



**January 2007 Newsletter**  
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### **From the President**

First of all I wish you all belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully Santa Claus has brought you all the nice bonsai things that were on your wish list. Second, I would like to thank everybody for their great support during my first year as president. I would like to share with you what we have accomplished in 2006:

- We generated the TBS Mission Statement.
- Started a financial emergency account for special occasions.
- Started the president award for the best tree in the club.
- Started the new talent award for members with less than 5 years experience.
- Made numerous public demonstrations and classes.
- Displayed our trees at the N.C. state fair.
- Received the people choice award at the Asheville show (Thank you Tom!)

**So what's up for 2007?**

Due to the success of the above programs we will certainly continue them. In addition, we will have our regular monthly meetings with something for everyone. I think that we have a wonderful year planned that addresses every level of experience in the club, and with 5 guest artists visiting us during the year. We will start our Asheville tree selection in March so that we have plenty of time for refinement and to get ready for the show in October; hopefully we will do even better than in 2006.

And if you were impressed by the tree Warren Hill worked on last year, we have 3 more trees of this quality for 2007 demos.

So I know that 2007 will be another exciting Bonsai year for all of us and hope that you will enjoy it as much as I think you will.

Ed

### **January 7 Meeting**

Join us at 1:30 for a bring-your-own tree program, as well as learn how to make your own bonsai fertilizer. In Ed's absence, Jim Stivers will be our MC, Steve Zeisel will lead us through the foolproof (if not squirrel-proof) recipe for organic fertilizer cakes, and Keith Smith will organize the tree critique, questions, and (most importantly) answers.

## February Preview

Mark your calendars for two meetings in February! Steve Cratty from Plant City Bonsai will join us again Feb 4. As always, Steve will bring pre-bonsai and specimen bonsai for sale. If there's something special you're thinking about, contact Steve directly through his web site at [www.plantcitybonsai.com](http://www.plantcitybonsai.com), and see if he can't bring something of interest specifically for you. Then on Feb 25 we'll have a demo and subsequent workshop by Bill Valavanis using cryptomeria (same stock as was used in Asheville this year). Hopefully I'll have some photos of original material and a "finished" product to send out with the next newsletter.

### Points of Interest

- It's time to renew your TBS membership.
- The 2007 ABS meeting will be held in Virginia Beach June 21-24, 2007. Start making plans now for what will be a premiere event. Visit the ABS website, or click on <http://freeplone2.openia.com/abs/abs-seminars>
- For those of you who have put the 2007 TBS meetings on your calendars already, please note the September meeting has been changed from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Member Update!

#### New Members:

Dams, Bill

Dunn, Steve and Amber

#### Email changes:

Keith Smith has changed

### 2007 Upcoming TBS Events

Feb 4	Novice Focus with Steve Cratty
Feb 25	Lecture/Demo followed by a workshop with Bill Valavanis
Mar 11	BYOT and initial selection of Expo trees
Mar 31	Workshops (2) with Ted Matson
Apr 1	Lecture/Demo with Ted Matson
May 6	Picnic; member sale and TBS auction
May 19	TBS Display at NC Botanical Gardens
Jun 2	Workshops with Jim VanLandingham
Jun 3	Lecture/Demo with Jim VanLandingham
Jul 8	Novice Focus
Aug 5	Final selection of Expo trees
Sep 9	Expo display setup
Oct 7	BYOT and new talent
Oct 13-14	2007 Asheville bonsai expo
Nov 4	Workshop followed by lecture/demo with Arthur Joura
Dec 2	Holiday Party and auction

**Jim Easterbrook**