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Upcoming Events

September Meeting

9/11/18, 6:30pm-9pm
@ Cheekwood

October Meeting

10/9/18, 6:30pm-9pm
@ Cheekwood

Meetings

2nd Tuesday of every month
@ Cheekwood, Massey Hall

2018 Dues

\$30 per member
or
\$40 per family

Blog Roll

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Hello to all the Members and Guests of the Nashville Bonsai Society!

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is September, 11th. Eileen will be leading a discussion on seasonal work and bonsai horticulture. Bring a tree to show and discuss. As always, meetings are free to the public.

August Recap

During our August meeting, Zach led a discussion on elm and zelkova bonsai in our first species specific instruction. We will be sure to do more of these in the near future. We also gathered feedback on our club show so we can improve next year.

Display of the Month

We did not have a display for August. Gary Stein will put on our display for the September meeting.

Notes for September

The home-stretch...

September is here! The heat of summer may be giving way to football weather and the dogwoods are hinting that fall is approaching. Bonsai trees have made it through the hottest days and are in the home-stretch. What are we doing with our trees now? Here is a list:

1. Continue feeding if you're using organic fertilizers into the middle of the month; it takes a few weeks to realize the benefits of organic fertilizers and you want trees to be strong for that last growth spurt. Start looking for a low-nitrogen fertilizer with higher Potassium and Potash numbers for use in October-November.

2. Watch watering very closely, it gets tricky now. Cooler nights slow evaporation, and hardened-off leaves transpire less. In August, watering was automatic—do it daily. In September, trees

benefit from a slowed wet-dry cycle. Drier weather and increased sunlight will improve fall color.

3. Watch the sunlight your trees get. As the sun starts to travel lower in our sky, trees that were once under the shade of overhead trees may suddenly be exposed to very direct rays of hot sunlight.

4. Continue to look for pests and fungal diseases. Overnight humidity begins to increase this month, which increases risk of unwanted pests and diseases. Slugs are active and are drawn to organic fertilizers.

5. Removing yellowing needles from pine trees. White pines tend to shed old growth before black pines.

6. Start to remove fallen leaves from the soil surface to prevent fungal problems.

7. Check wires and remove those that have begun to be imbedded in the bark.

*September Bonsai Care from [Nebari Bonsai](#)



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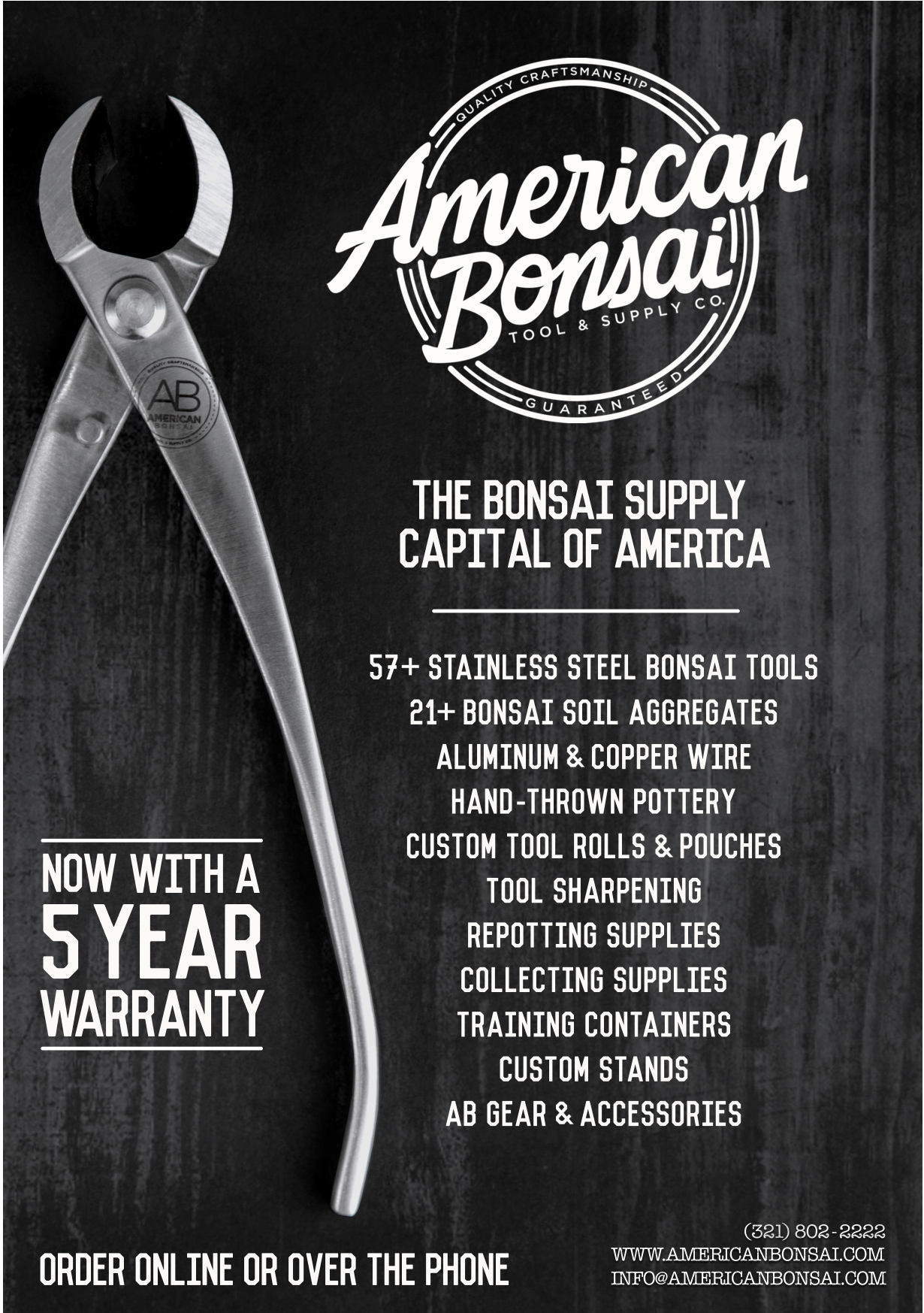
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Bonsai Mentorship

The final class of Bonsai Mentorship 102 was held the first Saturday of August. We talked about fall fertilization and worked on our trees. A big thank you to Amy Blanton for the cake and ice cream. Yum!

Both Mentorship classes will collect near the workshop of Bjorn's Open House on Saturday, September 1st around 10:00. We will walk the garden and talk about what makes for a good bonsai and bonsai styles for forms. There will be two demonstrations by renown bonsai masters. Hopefully we can watch these, as well.

The first class for the 2018-2019 Mentorship 101 group will be the first Saturday in October, which is the 6th, from 10am-2pm at the home of John Cole, 3829 Creekside Dr., Nashville TN 37211. Please bring sharp scissors, wire cutters, pliers and chopsticks. If you don't have any of these, the club has ones you can borrow. We will review bonsai styles and feelings, work on the bonsai skills of choosing a front and wiring of a shinpaku juniper. Please bring \$25.00 to cover the cost of the tree and wire.

Buying/Selling Bonsai on Facebook

This month we wanted to highlight a relatively new way where you can buy and sell bonsai related items. This can be done easily and gives access to a vast range of material (trees, pots, stands, etc.) that are not normally available in Middle Tennessee. That is through the various Facebook groups created for Bonsai buying and selling.

All of these are groups you can find on Facebook by searching by their names. They are all private groups so you will have to "Ask to Join". Each group has a set of moderators who can be contacted with any issues buying or selling. Anyone who violates the rules of the group can be banned. Please review the rules of each group before participating in buying/selling process.

If you are nervous to buy material through this method, try watching the sites for a few weeks to learn how it's done and see how many successful transactions are made. It is extremely rare to have a "scam" or even a misrepresentation during a posting and when this occurs the entire group is notified by the moderators.

Below is a list of the groups with a brief summary of how each operates. Some are "auction" groups that allow bids, where the item may or may not have a "Buy It Now" option. Some are straight sales only.



99 Cent Bonsai

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This is probably the most frequented group. It is specifically for bonsai or bonsai related items with a retail value of less than \$75. It allows auctions only and posts are allowed only during the specified timeframe every week. It opens at 9pm CT on Sundays and closes at 8pm CT on Thursdays.

Bonsai Auctions

[Bonsai Auctions](#)

If you are looking for higher quality material, this is the group where it will be. It is for bonsai or bonsai related items that have a retail value of more than \$75. It is not uncommon to see trees or pots being sold for more than \$500. It allows auctions only and posts are allowed only during the specified timeframe every week. It opens at 7pm CT on Tuesdays and closes at 7pm CT Saturdays.

Bonsai Pot Auctions

[Bonsai Pot Auctions](#)

This group only allows sales of bonsai related items, no living plants. There are no price restrictions. It allows auctions only and posts are allowed only during the specified timeframe every week. It opens at 11am CT on Mondays and closes at 8:30pm CT on Fridays. This group does not run during the Fall and Winter months and is replaced by the following group.

Bonsai Auctions Fall / Winter

[Bonsai Auctions Fall / Winter](#)

This group is a seasonal group specifically for the Fall and Winter months. It allows any bonsai or bonsai related item of any price. It allows auctions only and posts are allowed only during the specified timeframe every week. It opens at 9am CT on Mondays and closes at 9pm CT on Fridays.

Bonsai Sales

[Bonsai Sales](#)

This group is for straight sales only for bonsai and bonsai related item of any price. Posts can stay on the site for a month if the item is not sold earlier.

Bonsai Classifieds

[Bonsai Classifieds](#)

This group allows straight sales and auctions of bonsai and bonsai related items of any price. Auctions timeframes are specified by each seller and are specific to that item. Items can remain on the site for seven days.

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Material Aquisition/ Brokering

Rough Stock, Pre-bonsai, and Refined Trees

Bonsai Containers

Collection Purchasing

Exhibition Preparation

Bonsai Demos and Japanese Garden Presentations



September Events and New Items

Bjorn BJORHOLM's Eisei-en will have it's grand opening soon Sept 1st and 2nd. Everyone should go if they can. The National Bonsai Exhibition will be September 8-9th. I'll be vending and exhibiting there. At the end of the month, I'll be back at the National Arboretum and Meehan's Miniatures.

I have a number of small to medium satsuki azaleas available. Please contact for more information before the national exhibition.

Visits by Appointment Only Please

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