



The Louisiana Bonsai Society Newsletter

June 2023

May Monthly Meeting

The program for the bonsai club meeting Tuesday, May 16, was a blue rug juniper phoenix graft hands-on workshop, show and tell, a swap table and a silent auction. As you can see, we had lots of fun!



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

From the President

The Louisiana Bonsai Society (LBS) had a booth (table) at the Plant Societies Jamboree May 13th. The turnout was very light, however we signed up a new member and sold a few raffle tickets for chances to win a pre-bonsai and a spot in the workshop of your choice at the Mid-winter Conference.

From now to November 12th, we will continue selling these tickets. The drawing will be on Sunday, November 12, at the conclusion of the Annual Fall Bonsai Show. The tickets are selling for \$1 each of 6 for \$5, you don't have to be present to win and there will be three winners. Be sure to get your tickets!

Tiny Trees on the Trinity

There may still be some spots available for the 2023 Lone Star Bonsai Federation Seminars in Fort Worth, TX June 10-12. Worth checking into if you are interested but you need to do it soon! I'll attach the registration page to the e-mail.



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Mike Lane BYOT Workshop

LBS will host a Bring Your Own Tree workshop featuring Mike Lane on **Friday evening June 23rd from 6-9 pm** at the BR Garden Center. We know many of you have a hard time getting to daytime workshops and we would like to provide opportunities for every member to participate.

Mike has studied with some of the great bonsai masters, travels and teaches nationwide, has been the showcase bonsai artist for many large bonsai events and owns his own bonsai studio. He is an expert in all different types of trees, especially tropicals.

The cost will be \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members, with a limit of 10 participants. Contact Marla to sign up quickly because the slots will go fast!

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Member Tree Pics

Marla T-I have 2 bald cypress trees and the foliage color looks so different from each other; I am wondering if they are 2 different types of cypress.



This one, designed as an upright, is nice and green.



This one, designed as a flat top, has more copper colored leaves. They are both in a tub of water (complete with pollywogs!), fertilized the same, getting the same amount of sun, but this one could use repotting. Is that the difference? Is it considered a deciduous or a conifer?

Calling All Beginners!

Joel Jenkins will be holding a beginner's bonsai class, (tree included), probably in early July. Joel is a seasoned LBS bonsai enthusiast with an impressive collection who loves to teach. Who could ask for more?

All the details are not worked out yet, but this will be an excellent opportunity for beginners to learn bonsai techniques and become more familiar with trimming, pruning, planting, wiring, etc. and have a lot of fun doing it. He will send out an e-mail as soon as he has everything worked out.

Some tools and wire may be provided but try to bring your own.

If you are interested, contact Joel by e-mail or phone. jjenk321@icloud.com or 225-284-9595.

Mike Lane Shohin Classes

Marla T/Lowell T

Now is the time to start getting your trees and tools assembled for the shohin workshop.

Mike Lane sent us these recommendations to prepare for the shohin bonsai school.

- “Each student should bring 5-8 pieces of material, preferably material that is not too tall, as the end result will be a tree 8 inches or under. Cuttings are appropriate, as are seedlings, small nursery stock, and trees already in shohin pots.
- They will need tools, wire, and potting supplies, as well as any containers they would like to plant into.
- Each student should have the understanding that most trees will be cut back hard to a trunk line leaving little to wire and so we may move quickly through the initial stages of building the trees which is why I want them to bring so much material.

- With 10 people per class all students will be expected to know how to wire and repot, or otherwise have an assistant to assist students while I make my rounds. That should cover the first quarter.
- The only other material they will need in the future is for quarter 3 when we get into grafting. At that point students will need a saw, parafilm grafting tape, and a small box cutter or Exacto knife/grafting knife.”

You hope to finish the shohin bonsai school with a shohin bonsai display of 5-8 shohin bonsai. I have found it best to plan for fall back options on material so I recommend that you acquire 10 to 15 plants so you can develop 2 shohin displays. A shohin bonsai can be developed fast, but they can die even faster. It is good to have extras when developing your display so you can have one in development and have one to show.

There are some club trees at Lowell’s house, that you can look through and purchase to start prep work. The sooner, the better the choice. These were picked out at the nursery specifically to be good shohin.

All classes will be held at the Baton Rouge Garden Center. Dates for the Shohin Workshop Are:

<u>Saturday Class</u>	<u>Sunday Class</u>
June 24, 2023	June 25, 2023
September 2, 2023	September 3, 2023
December 16, 2023	December 17, 2023
March 23, 2024	March 24, 2024

If something comes up that you cannot attend the date you are scheduled for, you have the choice to call participants in the other class to see if they can switch days. Both classes will be full, so you can’t show up to class on the wrong date. I sent out a member list recently but let me know if you need one. If all else fails, call Marla, Robert, or Lowell. One of us could probably switch with you.

This is the list of participants so far. Just let me know if you want to take advantage of this excellent opportunity. Only 1 slot available.

Saturdays	Sundays
Stephanie K	Tommy K
Byron C	Linh N
Dawn K	Wylar M
Annette W	Cindy D
Joel J	Jeff D
Peggy H	Randy H
Guil M	Shirley S
Robert R	Ray S
Kathy P	Marla T
Lowell T	Susan N
Jorge M	Available

Just For Laughs



Club Shirts

Some of you have asked for another or a different size club shirt. I ordered some recently and am hoping they will be in by the June monthly meeting. They will still be \$30. I will bring them to the meeting. Please come so that you can pick them up.

Membership dues can be mailed to PO Box 41661, Baton Rouge, LA 70835. \$20 individual or \$25 family. You may also pay by cash, Venmo or Zelle.

Coming Events

June 20, 2023, Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm, BR Garden Center

June 23, 2023, BYOT Workshop with Mike Lane- Friday 6-9 pm BR Garden Center

June 24, 25, 2023, Mike Lane Shohin Education Series Classes #1 of 4, 9am-4pm, BR Garden Center.

July 18, 2023, Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm, BR Garden Center.

August 15, 2023, Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm, BR Garden Center.

September 2, 3, 2023, Mike Lane Shohin Classes #2 of 4, 9am-4 pm, BR Garden Center

September 19, 2023, Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm, BR Garden Center.

October 18, 19, 2023, LSBF Traveling Artist Jim Doyle Lecture/Demo and Workshop, Baton Rouge Garden Center. More information to be announced at a later date.

November 11&12, 2023 LBS Fall Show 11am-4pm, BR Garden Center

November 21, 2023, Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm, BR Garden Center.

December 16, 17, 2023, Mike Lane Shohin Classes #3 of 4, 9am-4 pm, Baton Rouge Garden Center

December 19, 2023, Potluck Holiday Party, 6-9 pm, BR Garden Center. More information to be announced at a later date.

January 16, 2024, Monthly Meeting, 7-9 pm BR Garden Center. Finish planning for Mid-Winter Conference

January 19, 20, 21, 2024, Mid-Winter Workshop, BR Garden Center. More details at a later date.

February 20, 2024, Monthly Meeting, 7-9 pm, BR Garden Center

March 16, 17, 2024 LBS Spring Show, 11am-4 pm, BR Garden Center

March 21, 2024, 7-9 pm Monthly Meeting, BR Garden Center

March 23, 24, 2024, Mike Lane Shohin Classes #4 of 4, 9am-4 pm, Baton Rouge Garden Center

