



The Louisiana Bonsai Society Newsletter

December 2022

November 15 Monthly Meeting

Lowell led the meeting “Second Step” in the Root Over Rock Workshop that was started in March 2022. To demonstrate, he checked the roots in three



different juniper pots to see whether they were growing properly and covering the rock in the soil. Though not quite to the stage he desired, he found that they were healthy and just needed more time and more perlite at the bottom of

the pots to promote better drainage. They will be checked again in the spring, 2023. Until the roots have developed well, he said to postpone any branch trimming or major wiring on them at this time, but light wiring to lift the limbs or thinning out some of the small growth to allow light to the middle would be fine.

LBS Fall Bonsai Show

The Fall Bonsai Show was held on November 12th and 13th at the Baton Rouge Garden Center. The members displayed some beautiful trees in all sizes and stages of development. Here are a few pics of them.



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The Louisiana Bonsai Society (LBS) is a non-profit organization of people interested in the art of bonsai.





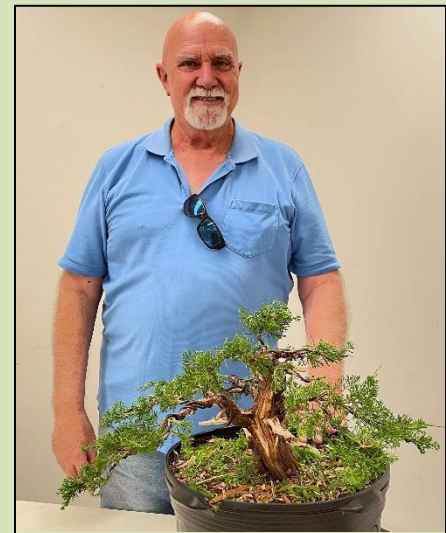
On Saturday bonsai artist Randy Bennett gave a great demo/lecture as he styled a Shimpaku itoigawa juniper that will be raffled in January at the Mid-Winter Workshop.



Tree Before Styling



This year the Ikebana Society of Baton Rouge joined us at the Fall Show and displayed some beautiful arrangements.



Tree After Styling



Shown is Debra Charles, President of Ikebana Society

This will be a large specimen tree as it grows. Chances are \$10/ticket and will be on sale through the Mid-Winter Workshop.

On Sunday bonsai artist Dawn Koetting gave a very informative demo/lecture on displaying and styling Shohin. She brought her shohin stand and several of her specimens and discussed how to properly create shohin and what judges look for when trees are shown competitively.



Dawn is shown here after she styled a Juniperus squamata 'prostrata' during the demo.

Winner of the Silverberry Tree Raffle was club member Randy Howard.



Winner of the Green Mound Juniper was Judy Nielson, one of the Ikebana Society members.
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LBS Club Shirts



Super models, Rachael and Marla show off the club shirts that were delivered in time for the show. Rachael works for the company who embroidered our logo on the shirts, Ascension Specialty Advertising in Gonzales. Thanks to Rachael, Stephanie, and Marla for the work to accomplish this task. They turned out great!

There are a few short-sleeved extras in various men's and ladies' sizes if you would like to purchase and we can order more when needed. The final cost is \$30 per shirt, regardless of short or long sleeves. If you have not made arrangements to pick up your shirt order, please call Marla 225-503-7397.

Pacific Bonsai Exhibition

Joel Jenkins recently traveled to the Pacific Bonsai Exhibition 2022 in Oakland, CA and sent us photos he took there. Included here are only a sample of the many beautiful trees in the exhibition. Notice that they all have a companion display.



Joel commented—"Overall, it was a fantastic event. Amazing quality of trees and many professionals with many high quality trees for sale, as well as potters such as Nao Tokutake and Vicki Chamberlain.

Andrew Robson with Rakuyo Bonsai made a comment which I thought was very true, 'The American Kokufu has commenced and it's called the Pacific Bonsai Expo.' (In reference to the incredible Kokufu Bonsai Exhibitions in Japan.)

I hope you enjoy the photos and I'm happy to answer any questions or give you additional information."
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Plant Societies Jamboree Plant Sale

Lowell Tilley

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. On Saturday November 19th I attended the Plant



Jamboree Plant sale to meet other plant society organization members and exchange information about bonsai.

I did a bonsai demonstration on a narrow-leafed Ficus that has an orchid growing in it and bougainvillea. I also did a phase 2 of the juniper root over rock workshop. I did a couple at the last bonsai



meeting and in all cases the roots still have plenty of room to grow, so we will wait until next March 11 and 12 and do more on the root over rock junipers at the

LSU plant sale. Thanks to Guil Miranda and Colt Bell for their assistance.

December 20th Potluck Holiday Party

Instead of a regular meeting in December, get out your best holiday recipes for your potluck dishes to bring to the party. The club will provide the meat dishes, drinks, plates, and utensils, but we will need appetizers, side dishes and desserts. We have some wonderful cooks in the club. Let us sample!

To make sure we have plenty of variety try to go by this suggestion. If your last name starts with:

A-C bring an appetizer

D-N bring a salad, rolls, or appetizer

O-Z bring a dessert

If you want to participate in the Yankee Gift swap, bring a wrapped (or bagged) bonsai-related gift of

\$20 value or less with no name on it. Just make sure no one can peek at it!! It's always fun.

Happy hour/ appetizers will be from 6-7 pm, dinner at 7 pm, then on to the gift swap.

Please make plans to attend and bring your spouse or significant other (just not both!) and let's have fun!!

And don't forget to bring your best-dressed bonsai holiday tree to display.

Please pay 2023 dues by December 31 by sending your check to: LBS PO Box 41661, Baton Rouge, LA 70835, not at the Christmas Party. Everyone who wants to sign up for a slot in the Mid-Winter Workshop and has paid dues will receive that (1) BYOT workshop for free. Please coordinate this with Marla.

Coming Events

December 20, 2022, 6 pm Happy/appetizer hour, 7 pm Potluck and Gift Swap Christmas Party at the BR Garden Center.

January 13, 14, & 15, 2023 Mid-Winter Workshop featuring Jennifer Price
More details to come.

January 17, 2023, Monthly Meeting 7 pm BR Garden Center

Just For Laughs

