



Alabama Bonsai Society



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November 2010

Presidents Notes for November

What season is it? I look at the calendars and it is fall and the thermometer says it is summer. Keeping up with the trees watering needs is a challenge at best. Remember if your trees are breaking new bud, that does not have time to harden off before first frost, needs to be protected. Be sure to keep each of your trees specific needs in mind as you prepare for winter.

Some of our members that have been ill are on the mend, some are still seeking the goal of healing. Let us keep them in our prayers.

I want to thank everyone that help winterize the pavilion trees. The old adage many hands make light work was proven by the pace with which the task was accomplished.

Reminder this is election month and each membership has a vote. The ballots are usually mailed, but they are available to be printed on our website or you can complete one at the next meeting. Please mail or hand-deliver your ballot to be received before or at the November 8th meeting. Give them to Charlotte who is the recording secretary.

I have received some distressing news about the gardens. I know some may not know Linda Emerson the head gardener at the gardens. Linda is retiring and she has helped us in so many ways. The sad thing is she was given early retirement, along with another staffer. We are also going to lose Robert, our gardener in the Japanese Gardens. The Birmingham City director James

Horton will be spread thin with the new duties. The reason for my concern is our pavilion trees will require care. This may be the time that we assume more due diligence for care of our trees. The opinion I have is the city of Birmingham does not see the gardens as a jewel, that I think we all know is a precious jewel. If you are a citizen of the city let your voice be heard. Also if you are a citizen of a surrounding city let your city leaders know how you feel. The gardens need these cities support also. I have known for years that the financial support from the city has been limited, but now we are losing staff that the gardens need so badly. Please let your city officials know how you feel about our gardens.

In closing , see you at

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 – 2012

Sandra Haynes
2009 – 2011

Bill Gabert
2008 - 2010

Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting
November 8th

Monthly Workshop
November 13th

November Agenda

7:00-7:10 Presidents announcements

7:10-7:20 Brian seasonally appropriate bonsai procedure

7:20-7:30 evening tree show

7:30. Jack

Demonstration of pinching and pruning Shimpaku

Botany of Bonsai

The root system

Getting bonsai to flower

Thanks

Jack

Don't forget our workshop on Saturday, November 13th

The Saturday workshop for November will be on seasonal care of trees.

Update on the Lava Rock Order

Here is the list of everyone that committed to purchasing Crushed Lava Rock, Please confirm that you will be at the meeting to pay for (Checks payable to ABS) and pick up your order.

IMPORTANT: if you're not coming to the meeting, let me know prior to Monday, 11/8 and I won't bring it. Then you can give me a call and schedule a time to pick it up at my house in Hoover; 205.492.9321.

Bill Gabert	20:	\$46.00
Jack Pierce	20:	\$46.00
Marty Bostick	40:	\$92.00
James Baker	40:	\$92.00
Rick Gilbeau	20:	\$46.00
Karin Rock	10:	\$23.00
Oscar Etheridge	20:	\$46.00
Gerry Fuller	30:	\$69.00
Donna Comer	15:	\$34.50
Dale O'Conner	10:	\$23.00
Brian Van Fleet	50:	\$115.00

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

Any questions, give me a call or drop a note.

Thanks,
Brian

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Club Meeting</i>	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Workshop</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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