



February 2007

The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on February 22nd at the Garden Senior Center, 5325 Greely St.

The evening's program will be Pot, Repot, & Pest Control by David Whitaker.

Tree display:
Your favorite
Tree or pot.

Welcome New Members!

Jose & Marita Rivera
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Yvonne Padilla

I do believe we are going to see some good weather in the near future, I hope. My back yard looks like a disaster area. However with all the rain and bad days I have been able to really catch up on a lot of paper work. It won't be long until it will be time to start potting and repotting. Remember if you pot and trim on a tree now be sure to protect it from the cold wind and bad weather. I prefer to wait until the first of March to start, however I remember some years warm weather came early. Each year it can be different. In years past we would have cold winds and rains the latter part of April.

I read the e-mail about overlapping different events such as workshops and digs. The board meets once a year and plans the programs, digs, workshops and any other events for the club. At times the club may discuss and schedule other events. Any member who wishes to schedule an event at the same time a club event is scheduled has done so on their own.

REMINDERS

Saturday February 24th Thread grafting workshop- David Whitaker's house
Saturday March 3rd Dig, Versie Marks, Chairman of Scheduling workshops and digs will announce the location, time and place to meet. Some of the digs have to be worked out with the land owner because some of them lease their land for hunting and we can not go on the property during that time.

Saturday March 17th Nursery Hop, will be discussed at the meeting

STATE CONVENTION: April 20- 22nd. Don't forget to sign up.

COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW AND GARDEN TOUR Saturday April 28th 1:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.

The Bonsai club is in charge of the Raffle at the Tour. Versie is the chairman.

In the yearbook each month "Tree Display" shows suggestions for members to bring a tree for display. Members really need to start taking a tree and maybe put the name of the tree in front of it so new members will know what it is and can ask questions. I think it would be good for the new members to see the different styles and varieties of trees we are using for Bonsai.

2nd Wednesday of each month workshop: In the past few months several people have signed up as new members. We would like to see you attend these workshops. Bring a tree, come observe, hands on this is how you learn bonsai.

The Corpus Christi Bonsai Club, Inc. was organized in 1976 and is a member of the Lone Star Bonsai Federation, Bonsai Clubs International, The Corpus Christi Area Garden Council, Inc. and the Texas State Garden Clubs. Individual Membership is \$15.00 per year (students \$5.00). Membership for couples is \$20 per year. Dues are pro-rated for persons wishing to join after May. Early payment of dues is appreciated and allows your name to be included in the club yearbook available in January. Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Garden Senior Center, 5325 Greely.

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BONSAI CLUB

25TH LSBF CONVENTION – ART, EDUCATION & EXCELLENCE by John Miller, Dallas

Have you made your reservations for the 2007 LSBF convention in Dallas? Remember, there will be no workshops at next year's convention. We have an impressive lineup of talent for this year's 25th LSBF convention. You can't beat the collection of Marco Ivernezz, Boon Manakatavipart, Suthin Sukosolvisit and Shane Cary. Add to that Mike Hagedorn just back from Study in Japan, Sylvia and Howard Smith both of whom completed Boon's three year intensive course and have their own nursery and John Miller who plays around Texas. Some of the workshop material is being brought in by Boon, Suthin, and Shane. Boon has been prepping the large demo trees for two years.

Registration forms may be gotten on line at www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com or from your LSBF rep. Hotel information is as follows:

Holiday Inn Select Dallas - Love Field

3300 W. Mockingbird
Dallas, Texas 75235

Enjoy a reduced rate of \$79 per night by calling the hotel at (214) 357-8500 or (877) 211-3289 and informing the reservation personnel that you will be attending the Bonsai Convention or register on the web. **Be sure to mention the discount code: BSO.**

A more formal display area is planned and will have a section for suiseki and also for antique bonsai pottery. These will require special security measures. It would be helpful if you made advance contact with the exhibit chairman or any member of the convention committee if you would like to exhibit a tree, stone, or pot.

Any questions will be promptly answered. One contact would be John Miller, 903-776-2910, bonsaimiller@aol.com

Meeting Minutes for January 25th, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Yvonne. Thanks for refreshments went to Betty, Glenda, and Sami. Guests attending were Jose & Marita Rivera and Paul & Phyllis Gittens. The minutes were approved as printed; the Treasurer's report was given by Virginia and approved as read.

Old business:

- The Garden Council Tour of Homes will be April 28th. CCBC will be hosting at the Kaffie residence (2717 Ocean Dr). The raffle will also be held there, raffle items are needed, contact Versie regarding your donation. Tour hours will be from 1:00 – 6:00, the raffle will end at 5:00. See Trisha for signing up for Yard Guide shifts.
- There will be a dig in Victoria on Jan 27th, meet at the North Beach Whataburger, leaving by 7:00am.
- There will be a dig in Woodsboro on Feb 17th and Orange Grove on March 3rd

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LSBF News:

- Deadline for early registration discount for the 2007 Convention in Dallas is Feb 15th. Only FULL registrants may enter bonsai, Suiseki, or pots for display.
- The 2008 Convention in San Antonio will be co-hosted by the San Antonio and Austin clubs and the American Bonsai Society,
- The LSBF guest artist touring the state this year will be Pedro Morales from Puerto Rico in September. The CCBC will have 2 workshops and 1 lecture/demo, dates TBA.

Other:

- Yearbooks should be corrected to show the July meeting being held Thursday the 26th.
- The club received thanks from the Botanical Gardens for the donation in the memory of Milton Flanagan.

New Business:

- David W announced the Home Depot in Calallen would like to have the club do a bonsai "How To" on Feb 17th in their garden center.
- The old website has been dismantled. The new website will is being built by Yvonne, Versie, and Yvonne's son. www.corpuschristibonsaiclub.org

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 for refreshments, and then the evening's program was given by Yvonne and Versie on Texas Natives.

Minutes recorded by Trisha Dean, Secretary

Lone Star Bonsai Federation Meeting Minutes January 20th, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by President, John Denton. He welcomed Kathleen Williamson as the new representative for the Shohin Society.

Approval of the Minutes

John called for any changes to the minutes of the last meeting. No changes being suggested, a motion was made and carried to approve the minutes as amended.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Ware presented the Treasurer's Report. She noted that an extra \$250 was budgeted for the LSBF Newsletter to allow the addition of a page of color illustrations as requested by Carl Quisenberry editor. She pointed out that the extra money was offset by the elimination of lunch costs and termination of the lease on the credit card imprinter. After discussion, a motion was made and carried to approve the Treasurers Report. Yvonne pointed out that her email address was listed incorrectly in the newsletter. Her correct email address is: myforest@sbcglobal.net

LSBF Conventions

2007 – John Miller discussed the upcoming convention in Dallas. He indicated that a website was available through the Bonsai Society of Dallas web site. The web site includes pictures of the workshop trees being held by the Dallas club but not those that will be brought in by individual artists such as Sutin who will be providing his own Itowigawa shimpakus. The Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Select, adjacent to Love Field. The hotel rooms are \$79/night and the reservation code is BSO. John reminded each club to provide a raffle item. Marty Klajnowski inquired if the convention has any insurance coverage for theft. It was pointed out that the LSBF has blanket coverage for personal liability but not for theft. John agreed to inquire of the hotel.

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2008 - Marty Klajnowski discussed the 2008 convention which will be hosted jointly by San Antonio, Austin and the American Bonsai Society.

- The convention will have no "daily" reservations. Only "full" reservations.
- The exhibit will have a \$2 admission fee for non-registrants.
- The trees for the Joshua Roth Competition will be provided by the ABS.
- The vending area will be 12,000 sq. ft. It is unclear as to whether the vendors will be required to be full registrants.
- The registration fee is not yet known. This year's (2007) ABS convention registration fee is \$315.
- Corpus Christi will supply San Antonio with a credit card imprinter. It need only be activated.
- The hotels will be El Tropicana. Rooms to be \$129 or \$139/night.
- The hotel is providing suite upgrades to the visiting artists, and the Austin, San Antonio, and LSBF Presidents. In addition, the hotel is providing 2 free rooms to the convention committee for the length of the convention to do with as they like.
- There will be 3 lunches, 2 dinners and daily snacks provided.
- The hotel owns no skirting so any required by vendors will be available for \$5/day. Vendors may bring their own.
- The ABS had asked for someone from LSBF to join as a board member. Mike Hansen has agreed.
- The ABS requested that we provide the names of several artists that we would like to see present seminars at the convention. Marty took down several names and will pass them on but has had no word of who has been asked or accepted.

2009 – Buddy Allen indicated that Houston will host the convention in 2009

LSBF Speaker Tour

2007 – Yvonne Padilla announced the Pedro Morales has accepted the invitation to be the 2007 LSBF Speaker. He will charge \$250/event. She is trying to schedule our tour to follow his appearance in Rochester, New York. That would put the tour start around the 11th or 12th of September. Yvonne passed around a sheet on which she asked representatives to write down the number of events we will sponsor and the dates of our regular club meetings. She will try to accommodate them as much as possible.

2008 – Buddy Allen volunteered to be the LSBF Speaker Tour director for the 2008 tour. He asked that each representative bring back their club's suggestions for speakers.

Expanding the LSBF

At the previous meeting, Marty Klajnowski presented a proposal for the LSBF to consider expanding the federation to include adjoining states. She asked for returns from the clubs as to their thoughts. She emphasized that this is not a deciding vote for expansion. She is merely seeking an expression of interest in looking into the idea. Buddy Allen indicated that after discussion, the Houston club voted "No". Yvonne indicated that Corpus Christi club was interested in hearing more about the matter (Yes). Carl Quisenberry indicated that the Austin club had discussed it but had not reached a decision. All other clubs were urged to bring the issue up at the next meeting and to email John Denton with a vote of "Yes" or "No" by the end of February.

Nominating Committee

President John Denton suggested that it was not too early to put together a nominating committee for the next term which will commence in 2008. John volunteered for the committee as did Buddy Allen, and Carl Quisenberry.

Next Meetings

The next meeting will be held on June 9th beginning at 1:00 and will be held at the LCRA Board Room located in the Hancock building at 3700 Lake Austin Blvd.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.



February Monthly Tips

By David Whitaker

It looks like it might be time to repot your elms, bald cypress and any other **deciduous** trees, if they are getting pot bound or they were looking weak. I was forced to re-pot some of my bald cypress last week before the cold front came in, some were popping out. You want to root prune/re-pot before the buds start swelling and growing. If you have several that need root pruning, you can do this earlier; just *remember to protect it from a sudden cold snap!* When root pruning, remove 1/3 to 1/2 of the roots and leave the fine "hair" roots. After you repot, bring it out to get some well deserve filtered or shaded sun for few days, then place it accordingly to the needs of the species. Wait for the warmer weather to repot everything else.

Make sure that you wire your newly repotted trees to their pot very well.

I sometimes use rocks around the base of the tree, being careful not to harm the roots. The few weeks after repotting are a crucial time for the new roots to anchor the tree to the pot. The "newly grown" roots are delicate, so DO NOT do any fertilizing for 2 to 4 weeks the new soil will have plenty of nutrients. Also watch out for cold weather that might come screaming in during the end of winter. Protect any root pruned tree from temperatures below 45 degrees.

Its best to wait to root prune any sub-tropicals, tropicals and natives right now.

If they need wiring or branch pruning, do it before you repot because it is easier to shape them without leaves. Trimming branches increases branching and lets the light in so your plant will stay healthy. Wait for the first 4 weeks or so before you start trimming and pinching, you want to trim new growth. **Remember to check the species to see when it can be trimmed, we do not want to cut off any branches too soon that might be flowering &/or fruiting.** When trimming remember the basics, remove crossing, spoke and the up & down branches. Trim the new branch down to 2 or 3 leaves and continue this through-out the growing season. The more you trim and pinch, the "bushier" they get.

Watch the soils every day so they do not dry out.

All soils MUST be free draining. It is best to screen all your soils to promote good drainage, air flow and to get rid of the "fines"/dust. A good mix should be around 50% organic such as pine bark and some good potting soil, and 50% inorganic such as blasting sand (silica sand/filter media), haydite, decomposed granite, Turface, pumice, crushed granite, crushed lava, Kanuma or Akadama. Adjust your formula accordingly to suit each species. Experiment with your own combinations and see what works best for your trees.

Inspect the bonsai from top to bottom.

With the warm weather we've had this "winter" we all should inspect for ANY and all insects and treat accordingly. I have always applied the practice of "an ounce of prevention", I try to spray with insecticide and apply fungicide at least once every 4 weeks. If you discover an infestation treat according to the label of the pesticide.

Please note that the information is suggested safe guidelines for the Coastal Bend and South Texas area.

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*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

- **February 16th, Friday:** Garden Council Program – Flower Arrangements, Interpretations from the Flower Show Schedule by Boyd Farar at 9:00am.
- **February 17th, Saturday:** Dig in Woodsboro, meet at Whataburger on Violet, leaving at 8:00am. "How To" demo at Home Depot-Five Points, 10:00am – 2:00pm.
- **February 22nd, Thursday:** CCBC monthly meeting, Garden Senior Center, 7:00pm – 9:00pm.
- **February 24th, Saturday:** Thread Grafting Workshop at David Whitaker's house, 9:00am.
- **March 3rd, Saturday:** Dig, time and location TBA.
- **March 14th, Wednesday:** Beginners workshop, Garden Senior Center, 7:00pm – 9:00pm.
- **March 16th, Friday:** Garden Council Program - "Cacti & Other Succulents" by John Smolik, Cacti & Succulent Society 9:00am at the Garden Senior Center.
- **March 17th, Saturday:** Nursery Hop, location TBA at 9:00am.
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*** DATES TO REMEMBER ***

- **April 20-22:** LSBF 2007 Convention in Dallas
- **April 28th:** Garden Council Yard Tour

Please update your yearbooks with the following info for our new members:

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Please make the following corrections to your yearbooks:

Glenda Ehrlich's name should be corrected to read Ehrlich, not Erlich.
Lynn Dickey's home phone is 937-1412, email should be lynn.dickey@sbcglobal.net



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