

SOUTHERN BONSAIST

A publication of the Azalea City Bonsai Society Mobile, Alabama

No First Tuesday
ACBS Meeting
For
January
Ben Oki Workshop
Will be the
Only
Meeting for
ACBS
During January

BEN OKI WORKSHOP JANUARY 22 THE GARDEN CENTER

Ben Oki, one of the most respected American bonsai teachers in the world will again hold a workshop in Mobile. We will meet at the normal meeting location, The Garden Center. We will open the doors at 6 P.M. We will have snacks, drinks and coffee. We would welcome additional snacks from the membership.

The workshop is available to 10 people. The fee is \$20.00 to work in the workshop. \$3.00 to view the workshop. If you want to sign up for the workshop you can call or e-mail Joe Kuhn. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with a world know and world class bonsai teacher. Ben during each year travels to many countries to teach bonsai and escorts tours to Japan and many of the Japanese nurseries. The Ben Oki workshop kicks off our 2010 ACBS year of bonsai activities. Come help us kick off the year with Ben, world class knowledge, food, drink and fun.
Joe Day

Ben Oki Workshop
January 22 at 6 P.M.
Location
The Garden Center
At the corner of
Ziegler and Forest Hill drive.

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ACBS
February 02
ACBS Monthly Meeting
Grafting
Host: Russel Coker
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ACBS
March 02
ACBS Monthly
Meeting
Members Workshop
Bring bonsai material and
get expert help, free.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Monthly ACBS programs don't just happen. Some, like member workshops, are easy. Show up with bonsai material to work on is all a member must do. Programs dedicated to teaching a bonsai development procedure take a good bit of time for the teacher of

Program to put together the information in a way that is informative and interesting for the viewer. A quickly put together program is almost a waste of time for both the presenter and the audience. Let President Joe Kuhn know the programs you want to see

presented in 2010. Joe Kuhn can line up teachers and give them time to put together a informative program that is a true learning experience. Any subject about bonsai can be a presented as a monthly program.
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Time To

Take a deep breath and enjoy the holiday season as you look both forward and back at the past year. This has been a great growing year. The national weather outlook is for a colder than normal winter. That could or could not have any effect on our local weather. The major thing is protect from any extreme weather events. With a large bonsai collection you do what you must do when you have the time. With a small collection you can do what you must do at the best time to do it. Any root work on any species is best accomplished just as the buds begin to swell for the next growing season. Our “dead of winter” is the first two weeks of February. Our most dangerous time is the month of March. Some species will begin to bud with or without warm weather, some will bud quickly with any warm weather after our cold period in January or February. With bud swelling you get root growth. A hard freeze can damage both the roots and buds. The time to wire plants is now until the buds begin to swell next Spring. The time to treat or create dead wood is now. If a bonsai need to be wired the routine is to wire first and treat and or create any dead wood then repot if needed. Wiring procedures shake a plant so you don't want to disturb a newly repotted bonsai. Read everything you can find on the internet about bonsai development and care. Subscribe to magazines, buy books, re-read your old material and ask all the question to more advanced artist. Success in bonsai is earned not bought or granted. The artist must grow along with his or her bonsai.

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