

SOUTHERN BONSAIST

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BEN OKI WORKSHOP

JANUARY 2ND, MOBILE BOTANICAL GARDENS

ACBS welcomes the start of each near year with a workshop by visiting master Ben Oki. The workshop will be held at the Mobile Botanical Gardens. We will open the doors at 6:30 to set up with a workshop start time of 7 P.M. We have close to the maximum number of members already signed up for this workshop. If you want to work in this workshop and have not signed up already, please contact ACBS President Joe Kuhn to see if space is available. Ben Oki will be the only workshop by a visiting master ACBS will host this spring and summer. We do not have at this time a schedule for any visiting teachers that might be in the area for fall and winter of 07.

ACBS will furnish the snacks for this workshop, hot coffee will be available as Ben normally brings with him the first "very cold" days of winter. Time will tell if that's the case for this visit.

Joe Day

Happy New Year
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February 6th Meeting
Multiple trunk Maple
workshop for
ACBS members

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March 6th Meeting
Multiple Trunk Bonsai
style -by
Beau Strickland

THANKS FOR THE GREAT ACBS CHRISTMAS DINNER

The doggy bag was very small when we did the tidy up after the ACBS Christmas dinner. The food was great as usual so almost nothing was left over. Haga beans arrived in a big crock pot they disappeared fast. I know every one had to go home very full as we had a table full of food.

Nothing like great food to end a great year for ACBS. I hope the tone of the dinner, fun and friends hold true for all our ACBS meetings and events of 07. Events are always a lot of work to set up, work to present and work to take down and clean up. If you want them to be fun all

work will just be fun. Ben Oki will start out our 07 events and meeting schedule on January 2nd. The food will not be as great as Christmas Dinner food but workshop can be, and has been in the past ,always great fun. Joe Day

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Year End?

I say “year end?” because actually nothing actually ends at the year end. One quick look around and you are instantly aware that it’s all still there. You, your problems and needs, the projects and the recently depleted bank account. Just shake yourself back into reality and make a plan. Life in just one very big management problem. Bonsai is a management problem. Both need a plan. Not a tight plan that is impossible to keep but a goal oriented plan that leads you to where you need to be, when you need to be there. Next time you take a walk around your bonsai area take a pen and pad of paper with you. Stand in front of each bonsai you have and write down what you need to do to this individual bonsai this winter. Once you know all you need to do you can , first realize all of it will probably not get done, second make a plan that gives priority to the bonsai that need help fast or their health will decline. Give second priority to the bonsai you want to show this season. Next make a list of all the things you need. Next trip around town start to buy those things. Now you know what you need to do and what you need to do it.

*As the comedy guy says “**Get R done**” Joe Day*
