



Green Country Bonsai

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September Meeting Notes

Marcus Bush called the meeting to order. No guests were present.

Old Business:

The demo and show at Southwood Nursery is scheduled for September 20th. Show time is 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bring your trees, stones, etc. for the 9 a.m. setup. Mike Flanagan is looking for volunteers for demos at 10 a.m., noon & 2 p.m.

Jolene Mayer will try to get some media coverage for our Southwood Nursery show.

Tom Howard has volunteered for Showmaster for the Fall Show. Thanks Tom.

There was a discussion regarding new signage at the Tulsa Garden Center for our shows. Marcus and Mike Blake will pursue possibilities for new signs/banners.

New Business:

Donna Hardin has been added to the checking account signature card. She has written the check for our Garden Center charges, and we have approximately \$600 in the bank.

A signup sheet for the Lindsay Shiba work shop was started. There will be two workshops on Sat., Nov 1st (9 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-4 p.m.) and one on Sun., Nov 2nd (9 a.m.-noon). Get signed up so you can be assured of a slot.

The signup sheet will be available again at the October meeting.

You can also contact a club officer who can add you to the list.

Marcus mentioned the possibility of a major raffle whose prize would be the labor of club members for some gardening project of the winner's choice. More on this later.

It was brought to the attention of the club that Garden Center charges for meetings would be deferred for any affiliate member organization in which 60% of the club membership was also a member of the Tulsa Garden Center. A discussion considered having members voluntarily joining the T.G.C., or raising the annual dues to include T.G.C. membership, or some other arrangement. The Board of Directors will study alternatives and report to the membership at a future meeting.

[For an additional benefit of Garden Center membership, see Andre's commentary below]

Show and Tell:

Mike Flanagan brought two small Crepe Myrtle varieties that he picked up last year at Southwood Nursery. Mike still thinks the Chickasaw variety works better as a bonsai, but he will be watching the potential of these two new ones.

Frank Kohn brought his White Cedar in a stone that he recently repotted, and a stone collected on a fishing trip to Baron Fork Creek.

Marcus Bush brought pictures from his visit to a bonsai garden in California.

Officers:

Marcus Bush, President
Mike Flanagan, Vice Pres.
Donna Hardin, Treasurer
Lisa Martin, Secretary

Board Members:

Tom Howard, 3 year
David Parham, 2 year
Steve Sanders, 1 year
Michelle Gray, Ex Officio
Mike Blake, Webmaster
Frank Kohn, Newsletter Ed.

October Meeting:

Monday October 6, 2008,
7:00 pm,
Tulsa Garden Center,
2435 S. Peoria

October Program:

Annual Swap Meet

[Bring trees, pots, seedlings, stones
or what-have-you to trade or sell]

Program:

Our thanks to Donna Hardin for facilitating our annual Hands-On Pot Making program. This is always a fun event, and there were some (not mine, sorry to say) very nice looking results.

Great job Donna, we appreciate your efforts.



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~~~ The following pictures and commentary are compliments of Andre Chenault. Thanks Andre ~~~  
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Chicago still feels like home to me, even after being in Tulsa for the last 12 years. I was there for a concert of recent works by a composer friend of mine, but as is more often the case horticultural pursuits are gaining primacy. I never need much excuse to go to a botanical garden anyway, and with my Tulsa Garden Center membership it is almost always free. So, on August 15, I went to the Chicago Botanical Garden with the express purpose of seeing the Midwest Bonsai Society show and sale. The show sported around 200 entries and displayed a high level of expertise and participation. Things that I noticed: backgrounds help with display and separation, but do not seem to improve the quality of photography; all trees in the show had stands or mats and most had an accent plant or two to set up a more traditional display; the differences in quality and styling between their, obviously larger, club and ours was not great though the variety of species was less than ours—due to climate I would guess. In all, it was worth the trek to Glencoe and the gardens and bonsai. I left feeling that home was less commonplace, yet wanting more at home of what I have just seen.

The photos were taken by James Angrabright  
Grape and twin are member's trees; the grove is from the Chicago Botanic Garden's collection.

