



Alabama Bonsai Society Newsletter May 2011 Edition



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President's Notes for May

Well this early spring is looking more like summer. Everything is growing like mad, especially the maples. I have already leaf pruned my tridents and the Japanese maples keep growing large leaves that are pinched almost daily.

The BBG plant sale went well and I believe at last count we sold 27 trees. Many thanks to Cindi and Jane for setting it up and to Sandra for calling members to fill in the empty spots. A lot of club and show flyers were distributed so hopefully that will help attendance at the spring show.

There will be a night show at the May meeting but no program other than how to Prepare trees and pots for the show. Tree reg-

istration forms for entering your trees in the show must be filled out and given to Marty by the meeting if you want your trees in the show.

SPRING SHOW: Friday, May 13 at 4:00 pm we will be setting up tables and other equipment for the show. Everyone who can make it should be there to help. Saturday morning you must have your trees checked in by no later than 9:30. Be sure to bring food for lunch both days.

Please wear your ABS shirts and name tags at the show.

Sunday at 4:00 is take down and this requires the help of all members. This goes quickly when

everyone helps out. So plan on being there Sunday afternoon to help. There was not enough interest in getting individual trees judged so there will not be a formal judging.

I am looking forward to another good show. Jane and Sandra have added some nice new touches this year, such as putting curtains over the ugly doors, displaying some kimonos and Japanese artwork as well as a separate Tokonoma.

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Upcoming Events**May 9th Meeting**

**Spring Show Setup/
Preparation**
May 13th @ 4:00pm

2011 Spring Exhibit
May 14—15th

May Meeting—May 9th**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, volunteers to present topics for balance of year.

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: Spring Show Preparation: Sandra Haynes.

2011 Spring Exhibit Preparation

Just reiterating the President's notes, we need as many participants as we can to assist on Friday, May 13th starting at 4:00pm to help setup.

Everyone needing to register their trees need to arrive by 9:30am Saturday morning.

May Care Calendar

Spring has sprung...

Spring came and went, leaving us pining for the fleeting azalea and dogwood blooms. Here are some May tips:

1. Japanese Maples, Trident Maples, and Zelkovas are ready for defoliation later this month...if necessary. Do not defoliate weak trees, or those that have been repotted this year. When defoliating Japanese Maples, cut the leaf off, leaving the petiole.
2. Push the feeding program. We in the US tend to feed less than we need to for the trees' health. Chemical fertilizers can burn; use regularly at half-strength, or use organic feeds.
3. Start to watch for sun exposure; benches may be shaded out by overhead landscape trees and it might be time to reorganize the siting of the trees.
4. Repotted trees should have enough new root growth to stabilize water needs. Hopefully our watering routines stabilize as a result!
5. Last, but not least...spend some time and evaluate which trees should be shared with the world this month at our annual spring show! We had a great turnout last year, and it would be great to improve on it this year. Feed well, pinch early and try to time work so that by the 13th of May, new growth looks established. Enjoy! See you at the Show!



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| <i>15</i> <i>Spring</i> <i>Show</i> <i>Starts at</i> <i>1pm</i> | <i>16</i> | <i>17</i> | <i>18</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>20</i> | <i>21</i> |
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