



Alabama Bonsai Society



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September 2010

Presidents Notes for September

The excessive heat has been a challenge for all living things, especially our Bonsai. Now that we are entering the hottest and driest period of the summer special care should be taken to preserve your Bonsai collection. I suggest that you protect your trees from the very hot afternoon sun and keep a close eye on the level of dampness of your soil. Only a few hours with high heat and dry soil, spells disaster for any bonsai.

On a more somber note, I made the announcement at the last meeting that our member Karen Rock had lost her mother and father about 47 days apart. Please, everyone keep her in your thoughts and prayers. I have some good news to share on the member front. Andy and Marty's wife Kim are improving, but they still need our thoughts and prayers. Don't let me forget Ms. Susanne, she is having some problems and I hope soon will be on the mend. If I have forgotten someone please let me know.

Brian has a guest bonsai artist from England coming to our society in April of 2011. He will have the sign up sheet at the next meeting.

Plan to **sign up and pay** for your workshop at that time. The artist has trained in Japan under a Bonsai Master. Brian will have all the details. We have plenty of time to get some killer material to style for this up coming workshop.

I have the pots and trident maple material for a forest workshop in October or November, but I need a volunteer to teach the workshop. **Will any member step up to my request?**

Now it is time for me to ask you to step up and help **your Bonsai Society**. I am required by our Bylaws to ask for a selection committee to select our Board members for the 2011 year. Remember we nominate in October, vote in November and install in December. It is much to my regret that I can not be part of our leadership in the coming years. I plan to continue to be a member and participate as much as possible. But I will very rarely be able to attend the Monday meeting. I do plan to try to get to most of the Saturday workshops. I think our workshops are where we truly learn Bonsai and share our ideas. (Now to back to my request) When you are asked to serve

please consider dedicating your time to our society. We as a society are moving in a positive direction and we need the help of each of you to continue the journey.

In closing, we miss you guys so much already. I thank each of you for your thoughts, hugs, and the simple expressions of we will miss you.

Thank you for all you support,

Oscar

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting
September 13th

Monthly Workshop
September 18th

September Program Agenda

September 13, 2010 Meeting

7:00-7:10 - Presidents announcements

7:10-7:25 - Evening tree show

7:25-7:35 - Brian Van Fleet. Seasonally appropriate demo on a maple or azalea

7:35 - round table discussion of an important technique, procedure or information you learned at a workshop:

I requested that you send your ideas into Brian or Jack, as nobody volunteered I am now volunteering everyone. So each and every one of you will give a brief demo or discussion that you learned that was special to you. You may need to bring a tree, tool or pot to use an aid.

EVERYONE MUST PARTICIPATE: IN CASE THAT ISN'T CLEAR THAT MEANS EVERYONE

These need to be BRIEF

Thanks

Jack

Don't forget our workshop on Saturday, September 18th

The Saturday workshop for September, will be to work on your trees.

Our theme this summer is seasonally appropriate care of bonsai.....so even if you don't have a tree that needs styling, bring some trees that require any form of bonsai care.....many of you should bring 4-5 trees to get some supervised care with our mentors.

Many trees require care for which you may not be aware.....when, how and why to work on your trees is the heart of bonsai.

Jack

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>Monthly Meeting</i>	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Saturday Workshop</i>
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26	27	28	29	30		

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