



Green Country Bonsai

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April Meeting Notes

Pres. Justin Lovelace called the meeting to order and recognized our guest, Terry Marrs, who joined the club that evening. G.C.B. welcomes Terry.

New Business:

Tulsa Garden Center will have its Spring Garden Fair the weekend of April 10th. Our club will have a video presence there, but will not man a table. Bring trees if you can to the Linnaeus Garden for the day on Saturday.

Our annual Spring Bonsai Show will be held at the Garden Center on Apr. 24th/25th. Tom Howard volunteered to be Showmaster.

All who can, are asked to help with the show setup at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Also, it would be great if every member can bring *at least* one tree... some members will bring more, but let's fill the South Room with our little 'beauties'.

Bring your trees for setup at 9 a.m. on Saturday, and pick them up at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Anyone who can spend an hour or so sometime over the weekend helping at the show will be greatly appreciated.

It helps to have members on hand to meet/greet the visitors and answer questions.

It was agreed that the Jim Doyle workshop was a success. The fact that we had some Shimpaku Junipers available for sale was felt to be a big help. This is something we could consider for future workshops.

Treasurer Donna Hardin reported a balance on hand of \$1702.44

We learned that our V.P. & Program Chairman Neil Dellinger will be moving due to a facility closing by his company. Timing of this move is uncertain, but we may need some volunteer help with our programs for the remainder of the year. Let Justin know if you can help.

Show and Tell:

Tom Howard brought a Japanese Maple.

Mike Flanagan brought a Japanese Maple, a Korean Hornbeam and 2 miniature Hostas.

Raffle:

Some pots from former member Herb Martinez.

A Flowering Quince from Neil, and a Hino Azalea from Mike.

Program:

Thanks to Neil Dellinger for his interesting and informative demo on grafting.

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.

May Meeting:

Monday May 3, 2010,
7:00 pm,
Tulsa Garden Center,
2435 S. Peoria

May Program:

Air layering a Japanese Maple
by: Neil Dellinger

APPROACH GRAFTING AND THREAD GRAFTING by: Neil Dellinger



Neil's demo tree is a nice Japanese Maple. He plans to do some air-layering on the top, and then chop the tree to leave enough trunk to make a Shohin style. Since there are no lower branches, Neil will do a couple grafts to get some branches started. He grew a couple seedlings to use as the scions to create first, an approach graft, and secondly, a thread graft.

Using a sharp knife, Neil cuts a horizontal groove in the trunk. This groove is the width of the scion that will be attached. Remove all bark and cambium. The groove should be long enough to allow for a secure attachment of the scion.

Again, using a sharp knife, Neil prepares the scion by scraping away all of the bark and cambium.



After applying cut paste to the groove to help keep the union as air-tight as possible, Neil presses the scion securely into position.

While holding the graft tightly in place, Neil uses plastic tape to tightly secure the union.

The root ball of the seedling is inserted into the side of the pot next to the roots of the tree. Once the graft has taken, this can be pruned away.



The thread graft is accomplished by drilling a hole through the trunk at the location of a desired branch. The diameter of the hole (drill bit) should approximate the diameter of the seedling (or branch) to be used as

All leaves should be removed from the seedling, and it should be inserted in the side opposite from where the new branch will be. Push the seedling in until a tight fit is obtained. Ideally, there should be a bud or two close to the trunk where the scion exits.

To secure the graft from any movement, insert slivers of wood (toothpicks) under the seedling to push it securely upward in the hole.

Once secured, the root ball of the seedling may be kept in its plastic training pot and tied along side the trunk.

These grafts could also be accomplished using long branches on the tree as the scions.