

## NBS Links

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## Upcoming Events

### *February Meeting*

2/12/19, 6:30pm-9pm  
@ Cheekwood

### *Lawn & Garden Show*

2/28/19-3/1/19  
@ Nashville Fairgrounds

## Meetings

2nd Tuesday of every month  
@ Cheekwood, Massey Hall

## 2019 Dues

\$30 per member  
or  
\$40 per family

## Blog Roll

[Nebari Bonsai, Eisei-en](#)

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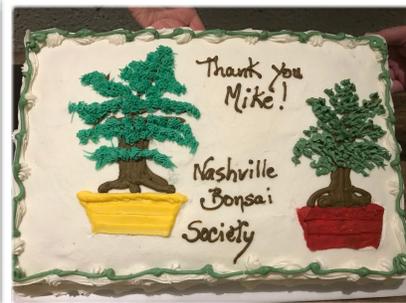
Hello to all the Members and Guests of the Nashville Bonsai Society!

### *Upcoming Events*

We have no events remaining in 2018. Our monthly meetings with start back on February 12th, 2019 and we will be attending the Lawn & Garden Show the same month. There are more details on the L&G Show towards the end of the newsletter.

### *November Recap*

During our last meeting of the year, we said goodbye and thanks to Mike Brown. After four years Mike has decided to step down from being the club President. On behalf of all NBS members, thanks Mike!



We would also like to welcome the new board members! You can find the list of the NBS board on the last page of every newsletter.

Finally, we gathered feedback from NBS members on the year and asked for any changes that are needed to improve the club. The board will be meeting in early December to finalize plans for 2019 and will be sure to take this input into account.

Thanks to all of our members for the wonderful year of bonsai we've had!

## Notes for December

As holiday schedules, parties, commitments, baking, and shopping trips accelerate, our trees are doing it right: slowing down to a crawl. Once our schedules slow down to a crawl for a few days, it is a good time to reflect on the past year as a bonsai artist. Are your trees better this year than last year? What did you learn? If you lost a tree, do you know how to avoid that fate next time? Have you read something that you got to try? Are you working with someone who can help you develop your skills? How have your watering and feeding practices improved? A bonsai pro said something that resounded with me: "There are those who have done bonsai for 30 years, and those who have done it for one year, 30 times over."

As the trees make their way to winter quarters, and they should be there now (a shaded location with pots completely covered in mulch), consider what next year will bring for each tree. Maybe some winter pruning will improve the refinement, wire can move branches into bare spaces, and a new pot can change the look of a composition entirely. Make a to-do list and at the point when winter seems to be lasting forever, working on a tree will make spring seem "right around the corner".

Winter is a good time to wire trees and complete heavy pruning on conifers. No feeding until Spring, and watering requirements should be minimal. If trees are under a bed of mulch, we typically get enough precipitation to handle watering needs. However, if we get a sunny, warm spell, be sure to check moisture levels every week or so.

\*December Bonsai Care from [Nebari Bonsai](#)



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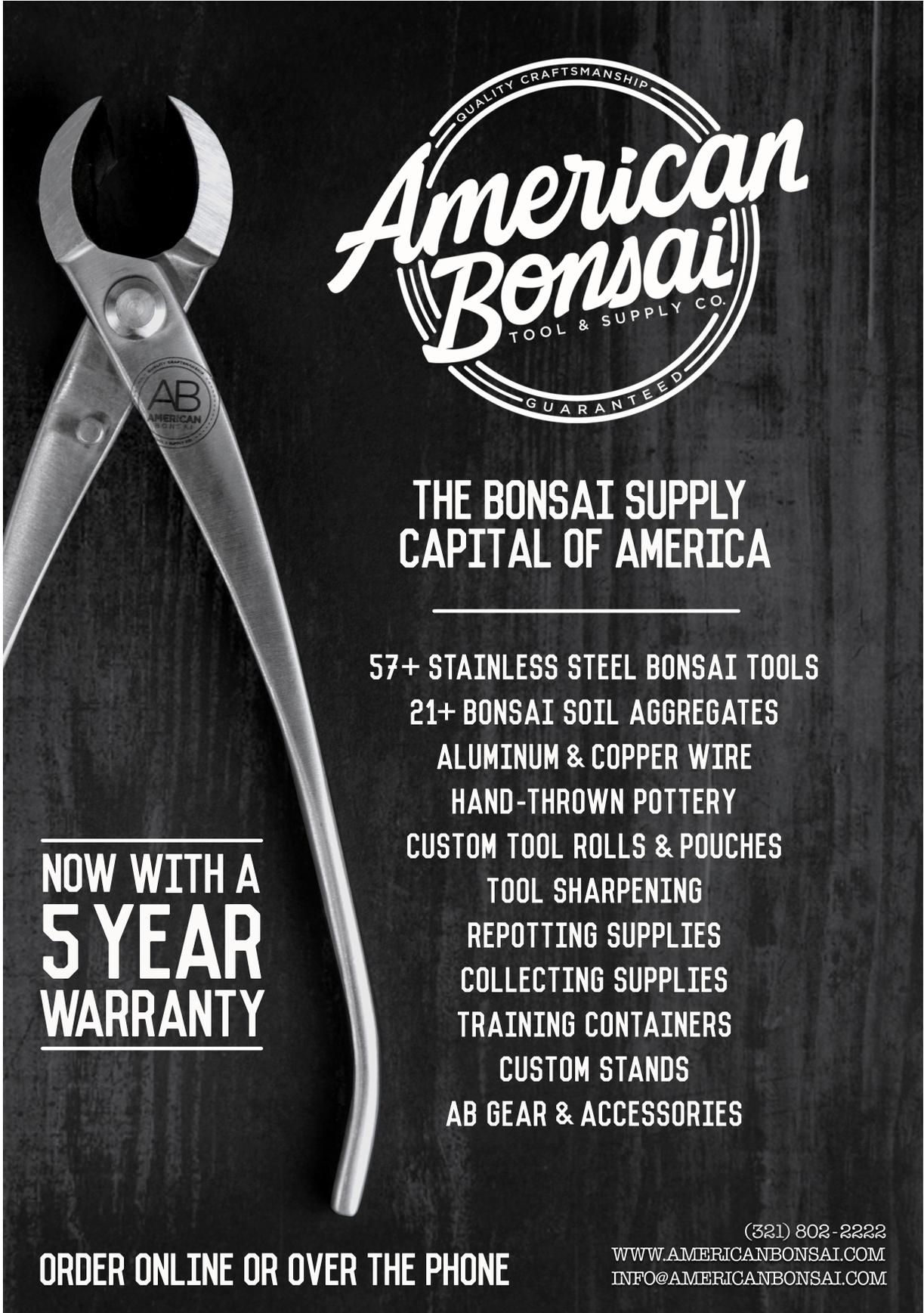


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### *2019 Dues*

Any dues paid from now on 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 Eileen Knox or stop by the Welcome Desk at a meeting, if you would like to become a member.

### **Nashville Lawn & Garden Show**

Nashville Bonsai Society will have a booth at the Lawn and Garden Show again this year. The show runs from Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Fairgrounds Nashville, 500 Wedgewood Avenue. Set up will be Wednesday evening.



This was great fun last year and a big success for the club. It is a wonderful opportunity to show your trees and share your passion for bonsai with like-minded people. The organizers are expecting over 20,000 to attend this year. And last year's display was a huge hit with the public.

We will schedule 2 volunteers for each 2 hour shift. We will also have a table set up so you can work on your trees, if you would like to do a demonstration.

We will be releasing more details closer to the event. If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer, contact Eileen Knox or Zach Kent.

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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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