



Alabama Bonsai Society Newsletter

April 2011 Edition



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President's Notes for April

Peter Warren

The Peter Warren demo will be in the BBG lecture Hall at 9:00 am -12:00 There is a \$3.00 fee. & \$5.00 for non-members.

The afternoon workshop starts at 1:00 in the potting shed.

The Sunday workshops are 8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00 in the potting shed

Monday Meeting

The meeting is Monday and it starts at 6:00 and the program starts at 7:00. The first hour is for you to work on your trees that need pinching. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn using your trees. These are seasonally appropriate activities that help you learn the many things needed weekly/ monthly for your trees. This is what it is all about. I wish this

had been available when I was starting bonsai.

BBG Spring Plant Sale

The BBG Spring Plant Sale is Thursday April 15 through Sunday April 17. Please do your share and help out at our sales table. Cindy will have a sign up sheet at the meeting.

Regular Saturday Workshop

there will be a regular Saturday Workshop April 16 at the potting shed. Bring your trees at 8:00

Cherry Blossom Festival

There were 1500 people at the Japanese Gardens for the festival. The trees were in full bloom on a beautiful day. Thanks to all the people who helped manage the bonsai Pavilion.

Joe Day Workshop

The Joe Day workshops were good and those who attended Learned a lot. thanks Joe

March Activities

March was busy styling and potting the sales trees and thanks to a lot of members who helped out we finished all the Pavillion trees and sales trees.

ABS Spring Show

The spring show is May 21-22. This requires help from the total membership. please check with Jane about your assignments if there is a question. We need everyone's help.

Thanks for your participation and help.

Jack

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Upcoming Events

April 11th Meeting

Monthly Workshop
April 16th

BBG Spring Plant Sale
April 15—17

April Meeting—Apr. 11th

6:00-7:00 Work on Pavilion trees and any trees members bring

7:00-7:10 President's announcements

7:10- 7:15 2011 Calendar of events: Jane: Spring Show, Plant Sale

7:16- 7:30 Evening Tree Show...bring your Peter Warren workshop tree, or one that may need to be pinched back.

7:30-8:00 Program: Seasonably Appropriate Activities: Pinching, Jim McLane. James Baker's Now-Famous San Jose Juniper, the article, the tree, and the plan

Saturday Workshop—April 16th

Bring your trees to work on for the regular workshop. It will begin at 8:00am.

BBG Spring Plant Sale

Don't forget to sign up for the Birmingham Botanical Gardens SPRING PLANT SALE. A volunteer list with dates and location will be passed around at the April 11 meeting.

ABS Show

The show is only about a month away. Sandra and I are getting very excited. New things and fun things are happening. Kimonos, Tokonoma, Paintings, Pots, Tools, Trees for sale, Viewing Stones and Judging. It doesn't get any better than that.

We have put together a new Committee List and a new Show Schedule - both are attached, as well as a flier to run out and display or give to all your friends.

This is going to be fun to put together. Our club members have always been right there to pitch in and help set everything up and take everything down. I know this year will be no different.

Have a great April.

Jane and Sandra, Co-Chairs, 2011 Bonsai Show

April Bonsai Care

April is when our trees really begin to explode with new growth. In most cases, this is very good news.

Any trees that are in the phases associated with nebari, trunk, or branch thickening benefit from this explosive growth phase. Unchecked, the growth will continue until the summer heat slows things down.

However, with trees that are a little further along in their bonsai journey, and are being developed to display finer ramification, or twigginess, this rampant growth can undo many years' work in just a few weeks. This is where pinching becomes important. Here are some points about pinching:

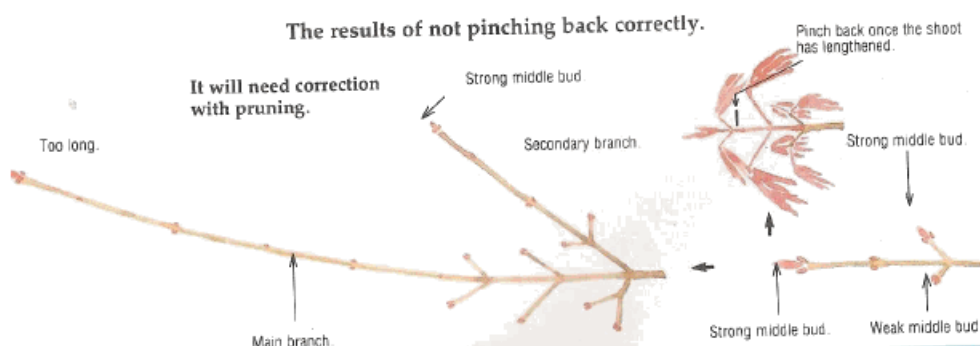
Description of Pinching:

- Usually defined as removing new or green growth (different from “pruning”, which is removing larger, woody branches and is usually done during dormancy)
- Completed regularly during the growing season as new growth appears

Results of Pinching:

- Shortens internodes
- Slows growth (removing auxins)
- Results in finer branching

Join us for our regular monthly meeting and Jim McLane will share more about this important facet of bonsai development!



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