



June 3 and 4 are Tropical Days at TBS

Don't miss the opportunity to work with a talented Florida bonsai artist, Jim Vanlandingham. For a nominal workshop fee, the afternoon workshop includes a ficus, container, soil, wire, and instruction from one of the best with tropical plant material. The trees are amazing—especially for this price; see the web page for photos. If you haven't already signed up, download the registration forms, or call Helen. Sign up now!

Do you have a bald cypress that you would like to turn into real gem? Bring your own tree to the Saturday morning bald cypress workshop to learn about how the bald cypress responds to the right care. Bald cypress do extremely well in our area and winter out of doors with only the usual protection we give pines, junipers, and maples. Don't have a bald cypress, but still interested? Nick Ruotolo has one for sale (see attached photos)

Sunday, Jim will work on a well-developed ficus salicifolia that will become available for auction or raffle at our December holiday party. Learn about ficus from one of the best.

See you all there! Remember, there's no meeting in July, so make sure you get your bonsai fix in June, and don't have withdrawal before August.

Points of Interest

- TBS will be demonstrating its bonsai skills in the community at several different locations this spring/summer. Thanks to those who have already helped at Homewood Nursery and at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens. We have one more event left:**

- **July 8 at the NC Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill—an afternoon workshop led by Harold Johnson; he is looking for volunteers, so contact him if you're available.**
- **Jim Vanlandingham can be available for private and/or group sessions on June 6 or 7. Jim has been working intimately with Jim Smith for the past four years (visit www.jimsmithbonsai.com to see the material he has been recently styling). If interested, contact Jim directly at jimvanlandingham@vero-online.net.**
- **The Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection will be presenting an ongoing series of exhibits titled "Best in the U.S." to attract and educate the public on bonsai as an art form. David DeGroot is calling for all bonsai artists to submit photos of their specimen trees through their clubs. Individuals will receive a certificate of appreciation, and the clubs will be featured in their directory and on the web site. Exhibits are planned for June and October, 2006, with respective submission deadlines of April 15 and August 15. Too late for the first, but let's get some TBS submissions for the second! Contact Ed or Harold.**

New Member Update—Welcome!

Mike Krogh

Schedule Update Upcoming TBS Events

Jun 3	Jim Vanlandingham workshop	9:00-12:00
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Jun 4	Jim Vanlandingham demo	1:30-5:00
July	No meeting	
Aug 6	Select trees for expo	
Sep 10	Bring-your-own-tree meeting	
Sep 30	Warren Hill workshop	
Oct 1	Warren Hill demo	
Nov 5	BYOT and winter care discussion; New Talent and President's Award	
Dec 3	Holiday Party and Auction	

Other Bonsai Events

Ongoing **Workshops and Classes, Bonsai Learning Center, Randy Clark (Charlotte NC). There are too many events to individually publish. For details, please visit www.bonsailearningcenter.com**

May 26-29 **Bonsai Societies of Florida--BSF 2006 (Gainesville, FL)**

May 26-28 **Brussel's Bonsai Rendezvous (Olive Branch, MS)**

Jun 15-18 **American Bonsai Society (Saratoga Springs, NY)**

Jun 16-18 **Bonsai Learning Center Open House, including Brussel Martin workshop Jun 16 (Charlotte, NC)**

Jun 22-25 **MidAmerica Bonsai Alliance—MABA (Milwaukee, WI)**

Nov 2-5 **GSBF convention XXIX (Sacramento, CA)**

Jim Easterbrook