



Green Country Bonsai

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May Meeting Notes

Pres. Justin Lovelace called the meeting to order. There were no guests.

Old Business:

Mike Flanagan reported that 7 members brought 33 trees to the Spring Show. No attempt was made to determine the "People's Choice", considering the venue. Mike thanked Tom Howard (Demo.) and Justin Lovelace (Sales) for their help at the show, and Mike Blake for manning our table at the Spring Fest.

Mike Flanagan will be doing Bonsai demonstrations at the upcoming "Garden Party" at Utica Square on Sat., May 16th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Andre Chenault reported on the candidates for our Spring 2010 Master Workshop. Esther Bates, Neil Dellinger and Mike Flanagan all have contacts. All will report at the next meeting.

Esther Bates volunteered for the open "Refreshments" slot in September. Thanks!

This newsletter will be too late to remind everyone of our Members' workshop at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden on Sat., May 9th. A separate reminder was e-mailed after the meeting. Let's hope it was well attended.

New Business:

Frank Kohn advised of the passing of ex-member Jack Cramer. Jack and his wife Doris were active bonsai club members for many years.

Donna Hardin reported sales of \$150 at the Spring Show. Checkbook balance is \$1510.29 after payment of 2nd & 3rd Qtr. Garden Center rent.

Frank Kohn reported that only 2 people attended his recent "Brown Bag" presentation.

Show and Tell:

Mike Flanagan brought a couple Azaleas in full bloom and a literati Buckeye. Esther Bates brought a collection of stones she recently acquired.

Raffle:

Ken Cole donated a variety of recently dug trees. Viewing Stones compliments of Chuck Cockman. Some pots compliments of Herb Martinez.

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.

June Meeting:

Monday June 1, 2009,
7:00 pm,
Tulsa Garden Center,
2435 S. Peoria

June Program:

Member styling their own trees
Bring your trees & tools

Program:

NEIL DELLINGER STYLING DEMO ON A FIELD RAISED TRIDENT MAPLE



Large trunk base & vigorous growth

<= Neil acquired this field grown Trident and has fertilized it heavily and let it grow a large number of branches.

The process now involves selecting and pruning back those branches that exhibit long internodes => between sets of leaves. In many cases this means cutting off larger diameter branches in favor of smaller diameter ones with better potential.



Let the pruning begin



Plan your work and work your plan

<= To expedite this demo, Neil pre-planned & marked branches that were candidates for pruning.

This process of selective pruning dictates which branches will => constitute the major branches in Neil's vision of the finished tree, and also give him control of the on-going ramification and internode length.



That should be enough for a while



Wish I could glue them back together

<= The debris field !

Neil leaves wiring in place until it starts digging into the branch; then un-wires & re-wires in the opposite direction... says it thickens the branch. For efficiency, Neil wires four branches at a time with 2 lengths of wire. =>



All wired & ready for summer in Okla.



<= In post-demo discussion, Neil points out areas of the original trunk chop that will require later carving to reduce the profile of the chop, and to allow for better heal-over.

Examples of Neil's shohin style Trident Maples. =>

