



SPRINGFIELD BONSAI SOCIETY

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From the Editor's Desk

Now that we have had several days of frost we are working on winterizing our trees. My tropicals are safely housed in my sunroom. I just returned from driving our parents to Florida. Of course I took the opportunity to visit Erik at [Wigert's Bonsai Nursery](#). I came home with a *Ficus retusa* (Mustard Seed), *Ficus ingens* (red leaf ficus), and a *Nashia inaguensis* (Bahama Berry).

The November meeting is the last meeting of the year. We need you to come and bring ideas for programs and workshops for next year. If you cannot attend please forward any suggestions to one of the officers. Suggestions for outreach programs and ways to attract new members are greatly appreciated.

Future Tense

November 12 - SBS Meeting and Dessert Social

Our November meeting will be devoted to planning our schedule for next year. Please come and bring ideas for workshop presenters and topics for meetings. Bring a dessert to share - planning is easier on a full stomach.

Upcoming SBS Meeting

February 11, 2013

7:00 p.m.

We will take a winter hiatus and resume our meetings in February.

Past Tense - October Meeting and Workshop

At the October meeting members worked on trees for the upcoming sale and show at Lincoln Memorial Garden.

Our fall show at Lincoln Memorial Garden's Fall Festival was dampened but we had a nice display of trees and a large variety of items for sale. Our sale did reasonably well considering the weather that kept the attendance down. Thanks to all of our members who helped with this event. We did generate some interest with our demonstrations and had the opportunity to talk to several people interested in bonsai.



A rainy start to our fall show.



Display area.



Roland's demo



Scott explaining a graft to a visitor

On October 6 Mark Fields conducted a workshop on Shimpaku juniper styling at Cass Bonsai. Thanks to Milt and Brian for hosting us.



Mark Fields



Manish working on his tree.



Gary's tree

Bonsai Care Tips

The Columbus Bonsai Society (Ohio) has a [calendar](#) for bonsai care for USDA Hardiness Zones 5 and 6. These are their recommendations.

November - Late Autumn

- Stop fertilization for outdoors trees.
- Only water when soil is nearly dry.
- Clean up trees in preparation for winter.

December - Early Winter

- You may wire trees, as their lack of leaves makes it easier this time of year.
- Move your less hardy and smaller trees into a protected area. This may be a cold frame, an unheated garage, a cool basement, or mulched near the side of a building.

January - Mid Winter

- Only water when soil is almost dry. Soil may stay damp for many weeks without the need for water.
- Heavy pruning of deciduous trees can be completed in winter, while the tree is dormant. It may be best to wait until early spring, when dead branches from winter are more noticeable.
- Start deciding which trees will be repotted in spring. Make a list of available pots, and which trees will work with them. Having a battle plan is very useful once the chaos of spring arrives. Order repotting supplies such as new pots, soil, wire, drainage mesh, etc.
- Protect your trees from direct winter sun and wind as it will cause freeze dry damage.
- You may place mothballs in the mulch around your trees to prevent mouse damage.
- Extra mulch or protection is needed if the temps fall below 20, especially for elms, maples and other fleshy rooted plants.

Administrivia

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