

# Corpus Christi Bonsai Club

## May 2007

The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Garden Senior Center. 5325 Greely St.

The evening's program will be Texas Ebony Forest by Yvonne Padilla

Display:  
Forest Plantings

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Yvonne Padilla

We had a beautiful day for the Garden Tour and Flower Show, it was a success. Over three hundred tickets were sold. The Bonsai Club bought fifteen tickets. Some clubs turned all ten tickets in without selling any. The question has come up as to why are they not supporting the Council and what kind of incentive can we give them so they will at least sell 10 tickets to their members. If you have any ideas PLEASE let me know. I will give a report at the meeting on income and expenses. I want to thank Versie and her "crew" for working so hard on the raffle. Versie worked on the raffle for at least a year before the tour. It was hot yet everyone still showed up to work. A big thanks to Trisha for organizing the Garden Guides and to Jesse for being in charge of the Bonsai exhibit at the Flower Show. This year was the biggest turn out at the Show. And of course thanks to all the other members who give their time to work that day.

I also want to compliment Beverly and Trisha on their Kusamono lecture/demo. Beverly gave a very informative lecture about the art and then she and Trisha did a wonderful demo. This was their first time to conduct a L/D and they were well prepared.

This month I will put together a Texas Ebony forest. (I hope) I have the little trees at my house and am wondering how to arrange them to make an impressive forest????

Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m. there will be a forest workshop at my house. Bring trees, soil, wire, tray, screen, your time and talent. If you already have a forest and just want to do some refining, bring it. After the workshop is over and we have lunch there will be a silent auction on containers donated by Maxine Shelton. The containers belonged to Nelva Lou Shelton. Both ladies were members of the club for many years. Unfortunately Nelva Lou passed away. I am hoping we can purchase something with the money so the entire club can benefit. The auction will start at 1:00p.m. A time limit will be set on bidding.

*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 Sate 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Garden Senior Center, 5325 Greely.*

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## MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 26, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Yvonne Padilla. Guests for the evening were returning members Chris & Beth Lennert. Thanks to Versie, Bill, Jorge and Ligia for the refreshments.

A correction to the March minutes from Dora: Betty Whitt reported to the membership at the March meeting that past Treasurer's Books had been reconciled and everything was correct down to the last penny. The Treasurer's report was given by Virginia and approved as read.

- Our new banner and sign are here and they look great! Thanks to Dora and Linda for job well done.
- Raffle tickets are still available for the drawing for the bronze John Naka bust and stand; funds raised are for the TTSBE, drawing to be held May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Tickets are still available for the Garden Yard Tour.
- The club has permission from the Garden Council to clean out a couple of the cabinets in the meeting room to make more room for our library. It was motioned and seconded to buy a couple of plastic totes to pack the contents and move them into the store room at the Garden Senior Center.
- The pending by-laws have been distributed to club members with a vote to be held at the May meeting. A correction is noted that in Article VII, regarding the Christmas Party Tree Contest – the prize amounts shall be determined by the Board of Directors; the winning trees are voted on by the Members present at the Christmas Party.
- There will be a workshop on sai-kei / forests on Saturday, May 26 at Yvonne Padilla's house starting at 9:00am.
- Maxine Shelton donated **14 boxes** of bonsai pots that belonged to Nelva Lou Shelton. (These will be auctioned after the May 26 workshop.) There will be a donation of \$100 sent to the Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens in memory of Nelva Lou Shelton.
- The Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens is asking all garden clubs to participate in their Flamingo Fandango. The plastic pink flamingos are to be decorated, judged, and displayed at the Botanical Gardens through Labor Day. Ligia and Jorge will pick up and decorate a flamingo for the club.
- The next state convention in Corpus Christi will be in 2011 or possibly sooner. Yvonne announced that the Convention Committee will consist of herself, Versie, Jesse, and Linda as Co-chairs.
- A brief report on the Dallas Convention, there were lots of vendors and loads of trees, some unfortunately not suitable for our area. The workshops had nice trees, and everyone was very well fed!
- The club website is set up through "GoDaddy" for two years. It was motioned and seconded to reimburse Yvonne and Versie for the expenses involved in the setup - the server costs, program, and Adobe program.
- There was a quick recap of everyone's duties for the Garden Yard Tour.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments around 8:00; the program afterwards was given by Beverly and Trisha on Kusamono plantings.

**Submitted by Trisha Dean, Secretary**

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## SENSEI

The drawing for TTSBE's raffle of the bronze sculpture Sensei will take place on **May 19th**, so if anyone has put off buying tickets, now is the time to do it. Either contact one of the directors or representatives at one of the upcoming club meetings, purchase a ticket online at [www.ttsbe.org](http://www.ttsbe.org) or send to Joseph McCoy, 13450 N. Hwy 183 #116, Austin, TX, 78750. Tickets are only \$10 each, and can be purchased for an individual or an entire club. This is a one-of-a-kind piece, there will not be any reproductions made, so look at it as a way to own an amazing piece of art, to recognize one of leaders of bonsai, or to simply make a donation to a good cause.

Remember that all funds will go to The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit and that we're working really hard to put together a permanent exhibit space for all Texans to enjoy. This is a state-wide effort and we appreciate everyone's support!

Here is recent information about the finished pedestal, designed by Bill Boytim:

The pedestal is made from California heart redwood to honor the ties Mr. Naka had to the state of California. The heart redwood is symbolic of the passion Mr. Naka had for bonsai and fostering the love of its practice. The foot of the pedestal is made from three pieces of timber. The end grain represents six rising suns (three on each end) in the annual rings of the lumber to honor both Mr. Naka's Japanese heritage and the nearly six decades that Mr. Naka was involved with the art of bonsai. The column of the pedestal quietly and subtly reminds of Mr. Naka's well-known "Goshin." Like "Goshin" there are eleven layers of wood composing the column representative of the eleven junipers that make up the well known masterpiece that is synonymous with Mr. Naka. Mr. Naka in the final paragraphs of

Bonsai Techniques II says the of study of bonsai "It is like searching for the base of a rainbow, the fun and enjoyment is during the search." There are many rainbows formed from the wood grain in the base symbolizing the fun and enjoyment Mr. Naka had in bonsai which he spread to others.

The finish on the pedestal was selected to complement the bronze bust that it supports.

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## The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit

The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit is looking for new directors for next year from various clubs around the state. The TTSBE directors would meet once a month, choosing the location, this could be a rotating meeting place. The elections for directors will be held in November. Interested candidates should contact Els Ulug by phone at 512-707-9742 or email [eulug@yahoo.com](mailto:eulug@yahoo.com) for more information.

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## Monthly Tips by David Whitaker

Keep on re-potting semi-tropicals like Ficus and figs. When the temperature consistently stays above 70 degrees (night time temp) then you can start on your Texas Ebony, other Texas natives and tropicals. Keep an eye out on the temperature and if is going to fall below 70 degrees, you need to protect your newly re-potted tropicals (Fukien tea, Bahamas Black Olive, Buttonwood). When repotting, be sure to wire the tree securely in the pot to give it good stability against the winds. Putting rocks on top of the soil for a few days can also help brace the tree.

It's **NOT** recommended to repot any deciduous trees that you need to root prune. If you must repot due to problems with tree, change the pot or repot it in larger container only. DO NOT prune the roots. You can remove any "rotten roots", but you should not remove any feeder roots. Feeder roots (hair roots) are at the very ends of the root structure, they are vital to the plant as they carry the water and nutrients to the plant. Deciduous trees have very tender roots this time of year, its best not to take any chances. If you have a deciduous tree that needs special attention (sick), ask me for help and we'll see if we can find a way to help recover it from problems. *Round-up!* Just kidding, I was seeing if you were paying attention.

Watch the soils every day so they do not dry out. Inspect your bonsai from top to bottom, also inspect the drain holes. Insects are on the move since the last rain. Inspect for ANY and all insects and treat accordingly. If you discover an infestation, treat according to the label of the pesticide.

Apply a fungicide at least once every 4 weeks.

Watch your training wires, so they will not cut into the branches.

A regular fertilization schedule should be continued at this time of year.

Please note that the information and repotting schedules are suggested guidelines for the Coastal Bend and South Texas area.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday:** CCBC monthly meeting, Garden Senior Center, 7:00pm – 9:00pm.
- **May 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday:** Forest workshop at Yvonne Padilla's house, 9:00am – 12:00pm.  
Auction at 1:00pm.
- **June 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday:** Workshop and Study, Garden Senior Center, 7:00pm – 9:00pm.
- **June 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday:** CCBC monthly meeting, Garden Senior Center, 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

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