



Green Country Bonsai

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June Meeting Notes

Pres. Justin Lovelace called the meeting to order and welcomed guest Jeremy Pember.

Mike Flanagan and Tom Howard did the honors at the Utica Square Fair. Thanks for representing us, guys.

The club thanked Neil Dellinger for opening his house & garden to 25 club members for a great cook-out and workshop. Good food and fellowship... and some trees actually got styled. Someone suggested we do something like this again next year.

Justin needs names of potential "Masters" for our Spring 2011 Workshop. Our 2011 Spring Show will be on Mother's Day weekend.

Thanks to David Parham for the tray of Serissa cuttings he brought in for us.

The Garden Center's Horticulture Center will soon be available for events. It was felt that this could be a good venue for our workshops.

Treasurer Donna Hardin reports a balance on hand of \$1816.

Justin reported a contribution of bonsai pots from Mr. Robert Harris, an ex-bonsaist from Kansas.

Show and Tell:

Neil Dellinger brought a Trident Maple, and Donna Hardin brought her Azalea. Mike Flanagan brought 2 Scots Pines, a Chinese Elm and a Buckeye.

Raffle:

Neil brought a group of Japanese Black Pines, 2 Flowering Quince, a Juniper and a Driftwood/Sedum accent planting

Mike Flanagan contributed an air layered Chinese Elm and a Hackberry.. Justin added a box of donated pots from Mr. Harris, and Ken Cole brought a container of "Worm Tea" fertilizer.

Program:

Thanks to Neil Dellinger for his interesting and informative demonstration of Trident Maple development.

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.

June Meeting:

Monday July 5, 2010,
7:00 pm,
Tulsa Garden Center,
2435 S. Peoria

July Program:

*DVD presentation on Pine
decandling and energy balancing for
old specimens & for trees in
development.*

If you have a Black Pine you may wish to bring it to the meeting, and compare its candle condition vs. the DVD recommendations.

TRIDENT MAPLE DEVELOPMENT by: Neil Dellinger



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Neil had previously chopped the top of his Trident Maple, and has let the new top growth go unchecked. This will enable the tree to heal over the scar left from the chop. When the scar is healed, Neil will chop this growth back to develop taper and a new apex. (see right side picture)

Until then, branches are developed through the season by selective pruning of branches/shoots that have longer internode gaps, and retaining those with more & closer latent buds. Frequently, this means removing a stronger branch in favor of a weaker one with better budding.

Prune back the selected branches to eliminate any long internodes.

After selection and pruning, branches may be wired to begin training for direction and shape. Neil recommends wiring to move branches in horizontal and vertical undulations to avoid branching that is too flat in appearance.

These operations may be repeated during the season to improve branch ramification more rapidly.

Regularly scheduled fertilization will insure quicker refoliation.

VIRTUAL BONSAI DESIGN



< Before



After >

My wife (whose judgment I normally trust) suggested that my Juniper might look better if I removed the lower-left branch. I wasn't totally convinced, so rather than whacking it off, I decided to see if I could tell what it would look like before taking that big step.

Those of you with computer capability may want to try using the PAINT software program that usually comes with Microsoft Windows to help with your design decisions. You can remove sections of your digital pictures to see the effect before you make a potential real-time goof. Other software packages are available (PhotoShop, etc.) but regardless, it can be a fun exercise and may be a big help.

One last thing... if you could REPLY to this e-mail with your preference for either the 'before' or 'after' version, I'd appreciate your help.