



# Green Country Bonsai

## February 2010 Newsletter

### January Meeting Notes

Pres. Justin Lovelace called the meeting to order and recognized our guests. Returning guest Jonathan Lemos joined the club; new guests David & Kathy Lowry also joined our bonsai fraternity. Welcome to G.C.Bonsai.

### New Business:

The Jim Doyle Master Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be two sessions on Saturday, and one on Sunday. Cost is \$50 per session. Sign-up sheet will be available at the Feb. meeting.

New members are encouraged to attend this event -- it is a great opportunity to add a nicely styled tree to your collection. Attendees will need to bring their own plant material to the workshop, and there will be a couple opportunities to acquire these trees -- **see below** \*.

The sign-up sheet for refreshments for 2010 was passed around, and all months are accounted for. The list has been added to our web site... if you forget your date... [www.greencountrybonsai.org](http://www.greencountrybonsai.org)

The Tulsa Garden Center will hold it's annual Information Fair on February 20<sup>th</sup>. G.C.Bonsai will have a booth, and provide visitors with information on our club. Volunteers are requested to help man the booth.

V.P. & Program Chairman, Neil Dellinger discussed some of the programs planned for the next few months.

\* A couple collecting trips are planned for the next month or so. One will be to Mike Blake's property near Keystone Lake, where we will have a chance to add some Eastern Red Cedars to our collection. Another will be to an area near Chouteau, where some members have collected some nice Winged Elms. Both will be great opportunities for new and old members.

\* Neil found a source for some nice Shimpaku Junipers in 3 gal. pots for \$35. These also would be good candidates for workshop material.

Also on the program agenda for March is our annual soil mix, and in April, a presentation on air layering and thread grafting.

It was suggested that the club purchase all (or as many as possible) of the \$35 Shimpakus for use by the club members. A motion to that effect was made and passed.

### Show and Tell:

Neil and Pat Coen brought some pots

### Raffle:

Pat brought some viewing stones, and Neil brought some elms.

### Officers:

Justin Lovelace, President  
Neil Dellinger, Vice Pres.  
Donna Hardin, Treasurer  
Sara Kilpatrick, Secretary

### Board Members:

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

### February Meeting:

Monday Feb. 1, 2010,  
7:00 pm,  
Tulsa Garden Center,  
2435 S. Peoria

### February Program:

- 1) A discussion on how to start trees from seed.
- 2) A repotting demonstration.
- 3) A quick preview of an upcoming air layering program.

**Program:**



Mike Flanagan gave an interesting and informative presentation on the techniques and tools required to harvest a potential bonsai in the wild. In addition to a variety of necessary tools, Mike brought some trees from past 'digs' that he has styled and trained into worthy examples of the art.

A slide show captured some details of one of his collection trips, as well as examples of a variety of trees in nature that can help with styling decisions for your collected trees.

This information will be very helpful for our upcoming collection trips.

Thanks Mike.

SPRING CHECKLIST  
[ Neil Dellinger ]

- Which trees need to be repotted?
- Is soil on hand?
- Has soil been mixed & sifted?
- Need new pots? Order now.
- Scrub & clean old pots that you will use this year.
- Drain screens on hand?
- Wire on hand?
- Tools clean & sharpened?
- Pest inspection & dormant oil spray?  
(40:1 Lime Sulfur & H<sub>2</sub>O works well)
- Purchase any chemicals now.  
(Pesticides, fungicides, fertilizers)
- Make your organic fertilizer cakes now.
- Organize your repotting workstation
- Get your camera ready... documenting progress is important.
- If trees are in a cold frame/shed/garage do you have a plan for getting trees back outside and then dealing with a Spring freeze?
- Always be one season ahead in your planning.*



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Dues were payable at the January meeting. If you missed the meeting, our new Secretary, Sara Kilpatrick will be glad to sign you up in February.

Individual membership is only \$20  
Family membership is just \$30

