



Descanso Bonsai Society

NEWSLETTER

November 2006

President's Message by Bill Wawrychuk



A big thanks to Mel Ikeda for the great demo last month and to Jim Barrett for his set up of bonsai supplies. Many of us walked away from Jim's tables with that must have item.

November being the last meeting of the year, (we are dark in December) and our first meeting in January is our installation banquet, Marcus Juniel has obtained a real head liner, Mario Invernizzi from Italy. Mario's complete bio is in this newsletter. Please read up on Mario and plan to attend this special year end meeting.

Watch for the January 2007 banquet sign up sheet in our December newsletter. As you may or may not be aware, the club subsidizes a major portion of each attendee's dinner at our annual banquet/installation dinner. Because of rising costs, there will be a small price increase in this year's banquet cost to DBS members.

Also watch the December news letter for information on the up-coming Bonsai-A-Thon to be held February 24 and 25, 2007 at Huntington Gardens. Once again the Bonsai-A-Thon committee will be requesting your help at the event.

The biggest problem I have as DBS president is what to write each month for the president's message. I am always late getting my message to Paul Chang. So in keeping with tradition, this month will be late too. (I was right, the first e-mail I opened was from Paul, I'm late with my message) As I sit here in my back yard wondering what to write, I am enjoying another 96 degree day in California. If you ever want to have some fun, look at the east coast web sites for bonsai and see what they have to do each winter to protect their bonsai.



I have also just been informed, by Marcus, that Everett Bassin will also be at our November meeting with a complete line of tools and bonsai supplies. So this is your last chance to not only see a great head liner, but pick up that one last bonsai related item.

I hope everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving and all the bounties this county has to offer each of us.

BONSAI WORD OF THE MONTH CHUHIN

Chuhin (pronounced *choo heen*) refers to a midsize bonsai 40 to 60 cm in height (16 to 24 inches). "Chu" in Japanese means medium and "Hin" means elegance, grace and refinement. Therefore, "chuhin" can refer to a midsize elegant bonsai.

Nov. Refreshments:

Kyra Compinsky
Louise Holman
Dee Wilson
Gloria Clark

Nov. Niche:

Fran Neumann
Ellen Keneshae

**Club Meeting:
November 21, 7:00 pm**

Marco Invernizzi

Next Event: January 21 Banquet

(NOTE: NO Club meeting in December and January)

Visiting with Bill and the BS'er

(submitted by Bill Wawrychuk)

The Coos County fair in Coquille Oregon, is usually not a destination for most Californians. Well except for me! I happen to like horses, cows, pigs, and llamas, 4H and FFA. At this small county fair, I found my Atlas gloves (which I lost within 10 minutes of buying) and an excellent material to use for home built green houses. **The Solexx company-www.solexx.com**, sells twin-walled corrugated material in both panels and rolls, along with complete green house kits. Please look at the web site as I do not have the room to describe everything Solexx sells. The light weight means easy storing and an excellent building material. Fiberglass is heavy and durable while rolled plastic sheeting is light but not very durable. Solexx is light-weight, durable, allows for easy storage and is an excellent building material. It is pricy, but worth it, in my opinion.

As a side note did you know that llamas can go anywhere and carry up to 100 lb's? They make excellent backpacking pals? For those of you who collect California Junipers, you may want to think about raising llamas as a second hobby. Then you can use them to pack your collecting tools in and out with your new find(s). (Before you ask the BS'er said NO, sooo pleaseeeee don't bring this up next time you see her)

Coos Bay, Oregon also has Myrtlewood trees. Myrtlewood is a beautiful light wood with dark swirls. I mention this because the original Myrtlewood Gallery is located in Coos Bay, Oregon. The Coos Bay store has all kinds of items made of the beautiful Myrtlewood. The new factory is located at **1125 Highway 101, Reedsport, Oregon 97467** or **www.myrtlewoodgallery.com**. The Reedsport location has much more in the way of products than the Coos Bay store. So, what does this have to do with bonsai? Well if you're good with your hands and like working with wood, the factory has numerous slabs of raw wood in all sizes. When I visited the Reedsport's location, they had Ash, Black Walnut, several types of Maples, and of course Myrtlewood. These slabs of raw wood could be turned into some really nice bonsai stands. Please visit the web site.

Also in this area you will find numerous wood carvers, some who are even carving with chain saws. These people, while selling their carvings, also sell pine slabs that can be made into bonsai stands. So if you are in the southern part of Oregon on Highway 101, drop by a few of these places. You may find something you like!

UPDATE: I found Atlas Gloves locally at the True Value Hardware store in Pasadena at 409 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Be careful, there are gloves that have the Atlas "fit", but are NOT Atlas Gloves, but these are the real thing.



Raffle Donations

Kathy Coffman

Jim Barrett

Jerry Banuelos

Joe Finz

Maggie Carpenter

Bruce and Yaeko Hisayasu

November Meeting & Workshop with Marco Invernizzi

Italian born Marco Invernizzi is a 30 year old bonsai artist who has quickly become one of the most sought-after artists in the western world. After receiving a degree in design from a college in Italy, Marco started his bonsai education under the tutelage of Salvatore Liporace. Later, Marco traveled to Japan and undertook a 3-year apprenticeship with Mr. Masahiko Kimura.

Marco's work has received many accolades, including several UBI awards, and his articles and photos of his bonsai work have appeared in several American and European magazines. Marco works full-time as a bonsai artist and now travels the world doing professional work for collectors, nurseries, clubs and organizations. He has headlined at several GSBF, World Bonsai and European conventions. In 2003 Marco published his first book, published in Italian, describing his adventures in moving to Japan and pursuing bonsai.

Marcus has arranged for Marco to conduct a workshop for a limited number of people. The cost will be \$25.00 per person and will run from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on our November 21st meeting night at Descanso Gardens, classroom B. For complete information on the workshop, contact Marcus Juniel, at Marcus_Juniel@msn.com telephone 818-790-0525

November Tips

by Jim Barrett



November can be a frustrating month for hobbyists as well as for our trees. Most trees will continue to grow as long as the weather stays balmy with warm nights (above 45-degrees F).

So what to do? If the weather stays warm we can still re-pot (pot-to-pot) black pines and most junipers. It would be better to wait until spring, but if you can't and have been waiting for cooler weather, it can be done now using common sense with regard to soil and root removal.

If your maple leaves are still relatively fresh they might give you some fall color. If the leaves are tired and worn out, think about removing them. Make sure they are destroyed and not left on branches or soil surfaces of the bonsai. If you are planning to remove the leaves, then spend some time pruning your unwanted twigs, branches, and dead wood.

Check all wire on your trees this month and remove it if it was applied last spring or if it is beginning to scar the bark.

Black pines should have had their fall candle and branch pruning by now, but if it was not done last month go ahead and do it this month. Watch for pests, especially red spider mites on junipers. If the weather stays warm, you may find aphids on your crab apples, quince and other fruiting bonsai; check for scale on elms.

This month is a good time to re-style junipers and black pine. They will develop their foliage mass quicker in the spring and be ready for the June show. If you plan to fertilize, use low nitrogen and high phosphorous and potash fertilizers.

There are three basic elements and also important trace elements. Nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P), and potassium (K) are commonly called the three main elements of fertilizer. They are indispensable for normal plant growth. The amounts of these elements in the soil decline and they must be replenished from time to time.

Nitrogen

This is called "leaf fertilizer" and is needed to produce protein and chlorophyll for leaves and stems, thereby promoting growth. If given too much nitrogen, while the leaves become dark green and the plant grows well, the plant becomes weak and tends to become the victim of insects and diseases.

Phosphorous

This element promotes flower budding, large size flowers, or better flower coloring, as well as good fruiting. Thus, it is often called the flower or fruit nutrient. It is found in bone meal, rice bran, and super-phosphate.

Potassium

It's function is to provide good growth of roots, and thus it is called the "root fertilizer." It also contributes to the plant's resistance to high heat and low temperatures.

2007 Membership Dues for Descanso Bonsai Society

\$22 - Single \$27 - Couples
Payable to: Descanso Bonsai Society

See Membership Chair Javier at the next meeting or

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Membership includes a monthly newsletter and all membership privileges.

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Bonsai Calendar

DBS Annual Banquet

January 21, 2005
Odyssey Restaurant
More info in next issue

2007 Winter Silhouettes Show

January 20 & 21, 2007
Los Angeles Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia

Bonsai-a-Thon

February 24-25, 2007
Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino



DBS Board Meeting

Open to all club members interested in getting involved in club operations & management.

Next meeting in January/February 2007

At Elizabeth Likes' Home
9916 Rancho Caballo, Sunland 91040

At the Descanso Gardens

Holiday Festival

December 1 to 3

Check here for details:

<http://www.descansogardens.org/site/holidayfest.cfm>



Sunshine Column

Please keep the following people
in your thoughts

Nelson and Luisa Davis
Dr. Harold Rosenfeld
Norm Fischer
Ben Perez (Cesareo's son)