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Upcoming Events

February Meeting

2/9/2021 6:30PM

ZOOM

Meetings

2nd Tuesday of every month
@ Cheekwood, Massey Hall

2020 Dues

\$30 per member

or

\$40 per family

Blog Roll

[Valavanis Bonsai Blog -
Happy New Year 2021!](#)

[Crataegus Bonsai - Photo
Gallery of 2020](#)

[National Bonsai Foundation -
Influential Bonsai Masters:
Yuji Yoshimura](#)



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

2020 Recap:

Happy New Year from everyone at NBS! It feels like so long since we have seen everyone's faces and even longer since we've all been able to talk and work on trees together. We are very hopeful that we will be able to begin in person meetings and shows once again this year.

December brought the first of our truly frigid weather with several nights below 30F and some ice and snow. It was a great time to stay indoors and look over the bare silhouettes of our deciduous species and plan their future. We had a very informative ZOOM meeting with Andrew Robson about late fall and early winter pruning and styling. With the early sunsets and long nights, December also makes for a great month to research and binge watch instructional videos.

Membership Dues:

We hope you were able enjoy the holiday season. Some folks were able to pay their 2020 dues before all meetings and activities were canceled. Because 2021 holds more unknowns, your NBS Board decided to gift current members their 2021 membership dues. If you paid your 2020 dues, this gift is for you. If you are uncertain you paid for 2020, contact eileenknox@me.com

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

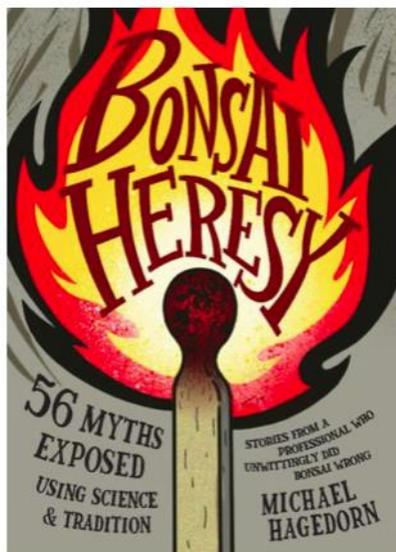
February Program:

From Eileen:

“Our February program will be a Zoom meeting with Michael Hagedorn at 6:30 on February 9th. We will send you a link the 7th or 8th. Those who were able to join us for the Andrew Robson Zoom program, know how much information we can get from these really great artists. Andrew apprenticed with Michael. Michael apprenticed with Shinji Suzuki in Japan.

I was fortunate to study with Michael when I lived in Portland. He is tremendously talented and one of my most favorite people on the planet. His newest book [Bonsai Heresy](#) is a must read for anyone wanting to learn more about bonsai. You can purchase his books from Stone Lantern. Below you will find a review from Stone Lantern

<https://stonelantern.com/products/bonsai-heresy>”



Bonsai Heresy by Michael Hagedorn

Bjorn BJORHOLM bonsai artist and educator, who like Michael Hagedorn apprenticed in Japan wrote...

"Not only does Michael dispel long-held bonsai myths, but he wonderfully weaves personal, often self-deprecating anecdotes into the mix. Well written, deeply researched, and perfectly timed, Bonsai Heresy is a must-read for every bonsai enthusiast."

Michael Hagedorn has long been our go-to source for accurate and clear advice when it comes to bonsai and bonsai related questions. His skill and depth of knowledge, as well as his on-going innovation in the art of bonsai, place him among the very best of our North American bonsai artists, teachers and, needless to say, authors

Michael apprenticed with bonsai master Shinji Suzuki in Obuse, Japan from 2003-2006 and now resides and practices bonsai in Portland Oregon, where he founded his Crataegus Bonsai garden and the Portland Bonsai Village. Michael is also the Bonsai Consultant for the Portland Japanese Garden, teaches classes to students from around the world at his garden, and blogs weekly at www.crataegus.com.

Michael's first book *Post-Dated: the Schooling of an Irreverent Bonsai Monk* has long been a favorite and in our opinion is the best bonsai read in the English language... at least until Bonsai Heresy

Bonsai Heresy: Paperback, 5" x 7" 360 pages, color illustrations by Sergio Cuan

2020 Calendar

	January	February	March	April
Monthly Meeting	N/A	Topic: Bonsai Myths and Bonsai Heresy ZOOM – Michael Hagedorn 2/09/2021 6:30pm – 9:00pm	TBD	TBD
Other Event	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD
Mentorship	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD
	May	June	July	August
Monthly Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Other Event	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Mentorship	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	September	October	November	December
Monthly Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Other Event	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Mentorship	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

January – Tree Talk

	<u>Tree Talk</u>	<u>How to Respond</u>
Coldest Month Avg. Low 28° Avg. High 46° Record Low 17° Record High 78°	Trees are dormant and using very little water. Some buds are beginning to swell. Pines are semi-dormant.	Most conifers and larger trees that are mulched in, protected from wind and have been outside all winter can tolerate 14°- 18° temperatures by now. Check once a week for water needs. This is a great time to treat for over-wintering pests and diseases. January is also a good month to repot healthy pines.

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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