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Upcoming Events

October Meeting

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

Fall Picnic

10/21/18, 2pm-6pm
@ the Knox's

November Meeting

11/13/18, 6:30pm-9pm
@ Cheekwood

Meetings

2nd Tuesday of every month
@ Cheekwood, Massey Hall

2019 Dues

\$30 per member
or
\$40 per family

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

Upcoming Events

We are ending the year with a bang!

Our next meeting is October, 9th. Bjorn Bjurholm will do a demonstration for us! He will also be judging our Display of the Month. It's sure to be a great learning experience for everyone. For those who are not familiar, he recently opened up Eisei-en, his bonsai garden, in our own backyard. We are thrilled to have him here.

www.bjornbjurholm.com

Bring a tree to show and discuss. As always, meetings are free to the public.

We also have our fall picnic planned for October, 21st. This is our last non-meeting event of the year and is always a good time. The Knox's are gracious enough to open up their home and garden for us again this year. The club is providing the main course and we will have a potluck for the sides and dessert. If you have any trees you are looking to sell or trade, bring them with you!

In addition, Austin Heitzman will be joining us to give a talk on bonsai stands and how to match them in a display. He is easily the premier stand maker in the US. He will be bringing jitas and other small items for sale.

www.austinheitzmanfurniture.com

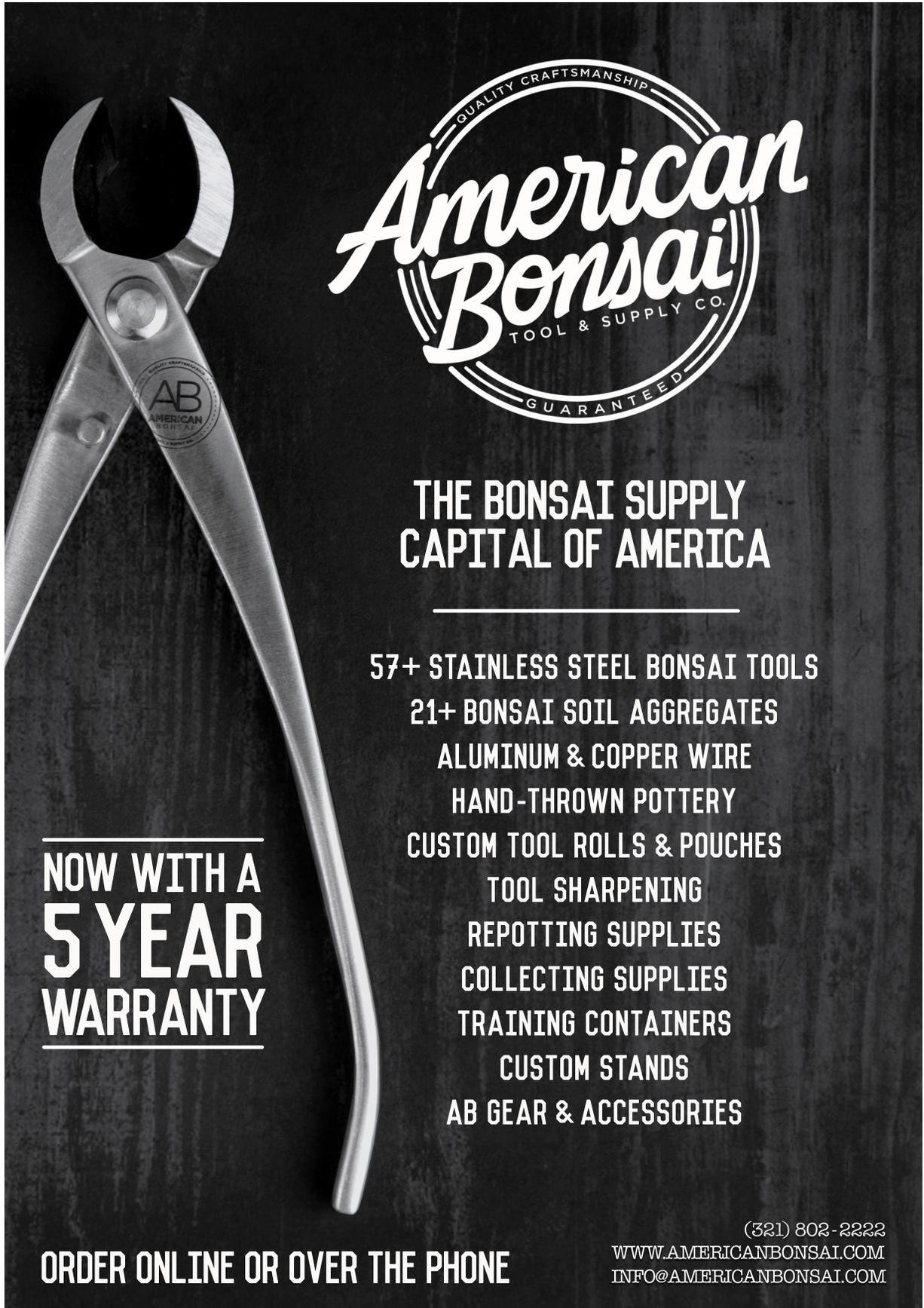
On November 13th, we will have our last club meeting for the year.

September Recap

During our September meeting, Eileen discussed “Tree Talk”. This was great info on how to understand what your trees are telling you they need and how to respond appropriately, throughout the year. There will be an article with this information coming soon.

Also, Zach Kent and John Cole attended Cheekwood’s Moon Viewing Celebration on behalf of NBS. This is an annual event at Cheekwood that is held to appreciate Japanese arts and reflecting on the autumn moon viewing tradition. This our 3rd year in a row attending the event and discussing bonsai with the guests.





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Display of the Month

Gary Stein put on our display for the September meeting. He brought a desert rose bonsai and a hosta accent plant in bloom. A few of the potential improvements mentioned by the judge were bringing some of the bottom left branching down into the negative space, using more sand as the top dressing, and spacing out the display slightly. Overall, the uniqueness of the species and the flowering, made this a big hit.



Eileen Knox will be putting on our display in our October meeting.

Notes for October

The home-stretch...

Fall is here! This is a great time to work on evergreen trees; particularly junipers and 5-needle pines. Remove yellowing needles from pines, and crispy leaves from deciduous trees. Keep a close eye on exposure to sunlight as the sun continues to move south in the sky; as warm pots can dry out quickly. Tree functions change significantly toward the latter part of October. In fall, photosynthesis slows down, deciduous trees “wall-off” the leaves at the petiole, and as a result leaves begin to turn colors, and the trees prepare themselves for winter by continually moving accumulated energy stores down into the roots. As this happens, deciduous trees become less and less active on top, until winter is here and it becomes safe to work on the top by wiring and light pruning.

Roots will remain active for the next several weeks, so proper watering is important. The stronger they are going into winter, the stronger they’ll emerge in the spring. Remember, healthy growth is the canvass for our art.

Continue feeding through October, using feeds with higher Phosphorus and Potassium. These are the 2nd and 3rd values on fertilizer labels. For example: N-P-K values of 2-8-4, where Nitrogen is 2% by weight of total content, Phosphorus is 8% by weight of total content, and Potassium is 4% by weight of total content. Phosphorus is associated with blooms and root growth. Potassium is associated with root growth and disease resistance.

Cool nights and higher humidity can lead to fungal problems. Watch the soil surface, backside of trunks, and understory leaves and take action if any fungal problems are identified.

Watch forecasts carefully and bring tropical trees inside when nights are below 40-45 degrees F. Hardy trees need to experience the dips in temperatures to properly prepare them for winter. Begin to determine how trees will be stored away for winter when the time comes. Optimal winter storage will be in an area protected from wind, protected from direct sunlight, and protected from big swings in temperatures. More on this next month, for now, enjoy the colors and cool weather!

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

2019 Dues

Starting in October, any dues paid count towards 2019 membership. Everything else keeps getting more expensive, but NBS dues remain the same! Dues are \$30 for an individual or \$40 for a family. You can always attend meeting without becoming a member, but we have a number of member's only events throughout the year (like our Fall Picnic). Be sure to contact John Cole or stop by the Welcome Desk at a meeting, if you would like to become a member.



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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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