



# Alabama Bonsai Society



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June 2010

## Presidents Notes for May

Our show was beautiful and the trees looked amazing. I overheard several visitors that toured the show make statements like, "these trees are fabulous". Hearing these words makes me proud to be a member of our society. I wish to thank all the members that participated, but a special thanks to those that braved that foul weather at the end of the show. Some of those special people are John, Phil, Ross and Leo, these guys really stepped up and got soaked doing it. I wish to thank all those that helped in the setup and take down. It is teamwork like this that makes this society function. Outstanding thanks to Brian and Margie as our co-chairs. I believe in the philosophy that there is no I in team and we as a collective group, make a wonderful team.

The special pot commissioned from Byron Myrick for our John Naka tree is a work of art. The tree was planted in the pot at the show and is now on exhibit in the Bonsai Pavilion at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. The two work in harmony and provide an elegant presentation of a tree hanging over a mountain cliff. The tree is a Natal plum and is very old by our standards, but the exact age is unknown. If you have not seen the tree, please make a trip to the Botanical Gardens and see our treasure in its summer home.

I have some news with which I have been trying to avoid. I

have taken a job in Memphis Tenn. but I will complete the year as your President, but in a long distance manner. Charlotte and I plan to continue to be members. I should be able to make all the Saturday workshops and a few meetings until the end of the year. I wish to thank each of you with special thanks for all of your support over the past year and a half and I hope you will keep us in your prayers as you will be in ours.

Please visit the Alabama Bonsai Society's web site as it continues to be a work in progress. If you have suggestions or information that may improve the web site, please send Marty an e-mail via the web site's "Contact Us" form. There will be video excerpts and photos from the Bonsai show on the web site, for all to view.

Please continue to bring trees for the tonight show and trees that are related to the topic for the evening meeting. Thank you again for all of your support, Great job folks.

*Oscar*

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**Upcoming Events**

**Monthly Meeting**  
*June 14th*

**Monthly Workshop**  
*June 19th*

**June Program Agenda**

**6:00-7:00** Bring trees you would like advice and or work on.

**7:00-7:10** President's announcements

**7:10-7:20** Night show. If you did workshop trees at Brussels bring them for the night show. If you bring a Brussels workshop tree please keep your discussion brief and to the point.

**7:20** Seasonally appropriate tree care using close up live video and Power Point projection:

**15 minute intervals:**

1. Bill Gabert Azaleas
2. Jack Pierce Shimpaku
3. Jim McLane Maples

*Jack*

**Don't forget our workshop on Saturday, June 19th**

The Saturday workshop for June, will be to work on your trees, especially any that are discussed at the meeting program: azaleas, maples and shimpaku.

Our theme this summer is seasonally appropriate care of bonsai.....so even if you don't have a tree that needs styling, bring some trees that require any form of bonsai care.....many of you should bring 4-5 trees to get some supervised care with our mentors.

Many trees require care for which you may not be aware.....when, how and why to work on your trees is the heart of bonsai.

*Jack*

## A few photos from the Spring 2010 exhibit

Our spring show was amazing. There were so many beautiful trees for display. Our members truly are gifted in their abilities to style and display these works of art.

Below are a few of the photos taken by Jane McKenzie and other members during the show. Some of them are quite stunning.

Many thanks to our club members that helped run the vending booths as well as thanks to Byron Myrick and others who provided a great selection of Bonsai Pots, Trees and Accessories for purchase.



***Bring a friend  
to the next  
Club meeting  
and let them  
see what it's all  
about!***

Calendar of Events

# June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Monthly ABS Club Meeting	15	16	17	18	19 Monthly Workshop at the BGG Potting Shed
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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