with more experience who can guide you helps to take away some of the uncertainty making it more enjoyable. This is a great way to learn about bonsai methods and connect with another member with similar interest.

This is an excellent program that few take advantage of. So in 2010 if you are interested in being a mentor to help others or if you want to have a mentor to assist you, please contact Michael McCluskey.

--*Michael, Second Vice President*

### The Bonsai News of Houston

The HBS publishes *The Bonsai News of Houston* monthly on the Thursday before the monthly meeting. The deadline for the newsletter is 8:00 p.m. the Wednesday two weeks before the monthly meeting. Contributions from our members are welcome, whether the contribution be a news item; a hint for success; a warning about something that does not work; or a tip for finding good buys on plants, fertilizers, soil amendments and such. Longer articles on some aspect of bonsai growing or styling are particularly welcome.

The HBS is indebted to Gary Teeter, HBS webmaster, who handles the distribution of the emailed newsletters. Almost from the beginning of electronic newsletters, anti-spam filters have been a problem. They remain a problem today. Gary has circumvented the problem by posting the newsletter directly on the HBS web site and sending an electronic notice to members and other recipients. The current newsletter is "hidden" from the general public.

The HBS exchanges newsletters with the seven other LSBF clubs. From time to time we also exchange newsletters with other bonsai clubs. We distribute approximately one hundred newsletters by email and about twenty by U. S. post.

Since about 2004, the HBS has posted the non-current newsletters on the web site for the general public. At the time we began posting the newsletters, we also posted back newsletters starting with the year 2000. At that time, no one thought to remove our members' private information. To correct the oversight, I have begun a process of going back and removing that information for the newsletters that have already been posted. The update would not be possible without the support of Gary Teeter. Now, we have two editions of the newsletter, the "member edition"

(complete with contact information where necessary) and the "Internet edition" (edited to remove personal information). Each month, when I send Gary the current newsletter for posting, I remove personal information from the prior month's newsletter before it is posted for the public. I expect to finish the updating process of the back issues by May or June, 2010.

Again, I would encourage you to submit articles, tips, hints, warnings to the newsletter. Your input is what makes a newsletter "the Houston newsletter."

--Dolores, Editor

### **Saturday Study Group, 2009/2010**

The Saturday Study Group met eight times in 2009 on the third Saturday of the month at either Bayland Park or Cabrera Farm Nursery with up to 10 people in attendance. These get-togethers were and are open to the public. We started at 9 am and worked, played and visited until around noon or beyond.

The Saturday Study Group is designed for the exchange of information and ideas on trees, techniques, styling and designs. All are welcome and encouraged to attend from novice to the advance bonsaist. The setting is casual and open having very little structure allowing for free exchange in a relaxed atmosphere conducive to communications and camaraderie. This is an opportunity to bring in your tools, wire and trees in all stages of development to get assistance. You can also come by if you want to assist, visit, or just to work around others with a common interest. The only requirement is to have a good time. Anyone interested in bonsai should attend as many of these as possible. It's just great fun and a good time to socialize with others interested in bonsai.

When the meeting is held at a bonsai nursery there are additional advantages. Attending the Saturday Study Group at a nursery allows for advice and the purchasing of bonsai trees and supplies.

**Planned Changes to the program for 2010.** Due to scheduling conflicts in 2009 four of the Saturday get-togethers had to be canceled. To reduce scheduling conflicts and allow for more meeting we will be changing the meeting dates and adding locations. In 2010 most meetings will be the **first Saturday after the regular monthly** meeting. We will be meeting at Cabrera Farm Nursery in Sugar Land, Timeless Trees in Rosenberg, Mercer Arboretum in Humble and Bayland Park in Southwest Houston. We are expanding the meeting locations with emphasis on getting together at bonsai nurseries. Additionally we will be showing instructional or informational video at the various locations. We are looking forward to the changes and hope that this will allow for and encourage greater attendance.

--Michael, Second Vice President

### **Spring and Fall Shows/Sales, 2009**

The HBS has two major shows a year: a spring and a fall show. The spring show is typically held in conjunction

with the Japan Festival in March or April. The fall show and sale is held in October at the Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park. Both shows are two-day weekend events.

These are great venues where the HBS can share with the public the visual art of bonsai. During the two 2009 shows we had over 1,000 people visit the displays. Visitors were made aware of the HBS organization. We introduced to the art of bonsai answering questions both general and specific about the trees on display and the bonsai process. Most visitors to the shows have had or owned a bonsai either purchased or given to them. The interest is there just waiting for the flames to be fanned by answering questions and displaying our trees. These two events are by far the best way to reach out to the largest number of people.

Our members find it rewarding on many levels when assisting and participating in the shows. It allows them and their trees and to get out of our backyards or patio areas to display and talk about what they enjoy doing and share the art of bonsai with others. Besides it's just fun!!!

In 2010 we are planning to and are looking forward to enlarging the show, increasing the involvement and above all expanding our connection and contact with the public. Without member participation the shows and planned changes for 2010 would not be possible. So, THANK YOU, members, for a job well done in 2009. We can't wait to see what happens in 2010.

--Michael, Second Vice President

### **Treasurer**

As treasurer I serve on the board of directors. My responsibilities range from helping prepare the yearly budget report, to submitting Houston Bonsai Society non-profit status tax returns. Keeping track of our bank balance entails writing checks to pay bills that the board has authorized, and reconciling the monthly statement. A report is presented to the board each month outlining our current balance. It contains details as to how much money has been deposited and the source, as well as what checks have been written and what expenses they covered. The year-end report is usually run in January. This income report is run by categories, clearly showing where we spent our funds and how it compares to our budget.

This year presented more challenges for me, because I was also the treasurer for our "Spirit of Bonsai Convention."

--JoAnn, Treasurer

### **Website**

I have been the webmaster for the Houston Bonsai Society for approximately five years. My duties involve keeping the website (<http://www.houstonbonsai.com>) updated and relevant to the desires of the club.

In addition to a monthly calendar, the website lists special presentations and workshops, area bonsai retail shops, officers, newsletter archives, tips posted in feature articles, and membership information and applications.

The website is also used as an information source for the monthly newsletter and its distribution. Through

hidden links on the website, provided only to paid members each year, the most recent published edition is available for download. I email a notice to each paid member when the new document has been placed on the website. This technique provides an easy, quick, safe, and inexpensive way for the club to distribute the newsletter, and other important documents throughout the year. This award winning newsletter, published by Dolores Plaisted, is forwarded to me via private email, and I post it no later than one week prior to the regular meeting date. Traditionally, this happens on the last Thursday of each month.

—Gary, Webmaster

### 2010 Plans for a New Committee and Additional Programs

**Membership Committee.** The board recognizes the need for and plans to establish a membership committee with objectives to increase the number of members, improve membership benefits and to address and enhance the core elements of the organization. A brainstorming meeting was held Saturday, October 24, 2009, to develop recommendations to improve membership. A lot came out of this two-hour meeting. Areas that were identified for change or improvement involved monthly meeting enhancements, membership benefits, review of membership fees structure, family activities, youth program, member identification, need for publicity and public relations effort, etc. The consensus is that in a city as big as Houston that our membership should be much higher.

**Publicity Committee.** This is an area that is under review by the board to develop an advertising campaign through the efforts of the committee. The goal here is, through various forms of media and Internet, to inform the public of our organization and to advertise our activities, shows and the bonsai experience that we offer.

**Creation of an Advance Study Group.** An advance study group is something that the board has discussed numerous times in 2009. It is believed that there is a need and an interest in establishing such a group. However the form and format is in question. To address this topic there will be a meeting on January 30 at 9 a.m. at Bayland Park. We will discuss ideas and options and develop a recommendation to be reviewed by the board at its February meeting. The intent is to let the members help design a program that will service the needs of those interested in advance studies.

**HBS Members:** The above plans can only be successful if we have members who are willing to help, work, and lead to improve and expand the organization.

--The Board of the Houston Bonsai Society

### Calendar of Events

*The HBS meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park, 1500 Hermann Drive, next to the rose garden. Refreshments and Curbside Consultation at 7:00 p.m.*

- Jan. 6 Monthly meeting of the HBS, Hermann Park.
- Jan. 9 Saturday Study Group, Cabrera Farm Nursery, Sugar Land, 9:00 – 1:00
- Jan . 9 Black pine workshop, 9-12, led by Ken Credeur at Timeless Trees in Rosenberg, [www.timeless-trees.com](http://www.timeless-trees.com)
- Jan. 16 Club dig, Addicks Reservoir
- Jan 22 Roy Nagatoshi, lecture-demo, 7:00 p.m., Hermann Park.
- Jan 23 Roy Nagatoshi, workshops. 9 – noon, juniper grafting. 1 – 4, bring your own tree. Hermann Park
- Jan. 30 Meeting to discuss advance study group. 9 a.m., Bayland Center, Bayland Park
- Feb. 3 Monthly meeting of the HBS, Hermann Park. Sankowski, pottery artist.
- Feb. 6 Saturday Study Group, Timeless Trees, 9 a.m.
- Feb. 5-7 Biennial California Shohin Society seminar, Ramada Inn, Santa Nella, CA. Call 209-826-4444 for hotel reservations ASAP.
- Feb. 20 Meeting of The Shohin Society of Texas in Austin. Workshop: Creating shohin with flat-cut root base. 10:30 a.m. for information contact Terry or Sheila Ward, 512-280-5575 or [phbonsai@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phbonsai@sbcglobal.net).
- Mar. 3 Monthly meeting of the HBS, Hermann Park. Boxwood workshop.
- Mar 20 Saturday Study Group, Bayland Park, 9 a.m.
- May 22, 23, 24 Rendezvous, Brussel's Bonsai Nursery, Olive Branch, MS, Memorial weekend, May 22, 23, 24. For information, [http://www.brusselsbonsai.com/about\\_us/rendezvous09.shtml](http://www.brusselsbonsai.com/about_us/rendezvous09.shtml) or call 1-800-582-2593.
- Sept 30- Oct. 12 BCI China tour and convention, [http://www.bonsai-bci.com/BCI\\_2010/China\\_10.html](http://www.bonsai-bci.com/BCI_2010/China_10.html)

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## HOUSTON BONSAI SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please fill out and mail in or bring to a meeting)

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type:** (Select one) \_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$25.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$30.00)

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\_\_\_\_ Local member      \_\_\_\_ Out of town member      \_\_\_\_ Vendor      \_\_\_\_ Bonsai club

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