

## NBS Links

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## Upcoming Events

### *December Meeting*

12/8/2020 6:30PM

ZOOM

## Meetings

2nd Tuesday of every month  
@ Cheekwood, Massey Hall

## 2020 Dues

\$30 per member

or

\$40 per family

## Blog Roll

[Crataegus Bonsai - Focus on  
Fall Pruning -Chojubai](#)

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

### *November Recap:*

NBS hopes that everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving this year! We are thankful for all of our members, teachers, vendors, participants, and enthusiasts - without which we would all be doing this thing all by ourselves.

November was a great month in our gardens. We got to see our trees' canopies turn wonderful shades of color before they fall away to expose the stark beauty of a winter silhouette. We watched our trunks and branches swell with an eye to any wire that may be biting in a bit *too* much. We heeled our trees in and protect them from the falling temperatures with a wistful feeling, already counting the days until Spring.

Regular NBS meetings have been missed this year, but we have some good things in store for December and 2021!

### *December Meeting:*

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Virtual Meeting next Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM

Please join us Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 PM for a presentation by Andrew Robson! We will be using Zoom. You will receive an email with a [link](#) that will invite you to join the meeting a day or two before.

Winter is the best season for deciduous study. After leaf drop in autumn is the optimal time to assess where a deciduous bonsai is and where it needs to go with its development and maintenance. While most deciduous bonsai work happens in the growing season, most deciduous bonsai analysis happens in winter silhouette. This presentation gives strategies for how to study our deciduous bonsai in winter, how to access where they are and where they need to go. Additionally, we'll study deciduous bonsai aesthetics, the different forms and combinations of branch patterns, and the differences between trees, shrubs, styles, and approaches. As always, we'll conclude with a deciduous bonsai Q&A.

**Technical notes:**

You may want to familiarize yourself with Zoom before the live presentation. Here is Zoom's help center <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806-Frequently-asked-questions> Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app from their Download Center <https://zoom.us/download> . Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click the "join link" we will send you. You can also join a test meeting to familiarize yourself with Zoom.

Be sure you know how to turn your Zoom volume on and off and how to activate your camera. For maximum video quality you will need a fast internet connection with as little conflict as possible. To do this, please locate yourself as close to your internet hardware as comfortable and practicable. Ideally, a download speed of more than 20 megabits will ensure clear video. Also note that interference from other devices like microwaves, cordless phones, and other nearby wireless internet connections can all degrade your connection.



## 2020 Calendar

	January	February	March	April
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	N/A	Topic: <b>Club Tree Discussion + Bonsai Pots</b> 2/11/2020 6:30pm – 9:00pm	Topic: <b>Bonsai Repotting at Edwin Warner Park</b> 3/14/2020 10:00am – 2:00pm	Topic: <b>Deciduous Trees with Owen Reich</b>  **CANCELLED**
<b>Other Event</b>	N/A	<b>Nashville Lawn &amp; Garden Show</b> 2/27/2020 -3/1/2020	<b>Field Trip</b>  TBD	<b>Member Garden Tour &amp; Music City Bonsai Open House</b>  **CANCELLED**
<b>Mentorship</b>	<b>101 Class</b> 1/4/2020 10am-2pm  Soil and Top Dressing	<b>101 Class</b> 2/1/2020 10am-2pm  Repotting Trident Maple	<b>101 Class</b> 3/7/2020 10am-2pm Japanese Maples / Pests & Diseases	<b>101 Class</b> 4/4/2020 10am-2pm  **CANCELLED**
	May	June	July	August
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	Topic: <b>Collected Trees with Arthur Leago</b>  **CANCELLED**	Topic: <b>White Cedar Demo with John Wall</b>  **CANCELLED**	Topic: <b>Joinery Techniques of Bonsai Stands w/ Doug Ross</b>  **Cancelled**	Topic: <b>Shohin Bonsai with Shannon Salyer</b>  **Cancelled**
<b>Other Event</b>	<b>Turnbull Creek Open House</b> TBD	<b>Bring Your Own Tree Workshop w/ Owen Reich</b> TBD	<b>NBS Club Show</b> TBD	<b>Carving Day w/ Arthur Leago</b> TBD
<b>Mentorship</b>	<b>Tree Work</b> **CANCELLED*	<b>Tree Work</b> **CANCELLED*	<b>Tree Work</b> TBD	<b>Make Your Own Pot Workshop</b> TBD
	September	October	November	December
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	Topic: <b>Arthur Joura</b> 9/8/2020 6:30pm – 9:00pm  **Cancelled**	Meeting combined with picnic and auction	<b>TBD</b>	N/A
<b>Other Event</b>	<b>Cheekwood Moon Viewing</b> TBD <b>Golden Arrow Bonsai Workshop - TBD</b>	<b>Fall Picnic + Auction</b> 10/17/2020 Creekside Bonsai 12PM – 4PM  <b>Adam Jones Workshop</b> 10/3/20 – 10/4/20 Bowling Green, KY	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Andrew Robson Presentation</b>  Topic: Deciduous Winter Silhouettes  12/8/2020 6:30PM
<b>Mentorship</b>	<b>Tree Work</b> TBD	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	N/A

*December – Care Calendar*


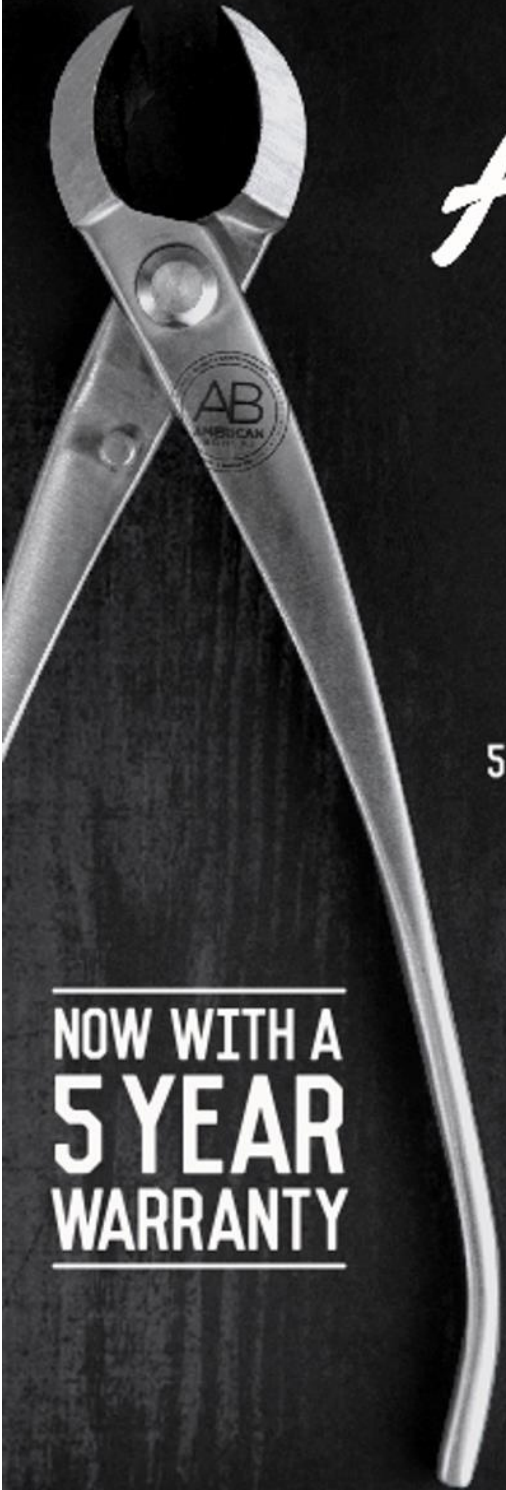
<p>Shortest day of the year</p> <p>Avg. Low 32° Avg. High 49° Record Low 10° Record High 79°</p>	<p>Tree Talk:</p> <p>We are seeing deciduous trees using almost no water and conifers needing only a little bit. We need to check our trees 1X - 2X a week for water. The trees are dormant, not dead. So, continue to monitor their water needs. Let them dry out a bit before watering. Always water 24 hours before a deep cold snap. The evergreen trees can probably tolerate 0 - 15 degrees without too much difficulty, if they are on the ground and mulched in. The Deciduous trees have had a wonderful fall with temperatures decreasing gradually through October and November. They still need protecting from temperatures below 24 degrees</p>	<p>How to Respond:</p> <p>Early December is a good time to do pruning of strong tips on Japanese Maples. Always leave two buds for bifurcation. If the internode is too long, prune it back to the one bud, After the spring leaves have hardened off, we can cut it back to two buds. Leave a 1/4" stub. For healthy ponderosa, and most pines it is a good time to remove the third-year foliage, clean them up on the bottom and clean up the pads. The tree needs to have room to express carbon dioxide</p>
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**2021 NBS Membership Dues**

The year 2020 has been quite an unusual one for all of us. Some folks were able to pay their 2020 dues before all meetings and activities were canceled. 2021 holds more unknowns for all of us. So, your NBS Board decided to gift current members their 2021 membership dues. If you paid club dues for the year of 2020, this gift is for you.

We have enough in the bank to remain solvent until our lives return to a kind of new-normal and our meetings and activities can safely resume. Until then...

Happy Holidays,  
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## Some Helpful Links:

Since we are all cooped up at home and won't be able to make any bonsai events this month, it might be helpful to use this time to watch some videos on Bonsai Techniques. There are some great videos out there that we can learn from while we are sheltering in place:

Bonsai Mirai: [WINTER PREPARATION](#)  
[WINTER CARE](#)  
[BONSAI BEGINNER SERIES](#)  
[GROWTH PERPETUATION](#)  
[SCULPTURAL SPRUCE REPOTTING](#)  
[SPRUCE GROWTH MANAGEMENT](#)

Eisei-En Bonsai U:  
[WIRE BITE - HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?](#)  
[HINOKI CYPRESS BONSAI](#)  
[THE BONSAI ART OF JAPAN](#)  
[TURNING JAPANESE MAPLES SEEDLINGS INTO CLUMP STYLE BONSAI](#)  
[CHANGING A BONSAI'S DESIGN](#)  
[HOW TO PRUNE SINGLE FLUSH PINE BONSAI](#)  
[HOW TO WIRE PADS ON A JUNIPER BONSAI](#)  
[SHOHIN JUNIPER BONSAI FROM CUTTINGS](#)

Sandev Bonsai: [PRUNING TECHNIQUES FOR RAMIFICATION](#)

Appalachian Bonsai: [SOIL TEST PART 1 - WATER RETENTION](#)  
[SOIL TEST PART 2 - FREEZE/THAW CYCLES](#)

These videos all display some unique techniques and can help lead you down a rabbit hole of various techniques, styles, and ideas for your Bonsai this season.



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