



SPRINGFIELD BONSAI SOCIETY

# Palmatum Press

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## From the Editor's Desk

The slab pot workshop we had scheduled last month had to be cancelled. Dr. Folse has rescheduled the workshop for Saturday, March 15 at his home studio. I will send out more details when I have them.

The theme for our programs this year is refinement. Our regular March meeting will focus on carving to add interest and give your trees the appearance of age. Focus on your best trees and bring them to a higher level of refinement. Bring your best tree(s) to several meetings and continue their development throughout the year. Please share information about your tree and its progress with other members.

On Saturday April 19, we will host Owen Reich as our guest artist. This is a great opportunity to learn from a master. Owen studied horticulture at the University of Georgia where he became acquainted with bonsai. He worked for five years as manager of Samara Farms in Nashville. He then traveled to Japan and apprenticed with Keiichi Fujikawa in Osaka. At the same time Bjorn Bjorholm (a previous guest artist in Springfield) was apprenticing with Fujikawa Sensi and they collaborated on a video series "Bonsai Art of Japan" (<http://www.youtube.com/user/bjorvalabonsai>). The workshop will held at Washington Park Botanical Garden

## Future Tense

**Monday March 10 - SBS March Meeting at Washington Park Botanical Garden - 7:00 pm**

Our March meeting will feature a demonstration of carving to refine your trees. Bring a tree to work on and tools if you have them.

**Saturday March 15 - Springfield Bonsai Society Meeting. Time will be announced later.**

The special February meeting will feature a slab pot building workshop at the studio of Dr. Folse. Participants will build a slab pot which may be used for the group planting session at the May meeting. Cost will be \$20 for a slab pot. Making additional pots will cost extra. If you are interested in participating please contact Gary Trammell ([gtram1@uis.edu](mailto:gtram1@uis.edu)) or 217-741-4849 by Wednesday March 12.

# Upcoming 2014 SBS Meetings

Regular meetings are held at Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave. Springfield. IL. Special meeting locations are indicated below.\*

<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Topics/Activities</b>
Monday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.	Carving Demonstration Bring a tree to work on and tools if you have them.
*Saturday March 15	Slab pot building at Roland Folsie studio
Monday April 14 7:00 p.m.	Initial Styling – puning, repotting
Monday, May 12 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.	Group Plantings
Monday, June 9 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.	Azalea Care & Development
Monday, July 14 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.	Tropicals [Garden Tour to be arranged ]
Monday, August 11 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.	Display – companion plant, rocks
Monday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.	TBA
Monday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
November 10 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.	Planning Meeting for 2015

# Bonsai Events Around the Country 2014

Date	Event
March 1 & 8	Cass Bonsai Gardens ( <a href="http://www.cassbonsaigardens.com">http://www.cassbonsaigardens.com</a> ) Spring Repotting and Open Shop
March 22	Cass Bonsai Gardens ( <a href="http://www.cassbonsaigardens.com">http://www.cassbonsaigardens.com</a> ) Basic Bonsai Workshop
March 29 April 5, 12, 19, 26	Cass Bonsai Gardens ( <a href="http://www.cassbonsaigardens.com">http://www.cassbonsaigardens.com</a> ) Open Shop
April 10-13	Lone Star Bonsai Federation 32nd Annual Texas State Convention ( <a href="http://www.houstonbonsai.com/">http://www.houstonbonsai.com/</a> )
April 25-27	31st. Annual Spring Festival MidAtlantic Bonsai Society Ramada Hotel East Hanover, NJ ( <a href="http://midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com/fescurr.htm">http://midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com/fescurr.htm</a> )
May 22-26	Bonsai Societies of Florida 41st Annual Convention ( <a href="http://bonsai-bsf.com/">http://bonsai-bsf.com/</a> )
August 13-17	37th Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit Chicago, IL ( <a href="http://midwestbonsai.org/">http://midwestbonsai.org/</a> )
September 13-14	4th US National Bonsai Exhibit Rochester, NY ( <a href="http://www.internationalbonsai.com/">http://www.internationalbonsai.com/</a> )
October 2-5	Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Associaton 25th Anniversary Celebration Victoria, B.C. ( <a href="http://victoriabonsai.bc.ca/">http://victoriabonsai.bc.ca/</a> )
October 30-Nov 2	Bonsai Visions of the West GSBF37 Sacramento, CA ( <a href="http://gsbfconvention.org/">http://gsbfconvention.org/</a> )

# Carving Bonsai

The web has a large number of sites that illustrate the power of carving to improve the appearance of bonsai. I have included a few links that you might find helpful in preparing for the March meeting.

Deadwood Bonsai Techniques

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deadwood\\_bonsai\\_techniques](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deadwood_bonsai_techniques)

Creating Deadwood for Bonsai by Hand

<http://www.bonsai4me.com/AdvTech/ATCreating%20Deadwood.html>

Jin and Sabamiki

<http://www.bonsaiprimer.com/jinshari/jinshari.html>

Driftwood Style Bonsai

[http://www.why-bonsai.com/bonsai\\_driftwood.html](http://www.why-bonsai.com/bonsai_driftwood.html)

## 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.

March - Early Spring - 50/31

- Repot deciduous trees if their buds are starting to swell. If you wait until the leaves have emerged, you will need to take more care to keep the tree out of direct sunlight and wind.
- Be sure to check wire from last year. The spring's growth will cause tight wire to cut into the tree. Remove any that is tight. This should be done year round as well. If the branch did not hold its shape, reapply wire.
- You can wire branches on all trees, but be careful of buds and swelling branches caused by growth.
- Grafting is possible on most trees now through spring.
- You may bring hardy trees out of winter protection now, as most can handle temperature above 20°F.
- This is an ideal time to take hardwood cuttings from deciduous trees.

## Administrivia

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