



# Green Country Bonsai

## March 2010 Newsletter

### February Meeting Notes

Pres. Justin Lovelace called the meeting to order and recognized our guest, Billy Grona.

#### New Business:

Justin passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for our table at the Tulsa Garden Center Info. Fair on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet for the Jim Doyle Master Workshop on Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> was also started. There will be two sessions on Saturday, and one on Sunday. Cost is \$50 per session.

The membership agreed to the acquisition of the Shimpaku Junipers that are available from Cass Nursery. Mike Flanagan and Pat Coen will make the trip to the St. Louis area to get them. These 3 gal. size trees will be available for sale at \$35 each.

Donna Hardin reported a Treasury balance of \$1766.

The Spring Show for 2011 will be on Mother's Day weekend.

Mike mentioned that some bonsai books are available at Oaktree Books at 15<sup>th</sup> & Delaware.

It was mentioned that the Garden Center will start charging for damaged tables, so extra care should be taken to protect them.

A Facebook page will be created with a link to our web site.

#### Show and Tell:

Pat Coen brought some stones; Neil Dellinger brought a shohin Trident Maple; Mike Flanagan brought an Amur Maple, a Ginkgo and a Japanese Persimmon.

#### Raffle:

Mike brought a Jade and a bonsai trailer hitch cover. Also included were some pots from former member Herb Martinez.

#### Program:

Neil Dellinger had an interesting program on seed propagation and seedling handling. If collecting seeds, wait for them to drop so they will be fully matured. Soak seeds overnight in water with a few drops of bleach to help eliminate any fungus problems. Wrap seeds in damp paper towels and store in the refrigerator for 30-45 days. Plant seeds in a tray/pot with good drainage, in a soil mix that drains well. Keep damp and when a second set of leaves sprout, seedlings may be repotted to separate pots.

Thanks Neil.

#### **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.

#### **March Meeting:**

Monday Mar. 1, 2010,  
7:00 pm,  
Tulsa Garden Center,  
2435 S. Peoria

#### **March Program:**

- 1) **Bonsai Soil mixing/bagging**  
At \$1/gal. you can't go wrong.  
Bring your own buckets/trash bags
- 2) **Discussion of soil & bonsai basics**  
by: **Neil Dellinger**

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Once again we must address the question of membership dues. Refer to excerpts below from our Constitution & By-Laws.

Constitution Article III

**Membership:** D. Any member who is one (1) month in arrears in payment of dues shall automatically stand suspended, ..... Such member shall be reinstated by prompt payment of the amount due. Should thirty (30) more days pass without payment, the members name shall be dropped from the membership list.

By-Laws Article II

**Dues:** A. Yearly dues, as established by the Executive Committee, shall be paid on a pro rata basis the first year and at the January meeting thereafter. Members not paying dues by the end of January will be declared delinquent.

***DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL OF THE GOOD PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THAT ARE PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR !***

And speaking of events.....

1. On March 6<sup>th</sup> there will be an opportunity to dig some Eastern Red Cedars at Mike Blake's property in the Keystone Lake area. Some nice bonsai have been created using this species. Details/directions will be available at the meeting. Get your picks and shovels and join the fun.
2. On March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> we will be able to have our tree(s) styled by recognized bonsaist Jim Doyle. Bring your tree (or two... time permitting), and your tools if you have some. (Don't sweat the tools though.)  
 → A special deal for workshop attendees... if you attend the workshop (\$50 fee), and so desire, you can purchase one of the 3 gal. Shimpaku Junipers for only \$25 additional.
3. On March 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a 'dig' for Winged Elm in the Chouteau, OK area. Again, details/directions will be available at the meeting. Granted, this will be too late for our Master's Workshop, **BUT**.....
4. On May 29<sup>th</sup> we will have our all-day Members' Workshop at the Linnaeus Garden, where members can share design ideas and suggestions while they work on their trees (maybe a Winged Elm or two from Mar 27<sup>th</sup>).

*All of these plus the informative programs at each meeting should be incentive to keep your membership status current.*

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The Garden Center's Info. Fair on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> was very well attended. Our club had a table at this event, and the volunteers were able to make contact with many interested visitors. We hope to see some of them show up as guests at a future meeting, and possibly join us. We recognize that possibility as the main reason for participating in these shows. Thanks to Mike Flanagan and Tom Howard for manning the table, with assists from Justin, Mike Blake and Frank Kohn.

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