



TRIANGLE BONSAI SOCIETY

October 2006 Newsletter

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October 1st Meeting

TBS has purchased a significant San Jose juniper (said to be one of the best demo trees we've ever had) for Warren Hill's lecture and demonstration on October 1st beginning at 1:30pm. The resulting bonsai will be a collector's piece and will be auctioned at the December Holiday Party or the Spring Picnic. Check out the website for photos of the tree. You don't want to miss this opportunity to learn from the former curator of the U.S. Bonsai and Penjing Museum at the National Arboretum, Washington, D.C.

Asheville Expo

Everyone should have received the update e-mail two weeks ago regarding the Asheville information. I trust the bonsai workshops have already been filled, but you can keep up-to-date on the 11th annual Expo schedule by going to the Arboretum web site at <http://www.ncarboretum.org>. The event features Bill Valavanis as the guest artist, and will be held Saturday Oct 14, 9am-5pm and Sunday Oct 15, 12noon-4pm.

September 10th Meeting

Ed Lauer summarized the recent board meeting, where it was decided that 10% of the Society's income from the holiday and summer auctions will be placed into an "emergency" savings account for the club. The board would also like to focus on improving quality over quantity, meaning that the club would focus on improving the skills and collections of the current membership. A goal was set to reach a 50% improvement in quality by next year, as measured by the number of high quality trees presented for consideration for the expo in Asheville.

Thereafter, the trees for display at the Bonsai Expo in Asheville were arranged on tables to illustrate possible combinations. Although several people had input, the primary thanks goes to Harold Johnson for the organization and explanation. The Triangle Bonsai Society is well represented this year, and we hope to see many of you in Asheville!

And thanks to those of you who brought in trees for display at the NC State Fair Oct 13-22. Ed has been orchestrating the event, so if you have any time to volunteer help, please let him know.

Finally, club members worked together on styling a number of trees during the BYOT (bring-your-own-tree) workshop portion of the meeting. It sounded as if there were a lot of good ideas shared, and hopefully everyone left with more answers than with even more questions...

Points of Interest

- If anyone is interested in being a part of the club's suiban order, as had been discussed at the last meeting, you need to contact Steve Zeisel ASAP! You won't find prices better than Steve is arranging directly with the supplier in China, and you have choices of oval or rectangular marble, ranging from 10-200cm in length. He is trying to finalize the order by close of business Tuesday the 19th, so email or call him NOW (919-932-9080 or 919-218-3822).
- Ed Lauer sends a reminder that there is a 10% discount on any purchase at the Painted Lady in Wilmington by mentioning his name.
- Our own Keith Smith is retiring from the bonsai business, in order to have more time with his family and his real job. For any of you, or anyone you know, that might be interested in the production and distribution of bonsai soil for many of the major bonsai outlets up and down the east coast (and including Puerto Rico, I understand), contact Keith at youkoubonsai@youkoubonsai.com. The business includes an automated mechanical sifter, mechanical mixer, chipper, raw materials, and customer list.

Member Update!

New Members: none
Email changes: none

Upcoming TBS Events

Nov 5 BYOT and winter care; New Talent Award 1:30pm
Dec 3 Holiday Party and Auction

Jim Easterbrook