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Upcoming Events

Mentorship 101

2/1/2020, 10am-2pm
@ John Cole's Home

February Meeting

Don't forget your membership dues!

2/11/2020, 6:30pm-9pm
@ Cheekwood

Nashville Lawn & Garden Show

@ New Fairgrounds Building
2/26/2020: Setup 3pm – 7pm
2/27/2020: 10am – 7pm
2/28/2020: 10am – 7pm
3/1/2020: 10am – 5pm

Meetings

2nd Tuesday of every month
@ Cheekwood, Massey Hall

2020 Dues

\$30 per member
or
\$40 per family

Blog Roll

[Crataegus Bonsai - Minimalist Hemlock Styling](#)

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

January Recap

January has been a grey, wet month so far. Some of your early rising trees may be waking up (Flowering Quince, anyone?) and you may already be shuffling them in and out of doors as the weather permits. All of this rain should be doing a good job of clearing our hard water buildup in our pots and aerating the soil, though. The soft ground will present muddy, but easier digs as we move into yamadori collecting season here in Tennessee. While the Mentorship members met in January, there were no other club activities that happened this month. We are all looking forward to our first meeting this month in February!

February Meeting

Our first meeting of 2020 will be held on Tuesday, February 11th in our usual place in Massey Hall at Cheekwood. John Cole Will give a talk about Bonsai Pot Creation and Club leadership will share and discuss trees.

All membership dues became payable in January 2020. We have been able to keep the cost of membership the same, thanks to the wonderful volunteer spirit of our club members. An individual membership costs \$30 and family membership is \$40. If you would like to mail your check to Eileen Knox, please email her (eileenknox@me.com) for her street address. Or, bring your check book or cash with you to the February 11th meeting.

February – Care Calendar

<p>Large temperature fluctuations</p> <p>Avg. Low 31° Avg. High 52° Record Low 13° Record High 84°</p>	<p>Tree Talk:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>How to Respond:</p> <p>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.</p>
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Mentorship 101 - February



Our January 4th class was cold-cold-cold! We were so impressed by the brave souls who sifted moss and bonsai soils for our upcoming repotting season. During the lecture portion of our class, we explored the science of bonsai soils, and bonsai pot selection.

Our fourth mentorship class will meet at John Cole's on Saturday, February 1st from 10-2. We will take a quick look at the science behind organic fertilizers with an overview of branch selection. Each student will repot their new Tree of the Month-

trident maple, during class. Please bring any tools you may have (we have tools to loan), your \$25 tuition check and your chair. All NBS members are welcome to audit the class free of charge. Trees and materials are not available for those members not formally registered.

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2020 Calendar

	January	February	March	April
Monthly Meeting	N/A	Topic: Club Tree Discussion + Bonsai Pots 2/11/2020 6:30pm – 9:00pm	Topic: Bonsai Repotting at Edwin Warner Park 3/14/2020 10:00am – 2:00pm	Topic: Deciduous Trees with Owen Reich 4/14/2020 6:30pm-9:00pm
Other Event	N/A	Nashville Lawn & Garden Show 2/27/2020 -3/1/2020	Field Trip TBD	Member Garden Tour & Music City Bonsai Open House TBD
Mentorship	101 Class 1/4/2020 10am-2pm Soil and Top Dressing	101 Class 2/1/2020 10am-2pm Repotting Trident Maple	101 Class 3/7/2020 10am-2pm Japanese Maples / Pests & Diseases	101 Class 4/4/2020 10am-2pm Bald Cypress + Final Exam
	May	June	July	August
Monthly Meeting	Topic: Collected Trees with Arthur Leago 5/12/2020 6:30pm – 9:00pm	Topic: White Cedar Demo with John Wall 6/9/2020 6:30pm – 9:00pm	Topic: Joinery Techniques of Bonsai Stands w/ Doug Ross 7/14/2020 6:30pm – 9:00pm	Topic: Shohin Bonsai with Shannon Salyer 8/11/2020 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Other Event	Turnbull Creek Open House TBD	Bring Your Own Tree Workshop w/ Owen Reich TBD	NBS Club Show 7/18/2020 – 7/19/2020	Carving Day w/ Arthur Leago TBD
Mentorship	Tree Work TBD	Tree Work Prep Show Trees TBD	Tree Work TBD	Make Your Own Pot Workshop TBD
	September	October	November	December
Monthly Meeting	Topic: Arthur Joura 9/8/2020 6:30pm – 9:00pm	Meeting combined with picnic and auction	TBD	N/A
Other Event	Cheekwood Moon Viewing TBD Golden Arrow Bonsai Workshop - TBD	Fall Picnic + Auction 10/11/2020 Adam Jones Workshop 10/12/2020	TBD	N/A
Mentorship	Tree Work TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A

Nashville Lawn and Garden Show



The Lawn and Garden Show is scheduled for February 27th through March 1st. We have been given a highly visible location by the front entrance in the brand-new Fairgrounds Complex. We would like this year's display to be our best one ever!

This is a labor-intensive event that requires a lot of volunteers. Kudos to our membership! This year's volunteer schedule is almost full. We have only 5 openings left. We will bring the sign-up with us to the February meeting. Volunteers are admitted to the show free of charge.

Please look over your collection for trees you would like to show. Deciduous trees with mature ramification? Conifers with interesting deadwood? We can all work together and share our display materials, like stands and jitas to create an outstanding display. Email Eileen (eileenknox@me.com) with photos of your trees. We swap out trees daily so the display is different and interesting each day. We need lots of trees!

We will have only one general meeting for tree sign-ups. So, we are reaching out now. Our Home Page photo came from our first year at the show. Time for a new one?

Teri & Eileen



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Hospitality Team

Have you ever been running late for a meeting and not had the chance to grab dinner beforehand? We have all had those days and our wonderful hospitality team has been there time and again with a range of delicious snacks to help tide us over while we talk Bonsai. They are our unsung heroes each year, providing their time and resources into making our meetings even more outstanding. This year, we will be setting up a donation basket or two for our hospitality table. These donations will be earmarked directly for the Hospitality team in order to help them keep our morale up with snacks and drinks.



Raffle

As long-time club members know, we have a raffle each meeting to help generate donation money for the club. These items can consist of books, supplies, pots, and sometimes even trees! We are always looking for new items to raffle and if any club member would like to donate to the raffle, please contact Albert Kolbe. We will begin announcing raffle items in this section of the newsletter starting this year!

Club Vendors



We host several vendors at each meeting, making it an exciting time for both those selling and purchasing trees and material! Our Vendors are top – notch with the bonus that they have been raising and caring for trees in our climate so that you won't have periods of acclimation like you will occasionally with on line purchases. If you are a vendor or would like to become one, the club requests a \$10 table fee per meeting per vendor. If you plan on vending at all of the meetings for a year, you can make a one-time payment of \$100 at the February meeting. All vendor fees go directly to Albert Kolbe.



Upcoming Bonsai Events

Knoxville Bonsai Society Annual Show – February 15th – 16th @ Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, 2743 Wimpole Ave. Knoxville, TN. Guest Artist – Arthur Joura

Prairie State Bonsai Society, Bonsai Silhouette Show – February 15th 10am – 4pm @ Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Rd. Wheaton, Illinois

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