

## **NBS Links**

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## **Upcoming Events**

### *February Meeting*

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

### *L&G Show Prep*

2/25/19, 10am-6pm  
@ The Knox's

### *Lawn & Garden Show*

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

### *March Meeting*

3/12/19, 6:30pm-9pm  
@ Cheekwood

## **Meetings**

2nd Tuesday of every month  
@ Cheekwood, Massey Hall

## **2019 Dues**

\$30 per member  
or  
\$40 per family

## **Blog Roll**

[Bonsai Tonight, Ume](#)

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Maple](#)

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

### *Upcoming Events*

Our monthly meetings will start back on February 12th, 2019 and we will be attending the Lawn & Garden Show later this month. There are more details on the L&G Show towards the end of the newsletter. Eileen Knox will host a tree prep day on February 25th for those participating in the L&G Show.

Our February meeting will feature a talk on collecting material from our very own John Wall. He is an expert on collecting and maintaining collected material.

We will also be discussing the 2019 calendar in detail and review our plan for the Lawn & Garden Show.

### *Mentorship*

Our Mentorship program is changing a little this year. We will still have Mentorship 101 which will run January through May (1st Saturday of the month). The current class is still in progress and wraps up in May.

The third session of our class met January 5<sup>th</sup> to prepare our bonsai soil top dressing and make repotting chopsticks. We also learned about bonsai pot selection guidelines and the science of bonsai soils.

Many thanks to John Cole, Ken Wyatt, Ray Fuller, Tamathy Page and Richard Garcia for mentoring the group through a fun filled day. Students and mentors may pick up four additional repotting chopsticks at our February meeting. They will be waiting for you at the Welcome Desk!

The next Mentorship 101 class will be held Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-2 at John Cole's. We will have our first repotting session with some beautiful Trident Maples John has grown for us. Please bring any tools you have and your \$25 to cover the club's expenses. All NBS members are welcome to attend as observers.

This year we will also have club Mentorship days for any members who wants to work on trees together. These will be in July, August and September (1st Saturday of the month). This will be a John Cole's nursery.

Finally, Eileen will host two four-hour sessions called All About Pines for NBS members who are interested in delving deeply into Single Flush and Multi Flush Pines. We will explore all facets of the species; potting, fertilizing, wiring, styling, diseases, pests and needle length reduction.

Bring your Single Flush Pines to the first session on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. Our Single Flush Pines are our Ponderosa Pines, Japanese White Pines, Limber Pines, Colorado Pines, Lodgepole Pines and Mugo Pines. We will work on our multi-flush pines in session two on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. These include Japanese Black Pines, Red Pines, Virginia Pines, Pitch Pines and Loblolly Pines. The sessions are limited to six. Each four-hour session will cost \$50. You may enroll in one or two sessions. If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Eileen.

Remember, you can find all the dates for the classes in the 2019 Calendar, towards the end of the newsletter.



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*Care Calendar - February*

	<b>Weather</b>	<b>Tree Talk – Indicators</b>	<b>How to Respond</b>
<b>February</b>	Large temperature fluctuations  Avg. Low: 31° Avg. High: 52° Record Low: 13° Record High: 84°	Warmer temps and longer days mean we are seeing the trees begin to take up a bit more water. When temperatures are above 44° the vascular system begins to release the carbohydrates and sugars stored over the winter. This energy release is what causes the buds to swell for our spring growth.	Monitor water needs carefully. Mid-month begins our repotting season. Good time to root and thread grafting if buds are swelling. Protect newly repotted trees from temperatures below 42° and over 75° and high winds. Protect emerging foliage from temperatures below 34°, above 75° and high winds.

**Club Discount: American Bonsai**

This is a reminder that all club members have access to a 10% discount at American Bonsai Tool & Supply Co. This discount can be applied to any order. If you forgot the discount code or if you are a new member, contact Zach Kent for your code.

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**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.

If you are interested in volunteering and/or showing your trees, please contact Eileen Knox ASAP. We need more trees for our display! Eileen will also be hosting a tree prep day on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 6pm to help anybody bringing a tree get it into tip top shape. Please contact Eileen to RSVP for this prep day. Note, this is only for members who will be bringing trees to the L&G show.



## 2019 Calendar

	January	February	March	April	
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	N/A	Topic: Collecting Trees 2/12/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: Repotting Demo's 3/12/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: Deciduous Demo w/ Owen R 4/9/2019, 6:30pm-9pm	
<b>Other Event</b>	N/A	Lawn & Garden Expo 2/28/19-3/2/19, 8am-5pm	Lawn & Garden Expo 2/28/19-3/2/19, 8am-5pm	Member Garden Tour 4/27/19, 10am-2pm	
<b>Mentorship</b>	101 Class 1/5/19, 10am-2pm	101 Class 2/2/19, 10am-2pm	101 Class 3/2/19, 10am-2pm	101 Class 4/6/19, 10am-2pm	Pines (SF) Class 4/13/19, 10am-2pm
	May	June	July	August	
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	Topic: Deciduous Discussion **@ Eisei-en** 5/14/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: Crepe Myrtle Discussion & Show Prep 6/11/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: Bald Cypress Demo w/ John W 7/9/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: Bonsai Pottery 8/13/2019, 6:30pm-9pm	
<b>Other Event</b>	Open House, Turnbull Creek Bonsai TBD	BYOT Workshop w/ Owen R 6/1/19, 8am-12pm	NBS Annual Show 7/14-15/19, 10am-4pm	TBD	
<b>Mentorship</b>	101 Class 5/4/19, 10am-2pm	Pine (MF) Class 6/15/19, 10am-2pm	Tree Work 7/6/19, 10am-2pm	Tree Work 8/3/19, 10am-2pm	
	September	October	November	December	
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	Topic: Juniper Discussion 9/10/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: Tree Talk, Winter Edition 10/8/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: Conifer Demo w/ Bjorn B 11/12/19, 6:30pm-9pm	N/A	
<b>Other Event</b>	Cheekwood Moon Viewing TBD	Fall Picnic TBD, 2pm-6pm	N/A	N/A	
<b>Mentorship</b>	Tree Work 9/7/19, 10am-2pm	101 Class 10/5/19, 10am-2pm	101 Class 11/2/19, 10am-2pm	N/A	

All events in the "Other Event" and "Mentorship" categories are member's only events. All monthly meetings are open to the public.



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## **Annual Garden Tour**

Every year NBS members open their gardens and let us admire this bonsai collection. On April 27th we will tour four different members gardens. If you are interested in being one of the host gardens, please contact John Cole.

Typically, we stay at each garden for 30-45 minutes depending on the drive time to the next garden. It's always a fun social event, but is also a great time to study other members trees.



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