



**May 2006 Newsletter**  
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## **May 7 Picnic and Auction!**

**Ingredients for a successful TBS Picnic, member sale and club auction:**

- 1. An attractive site at LAKE CRABTREE PARK. Do NOT show up at the Wake Co Office Park, where our regular meetings are held!**
- 2. A beautiful Sunday in May (May 7<sup>th</sup> to be exact)**
- 3. Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, drinks and paper products provided by TBS**
- 4. Delicious side dishes furnished by TBS members**
- 5. A big turnout of TBS members and their spouses, well behaved children, significant others or prospective members**
- 6. Lots of bonsai items for sale by TBS members**
- 7. TBS members ready to stock up on bonsai goodies**

**Directions:**

**At 1:00, Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, assemble all of the above at Lake Crabtree Park just off Interstate 40 between Cary and Durham (Exit #285) at the Beech Shelter. Mix the people, food and bonsai together, then enjoy!!!! Here's a mapquest link for those of you who haven't been to Lake Crabtree yet:**

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?latlongtype=internal&addtohistory=&latitude=JfG9LKfHasc%3d&longitude=%2bckIYFg4oWw%3d&name=Lake%20Crabtree%20County%20Park&country=US&address=1400%20Aviation%20Pkwy&city=Morrisville&state=NC&zipcode=27560&phone=919%2d460%2d3390&spurl=0&&q=Lake%20Crabtree&qc=Parks>

**If you are selling items be sure to arrive by 12:30 in order to have them set out and priced for sale. Watch for signs on the**

tables indicating which tables are reserved for food and which are for sale items.

### **March 19 ?Bring Your Own Tree? Program**

(Ed Lauer)

The meeting was opened with some notes from the president regarding updates on future meetings and new programs in the fall. We also discussed the ?first 2006 public event?- a Bonsai display and demonstration at the Homewood Nursery in North Raleigh, Saturday, March 25. Steve Zeisel subsequently did the demo, with Milos Novak, Hope Sylvain, and Ed Lauer lending a hand. Flyers were handed out to post at local grocery stores, place of work and other common areas. Generic flyers explaining Bonsai and their care were printed for handouts at the nursery.

R.B. Goforth offered to be available to do programs for the club. This coming weekend he is planning to collect some azaleas in Fayetteville and encouraged anybody to join him. The official part of meeting ended with the reason for this meeting: bring (show and work on) your own tree! Helen Davis, Don Kimball, and Ed Lauer offered advice and help; 19 members were present and about 40 trees to be critiqued and/or worked on. Helen also offered to be a mentor on a long term basis, and can be available as much as 2-3 times per week at her house, for members who would like an ongoing program. It was a rewarding and fun afternoon.

### **April Meeting with Ted Matson**

(Charlotte Carroll)

Ted Matson provided a very informative program on shohin bonsai, which is generally defined as bonsai under 20cm high. He demonstrated a number of refinement techniques on a small procumbens nana juniper that had already been roughly styled. In addition to choosing the final design of the tree, Ted worked on generating and refining the jin, using a technique called si dao (?silk thread?), pulling wood fibers in bundles to create a more natural appearance. After some wiring, the result was a beautiful shohin juniper, which will be available at an upcoming club auction.

### **HELP NEEDED MAY 5 AND 6!**

Harold and Tina Johnson are undertaking a major project at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens for the 2006 Spring Plant and Craft

**Festival. TBS will be displaying bonsai, demonstrating techniques, and answering questions from visitors that Friday (setup 1-3:30, and demo 4-6) and Saturday (setup 7:30-8:30, demo over 2 sessions from 9-2). If you can help for any part, PLEASE call Harold and get your name on the schedule.**

### **Points of Interest**

- **TBS will be demonstrating its bonsai skills in the community at several different locations this spring/summer:**
  - **May 5 and 6 at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens, conducting demonstrations from 4-6 on Friday (setup 1-3:30) and again on Saturday from 9-2 (setup 7:30-8:30). Harold will need lots of help on this, so please check your calendars and see if you can participate!**
  - **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 will be visiting the Triangle in early June, and 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](http://www.jimsmithbonsai.com) to see the material he has been recently styling). If interested, contact Jim directly at [jimvanlandingham@vero-online.net](mailto: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**

**Doug Smith**

**Change of e-mail address for Lou Verchot**

**..and also a change: unfortunately for us, Hope Sylvain has moved to Wilmington, although we still hope to see her frequently at TBS meetings.**

## **Schedule Update**

**The TBS schedule for the second half of 2006 has now been set see below. Especially note that Harold and Tina have arranged for an additional guest artist: Warren Hill. He is the former curator of the bonsai collection at the National Arboretum, now living in Tennessee. His Saturday workshop will be using large junipers; the lecture/demo will be on a topic or material of our choice. Be sure to set these dates aside, and plan on coming!**

## Upcoming TBS Events

May 7	Club picnic and auction	1:30-5:00
Jun 3	Jim Vanlandingham workshop	9:00-
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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

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- 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)

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