



Alabama Bonsai Society Newsletter June 2011 Edition



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President's Notes for June

THE BEST SHOW YET

Kudos to Jane and Sandra for the excellent spring show. Each year our shows have shown a steady improvement, but this year it was a giant improvement. With the leadership and creativity of Jane and the hard work and followup of Jane and Sandra we had good positive changes. This is a club show and all the many tasks that members chipped in on are necessary for a good show. Thank you everyone for your contributions.

SWAP AND SHOP

The annual Swap and Shop will be from 6:00 -7:00 followed by the brief program outlined by Brian. At the show we met many people who were excited about bonsai and who will be attending the meeting with the Swap and Shop to help them get started.

We need new and enthusiastic members, so let's give them a big welcome and a good start.

1. The first 20-30 minutes will only be for these new people. So let's welcome them and then help them by guiding them to material that will help them. The more help and guidance we give them the more likely they will get involved in a club with knowledgeable and friendly members.

2. Often we bring trees we have started that can eventually be turned into bonsai several years from now. That is great for those who know how to develop them. I think every new member needs something that is a little more developed and that "looks like a bonsai" even though it has a way to go. So if you have some trees a little closer to being bonsai please bring them

and then take a new comer under your wing and help them find something appropriate for them. If you have some even more mature bonsai please bring them. We will be bringing some of the club sales trees for purchase as well.

Let's all chip in and help some new folks feel welcome.

Jack

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June Meeting—June 13th

6:00-7:00	Swap & Shop!
7:10-7:15	President's announcements
7:15- 7:30	Evening Tree Show...bring your pines!
7:30-8:00	Program: Seasonably Appropriate Activities: Candle-pruning pines. What, Why, When of Candle Pruning

Upcoming Events**June 13th Meeting**

Saturday Workshop June 18th starting at 8am

Saturday Workshop—June 18th

We will be having our regularly scheduled Saturday workshop on June 18th. It will be at the BBG Potting Shed. We will be starting at 8am to try and "Beat The Heat".

Please bring any trees that you would like to work on. Mentors will be available to assist you in working with your trees.

Demonstrations will also be available on candle pruning for those interested.

June Care Calendar

Getting Warmer...

Spring came and went, leaving us pining for the fleeting azalea and dogwood blooms, and the exciting growth that spring delivers. Now what? By now, we know all of our collected and transplanted trees are through the woods, our feeding programs are in full-swing and the trees are growing like weeds. Here are some

June tips

1. Feed well, using plenty of Nitrogen and supplement with foliage drenches of fish or kelp fertilizer, add new cakes if necessary.
 2. Watering becomes a daily chore now, and we start to pay close attention to those trees that we decided to push one more year, rather than replot in the spring. Make good mental notes on the trees that are drying out faster than others. You'll want to plan for a shadier location soon, and think about a new pot for spring.
 3. Look for pests. Red spider mites are active on junipers now, so are aphids on just about everything. They like the tender, juicy new growth and aren't too tough to spot, since they multiply quickly; you'll rarely see just a few!
 4. Azalea lace bugs are particularly annoying, and more readily attack azaleas sited in full sun. They hide on the undersides of leaves, sucking the leaves dry, as evidenced by pale upper sides of the leaves. More shade is a deterrent, and some mild preventative insecticides now are a good idea.
- Pines candles are mostly open by now, candle-cutting starts at the end of the month. Feed pines heavily to prepare them for the coniferous equivalent of defoliating. An article chronicling the development of a black pine is here: http://www.nebaribonsai.com/Nebari_Bonsai_112109/Projects_files/Candle-Cutting%20013011.pdf We'll discuss and demonstrate this process at our June 13 meeting, be sure to join us, and be ready to swap and shop!



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