



Alabama

BONSAI SOCIETY



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Upcoming Events

- Monthly Meeting at 6pm on 01/11— Birmingham Botanical Gardens
- Saturday Workshop at 9:00am on 01/16—BBG Potting Shed

Visit us on the Web at:

Alabamabonsaisociety.org

(Be sure to register on the website to stay informed of updates and events)

Presidents Notes

I hope that everyone had **Happy Holidays**, I know we were blessed. Now down to the real meat and potatoes of the coming year. It is my goal to make this year as exciting a Bonsai year as possible. In reflection of the past year we as a group were given information and I hope insight to the future of our Bonsai collections. I stated in the last news letter that the primary goal this year is to develop and/or improve our design eye. Last year we gained insight as to how to raise bonsai and this year is the year of design. I have observed on many occasions the novice waiting for a mentor to make the profound cut that makes a tree become a bonsai. I myself have waited, when observing our visiting bonsai masters. The programs for this year are going to be designed around this concept. We will have a total of nine programs that address

this topic. The actual cutting and learning will be at the Saturday workshops and the workshop with invited masters. I need your support of these other functions to achieve the goal of improving your bonsai collections design. The other three meeting will be social events. I plan to have an agenda for the programs out by the February meeting in the news letter. The board is meeting before the January meeting to begin the planning of these programs. Mentors your help is needed to achieve this goal.

The new officers will be working hard to improve your bonsai experience, but each of you can help us in this process. If you have extra time let us know for your services can be used. To make our organization strong we must work as one and support our society. In the past when we have

had a visiting master that will be giving workshops coming. The workshop slots have been hard to fill. We are one of the largest Bonsai society's in the southeast. With that in mind why can't we fill the workshop slots? For your Board to spend your society's money on bonsai master guest, we need to know the money was spent well and each member gained for the bonsai workshops. So I ask you in advance to help by supporting our efforts, when we provide these learning experiences.

I would like to thank all those that have agreed to serve on the 2010 Board.

In closing I have been busy doing those fall and winter bonsai task and I hope you have also. See you at the meeting and remember our dues are due in January. **2010 Bonsai Dues Are Due in January**

See you at the meeting,

Oscar

ABS Officers

Oscar Ethridge
President

Jack Pierce
Vice President

Belinda Waldo
Treasurer

Charlotte Ethridge
Recording Secretary

Marty Bostick
Corresponding Sec.

Directors:

Brian Van Fleet
2009 – 2010

Sandra Haynes
2009 – 2011

Bill Gabert
2008 - 2010

January Program Agenda

For the Night show please bring your deciduous trees...it is the time that they show deciduous trees in Japan.

Jane McKenzie will talk about techniques for photographing bonsai, Jane is a professional photographer who worked for the Red Cross and who has photographed our show

trees for several years.

Bill Gabert will also be discussing the care and development of Kiyohime

So please bring some deciduous trees for the night show.

Jack Pierce

Saturday Workshop

During the winter months, everyone has a prime opportunity to work on Deciduous Trees.

Our workshop that is held on the Saturday following the monthly meet-

ing will be centered around Deciduous Trees. If you have some, bring them to work on in the Potting Shed.

Our workshops usually begin between 8:30 and 9:00am and last for a few

hours depending on the topic.

Be sure to print the membership application and bring it to the meeting with you!

Membership Renewal Information

As a reminder, All existing members must renew their membership and pay their membership dues or be dropped from the roles.

Membership Dues are DUE and PAYABLE on

or before January 1st of each year. **If Delinquent more than 45 days, your name will be removed from the membership roll.**

Members should turn in their application forms

and dues to the Treasurer. A Membership Application has been attached to the last page of this newsletter for your convenience.

Membership Application

2010

Alabama Bonsai Society
2612 Lane Park Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35223

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

(only if family membership)

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____

Office Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please check all that apply:

_____ New Member

_____ Individual dues \$30

_____ Renewing

_____ Family \$30 (*husband, wife, minors*)

_____ Receive Newsletter

_____ By Mail

_____ By E-Mail

Applicant's Signature

Note: Applications must be accompanied by cash, check or money order in the correct type of membership checked above. The membership period for the Alabama Bonsai Society is the same as the calendar year.

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If delinquent more than 45 days, your name will be removed from the membership roll.

Meeting Dates: January through November – SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 p.m.
(exceptions made for holidays that fall on that day) December is the Christmas Party. (Location varies)

Meet and greet for members and visitors 6:00pm until 7:00pm before each meeting.

Meeting Place: Garden Center Auditorium at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham Alabama.