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FROM THE EDITOR

I have had several reminders to be sure and include a special note for everyone who needs to renew their membership for the upcoming year.

Dues are overdue. I must admit to being one of the few, who have overlooked actually writing that check. It's an easy thing to keep saying I'll pay that next time. Well, next time is finally here. While you already have that check-book open for the amazing deals at the White Elephant Sale, write an-

other one to cover your renewal fees.

That way you will be able to keep receiving this newsletter, be eligible for workshops, and all the other benefits of being a contributing member to one of the longest lived bonsai societies in America.

There are several new ideas in the works for the upcoming year, including an e-mail list and the ever popular logo clothing. Currently there is a logo design contest underway to choose a new logo for

the club. Contact Tom McCormack for further details.

Oh, and by the way, how is everyone enjoying the change in the weather? The cool down has been greatly appreciated and there were even a few days last week that I did not have to water.

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POTPOURRI FROM THE PRESIDENT

Meeting night courtesy--If you need to visit or do business with a fellow member during our meetings, please do so in the library. It is very distracting to a person giving a report and shows a lack of respect to a visiting master when people are engaged in conversation elsewhere in the room.

2006 New Talent Competition--Please refer to the August Newsletter for a more complete description or, if interested, call me @ 831-1811. Rob Kempinski, who was our visiting master in August & winner of an A.B.S. new talent competition, was very impressed that we invested the clubs time & \$\$\$ in support of the advancement of bonsai knowledge among our newer members. This year will be our third annual contest & will be held coexisting with our Annual Fall Show @ The Krohn on Saturday, October 14--noon to 4:00. We limit this event to 8 participants & we now have 5 signed-up--need 3 more. 1st place--\$100, 2nd--\$50 & 3rd--\$25. If you have 5yrs. or less time in bonsai, you are eligible. Call me NOW to sign-up. Waiting until our September White Elephant is not a good idea.

Fall Show--Please note your calendar on October 14 & 15 that our fall bonsai show will be held at The Krohn Conservatory. We need you to come as a viewer & bring your friends & family. We need you to lend us some of your trees to be placed on exhibition. We need your help in being a host & hostesses during the show. We need your help in set-up & tear-down. Tom Mounce, show chairman, or some of his committee heads will be contacting you for our much needed help---PLEASE SAY YES.

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PROGRAMS

Date—normally the third Thursday of each month (watch Newsletter)

Time—7:00 PM to whenever you want to leave

Place—Civic Garden Center—exceptions, July Picnic & Xmas Party (watch Newsletter)

September 21, 2006 White Elephant Sale

This is one of the most popular annual events and an important fund raiser for our club. Here is an opportunity for buyers and sellers to add or delete from their inventory of trees, tools, pots and other related bonsai paraphernalia. If you are a seller, you should plan to arrive at 6:30 to allow time to price and tag your item(s). Tags will be available for your use or you can use your own. EVERYTHING you bring for sale must be tagged and priced. You may sell your items with all proceeds going to the society or with 80% to you and 20% to the club. If you choose to retain 80% of the sale price, your name MUST be on the tag along with the price. Be sure you put your name and 80/20 on the tag. This way we will know that you get 80% back on your item/s. Buyer, bring plenty of cash or your checkbook. This is a great opportunity to get some super deals on some really good stuff.

October 20, 2006 Guy Guidry

Guy specializes in designing specimen bonsai and is honored to have several of his bonsai trees on permanent display in National Museums around the USA. Guy is particularly well known for his techniques used for creating taper in large trees. These techniques have made it possible for more people to enjoy this fantastic material as bonsai. Guy is a very talented and enthusiastic bonsai artist who enjoys working on trees of all sizes. He travels extensively in the U.S. and abroad, teaching and sharing his knowledge of the art. Remember the date is Friday not Thursday.

November 16, 2006 Suthin Sukosolvisit

BSGC is very lucky to have Suthin (Su Tin) Sukosolvisit as this months featured guest artists. He has been a bonsai artist since 1970 and has won various awards for his work. He lectures all around the world, and has lectured at some of the biggest bonsai conventions here in the States. Suthin is the owner of Royal Bonsai in Massachusetts.

December 1, 2006 Christmas Party

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WORKSHOPS

REMEMBER OUR POLICY HAS CHANGED. YOU HAVE TO PAY UP FRONT TO GET YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEET. PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR CHECKBOOK ON THURSDAY.

Just a note to let everyone know that we have two workshops left for the rest of the year. We have a couple of openings left in the Guy Guidry workshop and a couple of openings in the Suthin workshop. Once these vacancies are filled I will be taking names for alternates. Both workshops are being given by international headliners. This is a great opportunity to get new ideas and experience. Guy Guidry workshop is at the Rowe Arboretum on 21 October at 9:00 am. Suthin workshop is at the Civic Garden Center on 18 November 06 at 9:00 am.

September 2006 White Elephant Sale

No workshop

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Suthin Sukosolvisit has been involved in Bonsai since 1970. Born in Thailand, he has won the country's National Bonsai Awards. In 1995, after immigrating to the United States, he and his wife founded the Royal Bonsai Garden located in Stoughton, Massachusetts. Suthin has extensive experience with tropical bonsai, shohin sized bonsai, Japanese maples, black pines, and root over rock styling. He also teaches his bonsai techniques throughout the New England area and all over the United States. Suthin shares new information and techniques whenever he teaches. His bonsai collections are known for their proportion, refinement and detail.



The club will be serving coffee and refreshment at all workshops. There will be *appropriate* refreshments for the afternoon sessions.

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MONTHLY TIPS

(Ed.'s Note: The following was written by George Buehler, the editor of the 'Bonsai News', the monthly newsletter of the Greater Louisville Bonsai Society.)

We are approaching the time to watch the predicted outside temperatures, especially later this month. If the temperature is predicted to be 55 degrees F or lower, tropical trees should be brought inside. As I write this, I know that we will get at least one night of these temperatures and after bringing my tropicals in, will have to take them back out the next day. I call this the 'fall tropical shuffle'. It is better to be safe than sorry. Early this month, you may want to treat your tropicals with an insecticide and a systemic insecticide to ensure they are free from insects before bringing them in. As you pick up the pot, look underneath to make sure there is not a spider's nest or worse an ant nest. Depending on the weather prediction, I usually start spraying my tropicals with a water hose every few days to wash off some of the potential insects.

Evergreens and deciduous trees need to stay in their current location for quite some time. They both need to be exposed to cold temperatures so that they can start shutting down for the winter. Deciduous trees should start changing color late this month. Don't forget the pictures of their fall colors. Fertilization should continue but using a low or no nitrogen fertilizer. Blooming trees should be treated with a high phosphorous fertilizer like super phosphate once during September and again in October to encourage bud set.

If you didn't get around to the fine wiring on your trees last spring, it can be done now, especially on evergreens. Make certain you note in your early spring tasks that this wire needs to be removed or it will scar the tree when it begins its spring awakening.

As the trees start their dormancy periods, they will require less water. However, each tree will need to be examined daily to determine if it needs watering.

Visit some of the local nurseries. This is the month when surplus trees and supplies can be purchased at a discount.

NOTES OF INTEREST

I have been receiving trees from California with two to four inches of sphagnum moss in the containers on top of the soil. It wasn't used as packing material or anything like that. So being a little nosy, I called a couple of the vendors to see why they went to the extra expense. The reasoning behind the moss was to keep the soil temperatures cooler. Some areas of California have had temperatures as high as 105 degrees and the trees were having trouble. It sounded like a plausible idea to try, so I tried a couple of pots here to see what the affect would be. To my surprise, there was a 10 degree difference between the top of the moss and the center of the pot. An added benefit was that the soil retained much more moisture during the day. This was tried on several size pots and soil combinations and the results were consistent. Next year I am going to expand the sphagnum project much earlier in the year and see what the benefits are. *-Mike Scheid*

Fertilizer--For the past several years, I have placed an order for BioGold fertilizer for the benefit of all club members who wished to participate. Our price was considerably less expensive than was available retail. Our price, including shipping, was \$45 for an 11 pound bag--\$4.09 per lb. The Japanese manufacturer & U.S. distributor for BioGold have recently doubled the price--making it price prohibitive for the normal hobbyists. We have therefore been looking for the availability of another product comparable to the BioGold properties but at an affordable price. At the Milwaukee MABA Convention I met with our original contact for BioGold & they are now importing from Japan a product known as Aoki Brand Organic Fertilizer. Aoki is a small company whose product is widely used by many Japanese growers but has never exported before. Aoki is reported to be a natural rape seed cake, hand made in Japan the "old way", hand shaped & sun dried to preserve the fermented oils & enzymes. The analysis of BioGold (5.5-6.5-3.5) & Aoki (5.3-2.3-1.0). Aoki is offered in 4 different pellet sizes & in 4 pound & 22 pound packages. The cost per pound for Aoki averages \$4.45 per pound, which is similar to BioGold. All you BioGold users may want to convert to Aoki. I am certainly going to give it a try. If you are interested, call me @ (513) 831-1811 or see me at the September meeting--I have samples of the 4 sizes. I want to place an order by no later than November 1st, so that we will have it in plenty of time for spring feeding. *-Don Brown*

Fall Bonsai Show : The upcoming fall show will be held at the Krohn Conservatory on October 14th & 15th. Setup will be on Friday October 13th. I'm looking for someone to help out with a few things.

- Contact members about display trees
- Contact members about being Host & Hostesses at the Show

If any one is interested, please contact me before the September meeting. I will also have sign up sheets at the meeting.

-Tom Mounce

Are You Ready for Repotting? We all think potting season is a long way off, but the club will be placing an order for pre-mixed bonsai soil from Hollow Creek Farms at the end of November. These are the prices for this years order. Fred will not have Akadama this year.

TYPE	COST
TROPICAL	\$27.50
PROF MAIN (Triple Screen)	\$27.50
PROF COARSE (Conifer Mix)	\$27.50
BONSAI SOIL (Double Screen)	\$25.00
KANUMA (can be order small or med grain)	\$30.00
HAYDITE	\$25.00

For more information on the soil mixes and other items Fred Jansen offers, check his web site at www.hollowcreekbonsai.com.

Over the past three years the members have realized a 40% to 50% savings over the same items in Stone Lantern or from a bonsai nursery. Freight charges of \$3.00 per bag will be added to cover the shipping expense. Orders will be accepted with payment at the October and November meetings. If you have any questions check with Greg Robinson or Dave Radlinski.

2007 SCHEDULE

Here is the upcoming schedule for next year, there are a few familiar names, some new ones, and all your old favorite club members. Please mark your calendars, so not to miss any one in particular that you MUST see.

-Steve Parr

LECTURES/DEMONSTRATIONS/EVENTS

January 18, 2007	Doug Hawley	Grafting to Improve Your Bonsai
February 15, 2007	Doug Hawley/Tom McCormack	Deciduous Forest
February 22, 2007	BSGC Members	Beginners Class
March 15, 2007	Jack Douthitt	Bonsai Refinement
April 19, 2007	Mike Scheid	Shimpaku Juniper
May 17, 2007	Boon Manakitivipart	Rock Plantings
June 21, 2007	Jerry Meislick	Ficus
July 19, 2007	BSGC Members	Annual Pot-Luck
August 16, 2007	Matt Ouwinga	TBD
September 20, 2007	BSGC Members	White Elephant Sale
October 18, 2007	Cheryl Manning	TBD
November 15, 2007	Randy Clark	TBD
November 30, 2007	BSGC Members	Christmas Party

WORKSHOPS

January 20, 2007	BSGC Members	Wiring Workshop
February 17, 2007	Doug Hawley/Tom McCormack	Trident Forest
February 24, 2007	BSGC Members	Beginners Workshop
March 17, 2007	Jack Douthitt	BYOT Workshop
April 21, 2007	Mike Scheid	BYOT Workshop
May 19, 2007	Boon Manakitivipart	BYOT Workshop
June 23, 2007	Jerry Meislick	BYOT Workshop
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November 17, 2007	Randy Clark	BYOT Workshop

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