

Sho Fu Bonsai

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Top photo: Timmie Stewart explains the importance of a clean pot and Lois instructs members on how to prepare trees for the show. At right, Kay Karioth trims her Chinese Elm in preparation for the Selby show. Photos by Barb Bauman

A Message From The President

Bonsai Under the Banyans

By John Petterson

The Sho Fu “Bonsai Under the Banyans” weekend has arrived. Saturday and Sunday, May 20 –21 from 10:00 – 5:00 at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. We are planning a bonsai-filled weekend with an exhibit, demonstrations, and sales in a beautiful setting.

The demos are scheduled for 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00. Set up will be at 8:00 am Saturday; meet at the maintenance gate. I hope all 54 of our members participate or at least spend some

time supporting the club. I’m looking forward to seeing all of you there.



At our last meeting, Lois Bennett and Timmie Stewart told us how to get our trees and pots show ready. Since bonsai means “plant in a pot,” the pot is obviously an integral part of your presentation. A clean, well-cared for pot helps accentuate your tree. The use of stands was originated to elevate the bonsai to a higher, more exalted, position and the tradition continues. So, bring any stands you have to present your tree and possibly help

someone else with theirs.

Our bougainvillea dig was successful. From all reports we have 100% good results. All are budding out and should be ready in a year to style and pot. Next year we will have bougie demos, raffles and auctions, and possibly a donation to Selby if we get a really good one.

Alan Carver from Jupiter Bonsai on the East Coast will be the program at our June 1 meeting. Alan is well known for his Dwarf Black olive and Brazilian Rain trees.

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Next Meeting June 1st.

Program: Alan Carver

An up and coming “master-to-be” from Jupiter bonsai will be working on a tropical.

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM Waterside

4540 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota

Board meeting June 1st. 6:00 PM

Minutes: Sho Fu Bonsai Society

May 4, 2006 Call to order: 7:12 PM

Announcements: Bonsai Under The Banyans

(1) Set-up for the show will begin at 8 AM. We will need to carry tables from the Gardens garage to the show area. Tear-down will be at 4:30 PM on Sunday afternoon. Sign-up sheets were passed during the meeting.

(2) Sales Tables: Members with 13 or more items for sale will be charged a \$125 vendor fee and will be responsible for their own tables and monies. Members with less than 12 items to sell, please bring a list of what you are selling.

(3) Display items: All display items must be marked with the common and botanical names of the plant, years in training, or the age of the tree.

(4) Tree label stands: David Ebinger has the stands for the labels, and will be sure to get them to the show.

(5) Show demos: There will be three demos each day, at 11, 1, and 3.

(6) Show programs/flyers: Lisa has designed, and will print, a small brochure listing all the demos, and giving information about Sho Fu.

(7) Security for the show: The plants may have to be moved into the restaurant area at night. John will arrange for security.

(8) Advertising: Large posters of bonsai styles will be displayed at the entrance area to the Gardens

State convention:

(1) The State bonsai convention will be held in Gainesville on Memorial Day weekend, May 27/28.

(2) Erik announced a possible "Mini convention" at Selby next year. The date will be June 11, 2007. Potential convention will be somewhat less formal than others.

Trip to Jim Smith's

For members wishing to go, it may be possible to coordinate with the Fort Meyers club concerning a bus to his place.

There will be a workshop this Saturday at Tokonoma Nursery from 10 - 1. Barb Bauman will chair. This is a good opportunity to spruce up plants for the show.

June program: Alan Carver from Jupiter Nursery will do a demo.

PROGRAM: Lois Bennett and Timmie Stewart gave a program on getting your plants ready for the show. They presented the steps necessary

Program:

(1) Your tree: Trim and shape for showing. It is a good idea to do this 5 or 6 weeks before the show so dead ends are hidden.

(2) The trunk: Clean with a wire brush or Safer Soap and water and scrub with an old toothbrush. Freshen shari with lime sulphur.

(3) The pot: If not in mint condition, use a rag and mineral oil or baby oil to give the pot a fresh look.

(4) Tree identification: Trees should have identification cards with the common and botanical names, and how long the tree has been in training. Members are requested to notify Cindy with this information so that there is time to make the labels.

(5) Soil: No weeds! Maybe add a sprinkling of new soil.

(6) Wiring: Wiring is acceptable if done properly and not over-wired.

(7) Stands: If you have a special stand that fits your tree – bring it. Put your name on the bottom of the stand. If you have extra stands, please bring them to share.

(8) Sale items: Display trees may be marked as "for sale" but with no price noted.

(9) General sale items: All items brought for general sale must be marked with the seller's name, the price, and the name of the tree. There will be a 25% fee on all sales

During the break Vito showed the Divi-divi tree on which he had done a thread graft, and John answered questions on air layering. It was announced that Suthin Sukosolvisit will be here on a Tuesday, June 27th, and there will be a workshop with the master on Wednesday, June 28th.

Raffle winners were Elly Keefe Treva Kurtz, Thelma Thompson, Kay Karioth, Jeff Crago, Richard Dietrich, and Burton Bowman.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM Respectfully submitted, Thelma Thompson, secretary

Bonsai Convention on the 28th

Just a short note to remind everyone of the Bonsai Societies of Florida's 34th Annual State Convention, "Bonsai Bridges," will be hosted by the Gainesville Bonsai Society and held at the Paramount Plaza Hotel & Suites on May 26 - 29, 2006..

This year will feature demonstrations and workshops featuring the internationally renowned bonsai masters: Colin Lewis, Gary Marchal and Rodney Clemons. Also featured will be Mary Miller, Alan Carver, Ernie Fernandez, Joe Day, Jim Smith and Jim Vanlandingham. And introducing the 2005 BSF Instructor Scholarship recipient: Dorothy Schmitz.

Highlights:

Largest bonsai bazaar in Florida

Club night on Friday

Demonstrations

Workshops with stupendous trees

Awe-inspiring bonsai exhibits

For more details go to <http://www.bonsaibridges2006.us/>

For hotel reservations call 877-992-9229 or go to: www.paramountplaza.com

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Touring master Suthin Sukosolvisit will be with us June 27 & 28. Suthin is a world class Shohin artist. Make a note that his demo will be Tuesday at 6:00 pm at Waterside. The workshop will start at 9:00 Wednesday morning at Julie Trigg's. Contact me at 863-683-3555 or by email to sign up.

The International Flower & Garden Festival continues at Epcot through June 11. The bonsai are displayed at – where else? – the Japanese and Chinese pavilions, and there are bonsai for sale in the shops.

Remember the State Convention, "Bonsai Bridges," May 28 – 30 in Gainesville. If you can't stay all weekend, at least make a day trip to see the excellent exhibit, demos, workshops, and the bazaar. The featured artists include Colin Lewis, Gary Marchal, Mary Miller, Alan Carver, Dorothy Schmitz, Ernie Fernandez, Joe Day, Rodney Clemons, Jim Vanlandingham and Jim Smith. See you there?

On another note, there will be no club workshop this month following our meeting.



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Young Bonsai Artist's Car Collides With dump Truck

From the Editor: I took the following two reports from the BSF website because I know a lot of you know Charles Beven from Vero Beach.

By Jim VanLandingham

"Hello All, yesterday was a bad day for me. Charles Beven's Dad called me about 9:30 in the morning with news that Charles was in a bad accident on the way to school. The accident happened around 7:20 in Vero and he was air evacuated to Holmes Regional Hospital in Melbourne at about 8:20. He had a blood clot on the brain and a broken leg (femur). They cleared the clot with surgery and will set the leg today (Sat.). He will be in the hospital for an undetermined time. He is in the Intensive Care Unit at this time. He responded slightly for his Mom and me yesterday afternoon by opening his left eye slightly. His Dad said last night that they had discovered that his shoulder was also broken. (Additional complications were found by doctors while in the hospital.)

Charles is a fighter and I have confidence he will come thru this okay. Your prayers and support to the family will be appreciated.

Please pass on to your members and/or anyone who knows Charles. If you would like to send a message of support to him or his parents please email Jim Van Landingham at jimvanlandingham@vero-online.net.

Charles is very lucky to be alive, see news article: http://www.tcpalm.com/tcp/local_news/article/0,2545,TCP_16736_4658664,00.html

Sunday, May 7th Another Report on Charles from Jim V.

"On Friday nite Charles was very active with his hands. The nurse ordered mitts to put on his hands to calm him down. While I was there he went for the feeding tube that was in his nose. Well, during the nite he pulled the feeding tube out, so they are going to try a swallowing test with him. They have delayed it a couple of times, so maybe tomorrow the will do the test.

Just talked to his Dad, Todd, and today, Charles was clearing his throat with difficulty and he got scared and said, "Dad, Dad, Dad", so it looks like he will be able to talk. This is the most positive sign yet!!!! He is responding to, "Wiggle your toes, give me a thumbs up and his Dad plays a game of "Drop the ball Charles" with him. Todd puts the ball in his hand that is held high and says, "Charles, drop the ball". Charles processes for about 5 seconds and then drops the ball. Good signs!!!!

They were talking about moving him to a private room, but that got postponed, but could happen tomorrow. They have the tibia surgery scheduled for Tuesday."

Reminder from John P: "Set up time for our Selby show will be at 8:00 am Saturday. Meet at the maintenance gate."

Bonsai Calendar for June - Zone 9

Weather Protection & Location

For tender leafed plants, the morning sun is best.

Watering

All plants should be watched carefully. They may have to be watered more than once a day. Heavy rains may cause erosion of the bonsai soil and will need to be replaced immediately so the sun will not dry out exposed roots.

Feeding

Continue feeding program - either diluted once a week or every other week feeding.

Styling

Continue pruning for shape.

Repotting

Tropicals only.

Collecting

All tropicals. GOOD time for buttonwoods.

Special Notes: Air-layering can be done. Defoliating can be done in June (except Japanese maple). **NOTE:** The plant must be well established and healthy. Leaf prune two weeks after fertilizing. If air roots show on ficus, place where moisture can be contained around area of the roots. If buttonwood has leaf spot, use Benomyl as a soil drench and and foliage spray - follow label.

Compiled by Marian Borchers & Marian Rousseau of the Hukyu Bonsai Society of Tampa.



New Logo for Sho Fu

The board asked me to design a new logo and after some consideration, I thought it would be great to use our own Mary Madison's Black Olive tree as the inspiration for the logo. I sent an email to Mary and she was enthusiastic about the idea. So here is a preliminary design that I thought I would ask the members for feedback.

I have to rush this edition of the newsletter, but I would like to hear from all of you because, afterall, it's your club.

As I am looking at it now, I think the type should be tucked in a little closer to the bottom sides of the tree. So let me know if you have any suggestions.

Julie

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