



June 2007 Newsletter

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From the President

A great thank you to all the people who volunteered at our annual picnic, and to everybody who donated and bought items. As usual, it was a great success, and the weather cooperated nicely. The picnic and the Christmas party are the main events that fund our Club, so it was nice to see so many people.

As I get more bonsai experience it seems that my trees are becoming bigger and heavier, and since I rotate my trees every week this is becoming more and more a challenge. When I was in Japan last November, I saw the Japanese having all their big trees on plastic turntables, so I checked this out but found them way too expensive. But recently I was at Wal-Mart shopping for some fishing lures and then saw exactly what I needed. For \$4.95 you can buy a turning device that is made for seats on bass boats--the only thing you have to do is attach one side to your bench and attach a wooden board on the other side and the problem is solved. Now I can turn a 100 pound tree with my little finger in 3 seconds.

As far as our Display for the Asheville show is concerned, we have finished the general frame as well as all the stands. The local artist has started to paint the back wall. I would like to thank also all the club members that have helped to put this all together. So at this point we are a little ahead of schedule. What I do hope also is that you all have started to get your trees in tip top shape for consideration in the show. So do not forget to fine wire, prune, etc. your trees, and to plant moss on your bonsai soil. Also please do not be afraid to ask for help either at your place or at our regular meetings.

Ed Lauer

June Program and Workshops

TBS welcomes Jim Vanlandingham as the June guest bonsai artist. Jim brings years of experience and an enjoyable delivery style. On Saturday, June 2nd, Jim will conduct two workshops. The morning workshop will focus on tropical plant material and bald cypress with a bring-your-own-tree format. He is good with any plant material but this workshop will be the perfect time to work on your tropical trees and bald cypress.

The afternoon workshop will give our members an opportunity to start a Kingsville boxwood bonsai. The plant material is fun to work with, doesn't grow too fast and can make attractive bonsai. This workshop takes the participant from design to potting with all materials furnished. Please register for this workshop ASAP so the correct number of

trees will be on hand. A registration form will be sent as an attachment to the e-mail newsletter, and will also be available for download from our web site.

The Sunday program will feature Jim discussing and designing a Florida collected bald cypress. These are unique trees as they are naturally stunted trees with interesting shapes. See you at the Commons Building in the Wake County Office Park for a 1:30 start time.

Harold Johnson

Points of Interest

- 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>
- Check out Randy Clark's web site for numerous classes being held throughout 2007 at the Bonsai Learning Center in Charlotte. There's plenty going on for beginners and advanced bonsai students. And be sure to notice the summertime workshop, picnic, and open house featuring Jim Doyle June 15-17!: <http://www.bonsailearningcenter.com>

Member Update

No changes

2007 Upcoming TBS Events

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