



# Green Country Bonsai

## August 2010 Newsletter

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### July Meeting Notes

Pres. Justin Lovelace called the meeting to order.

With Neil Dellinger's pending job change, the club will need a new V.P. We are also in need of a replacement for Marcus Bush as the 3 yr. term Board Member. Toward this end, Justin appointed Tom Howard, Tom Mathews and Jonathan Lemos to the Nominating Committee.

Justin stated that we will have a silent auction for a couple nice bonsai pots that Mr. Robert Harris donated to the club.

Neil brought up the name of Julian Adams, a bonsai teacher who specializes in pines. Mr. Adams does a PowerPoint presentation on pine development and offers critiques on individual trees the members would provide. He does not do a full workshop, but would do a group discussion about tree design. For a \$400 fee for class and critique, the membership may wish to consider a visit by Mr. Adams.

Mike Flanagan gave a demo on Crepe Myrtle pruning/styling.

Welcome to new member Jeremy Pember

### Show and Tell:

Mike Flanagan brought a Ficus Retusa ("Banyan"), a native Shrubby St. John's Wort (yellow flowering) and the 3 varieties (Chickasaw, Razzle Dazzle and Pokemon) of Crepe Myrtle that he has been developing. Mike has purchased these varieties at Southwood Nursery but says they are also available at Lowe's.

Neil Dellinger brought a cascade style Japanese Black Pine and says he has had luck using a high Phosphorus fertilizer (12-55-6 by Greenlight) to stimulate back-budding on his pines. Neil also brought a couple interesting bonsai books.

Frank Kohn brought a Black Pine that he has been developing from a 1 gal. nursery tree.

### Raffle:

Neil brought a group of Japanese Black Pines, Trident Maples, a Flowering Cherry and a pot.

Mike Flanagan contributed a Banyan Ficus, a Kingsville Boxwood and a Japanese Chrysanthemum

### BONSAI SALE

Chuck Cockman has asked that a notice be put in the newsletter to advise G.C.B. members that he is selling his collection of Bonsai trees, Stones and Pots.

Anyone interested should contact Chuck at: **918-252-4432**

### 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.

### August Meeting:

Monday August 2, 2010,  
7:00 pm,  
Tulsa Garden Center,  
2435 S. Peoria

### August Program:

**Suiseki / Viewing Stones**  
by: Pat Coen

**You may wish to bring stones from  
your collection to the meeting.**

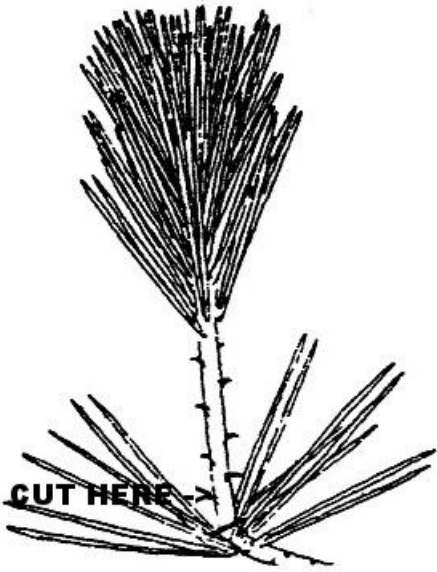
**Struggling tree on crag.  
In bonsai I have captured  
your enduring shape.**

- John Y. Naka

Green Country Bonsai extends  
condolences to our Treasurer, Donna  
Hardin on the loss of her husband,  
Lonnie.

**Program:**

Neil brought an informative DVD by "Bonsai Boon" which addressed the various considerations in the "decandling" process in the development of Black Pines.



One of the major points in the presentation was the necessity of cutting back the candle to leave just a stub of what the author called the "neck" of the candle. This is the area of the new candle that is devoid of any needles, and consequently has no potential for new buds. By cutting this candle back to just a stub you eliminate the potentially long internode length and keep a much tighter bud and branch development. This also forces the energy into the new buds at the base of the removed candle.