



Green Country Bonsai

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July Meeting Notes

Pres. Justin Lovelace called the meeting to order. There were 4 guests... John Wood, Dave Bellavia, Aaron Johnson & William Sparks

Old Business:

The club is still wanting to buy some pots for sale at the shows. Hardscape Materials is adding to their bonsai-related inventory, so this may be a source.

Andre Chenault reported that Ivan Watter would charge \$100/hour plus expenses for doing our Master Workshop next Spring. Mike Flanagan has also contacted Jim Doyle regarding the workshop.

New Business:

There was some discussion regarding a bonsai study group at Neil Dellinger's house... bring a tree and get group suggestions on styling possibilities. Nothing was finalized, but this could be a good event.

Also brought up was the possibility of a field trip to Edmond, OK to the House of Bonsai on September 12th. More on this later.

One of the items on the agenda for the next Executive Board meeting is whether the Club should participate in the Asian Festival next June. Also under discussion will be a mini-show at either Southwood Nursery or the Oklahoma Aquarium.

Donna Hardin reported a \$1433.95 balance in our account. Fourth quarter Garden Center dues are outstanding.

Show and Tell:

Mike Flanagan brought some Crepe Myrtle varieties and a Shrubby St. John's Wort. Neil Dellinger brought a Bougainvillea and some shohin maples,

Justin Lovelace donated some Trident Maple seedlings for free distribution.

Raffle:

Pots compliments of Herb Martinez, pots from Steve Sanders & Neil Dellinger, a Chrysanthemum from Mike Flanagan and a variety of trees from Norman Summers.

Thanks to all... our raffles are doing very well.

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For What It's Worth Dept.

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to cut off this year's buds on your Black Pines.

In another month or so, you can select which 2 of the new buds you wish to retain for future development, and remove the others.

Officers:

Justin Lovelace, President
Mike Flanagan, Vice Pres.
Donna Hardin, Treasurer
Lisa Martin, Secretary

Board Members:

Ken Cole, 3 year
Tom Howard, 2 year
David Parham, 1 year
Marcus Bush, Ex Officio
Mike Blake, Webmaster
Frank Kohn, Newsletter Ed.

August Meeting:

Monday August 3, 2009,
7:00 pm,
Tulsa Garden Center,
2435 S. Peoria

August Program:

Slide show of Hawaiian bonsai
by Roy & Fran Danner

REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENT

Saturday, July 18th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
is our all-day members' workshop
at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden

Bring your trees & tools, and some type of table covering to protect the new tables.

It is a great opportunity to work on your trees, and get some help on your designs.

Program:

Root-Over-rock demo by Marcus Bush



Marcus shows the resulting root growth on the root-over-rock that he demonstrated at last year's meeting. Now it will be repotted and gradually have the roots exposed so they harden and expand around the rock.



Marcus (and friend) demonstrate the technique for carefully placing the Trident Maple seedlings around the rock.

Then using a stretchable tape, he secures the seedlings to the rock.



Finally, the 3 seedlings are braided together above the rock and taped together until they eventually fuse into one trunk.

Editors note:

Pictured is a product I just purchased at Lowe's for \$2.60. The tape is 3/4" wide x 22 ft. long. It should be a good substitute for the Magical Mystical Bonsai Tape that Marcus used in his demo. As with the original tape, you unroll the length desired, peel off the backing, and stretch the tape until it's about double in length. With the backing removed, the tape will stick to itself, so be careful as you do the "wrap-job". Good Luck !

