



I'm beginning the new year with a new format for the newsletter. For 2006, the newsletters will be more condensed, with the primary focus to alert members of upcoming events and schedules. I'm trying to avoid e-mail attachments, since several members have had problems opening various word-processing texts. More complete information will be posted on our new web-site: [www.trianglebonsai.com](http://www.trianglebonsai.com), including recurring data, such as the bonsai calendar and club officers. Keith has also posted lots of photos, so check them out (and if you are taking some yourself, and would like to share, please send them to Keith).

### **January Meeting**

TBS kicks off 2006 a little later in the month than usual with the first meeting at 1:30 on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Don't worry, the February meeting isn't until the 19<sup>th</sup> so you have time to recover.

We are pleased to welcome back Steve and Cherie Cratty from Plant City Bonsai just north of Atlanta. While you would benefit most from visiting them at their place, Steve always brings a nice selection of bonsai and pre-bonsai for TBS members to purchase. Don't miss this meeting and the opportunity to add something nice to your collection.

We all talk about it. Some of us don't do enough of it. That is fertilize. TBS is going to take away one excuse for not fertilizing adequately by staging a make-your-own organic fertilizer session at the January meeting. That's right, YOU will have the chance to help make fertilizer for your bonsai and then purchase a spring supply. You probably don't want to wear your Sunday finest but it shouldn't be too messy either.

This will be a full afternoon so be on time and prepared to take home a tree or two plus fertilizer.

### **Points of Interest**

- **It's a new year, and time to re-new your TBS membership. You can find applications on the web page, and get your money to Helen, either by mail, or at the upcoming meeting. Single \$35, Family \$50, Senior \$25, and Senior couple \$40.**
- **Congratulations to all on the most successful TBS auction ever this past month!**
- **Be sure to check out the "Links" on the web page. If any of you have other favorites that should be included, just let Keith know.**

#### Upcoming TBS Events

Feb 19	Colin Lewis demo	1:30-5:00
Mar 5	Arthur Joura BYOT workshop	9:30-12:00
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Apr 1	Ted Matson workshop	9:00-12:00
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Apr 2	Ted Matson demo	1:30-5:00
Jun 3	Jim Vanlandingham workshop	9:00-12:00
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Jun 4	Jim Vanlandingham demo	1:30-5:00

#### Other 2006 Bonsai Events

<b>TBA</b>	<b>2006 Workshops and Classes, Bonsai Learning Center, Randy Clark (Charlotte NC)</b>
<b>Mar 3-4</b>	<b>Pine maintenance workshop, Growing Grounds, Marc Torppa (Cherryville, NC)</b>
<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Matsu Momiji Bonsai Madness, Steve Pilacik (Fuquay Varina, NC)</b>
<b>TBA Mar</b>	<b>Classes at the Growing Grounds with Marc and Don Torppa (Cherryville, NC)</b>
<b>Apr 21-23</b>	<b>MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies (East Hanover, NJ)</b>
<b>May 26-29</b>	<b>Bonsai Societies of Florida--BSF 2006 (Gainesville, FL)</b>
<b>May 26-28</b>	<b>Brussel's Bonsai Rendezvous (Olive Branch, MS)</b>
<b>Jun 15-18</b>	<b>ABS--featuring Harold Johnson and Ed Lauer (Saratoga Springs, NY)</b>
<b>Jun 22-25</b>	<b>MidAmerica Bonsai Alliance—MABA (Milwaukee, WI)</b>
<b>Nov 2-5</b>	<b>GSBF convention XXIX (Sacramento, CA)</b>

**Hope to see you all Jan 29. Any comments regarding the newsletter are welcome; let me know if there are any other 2006 events that I should list.**

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