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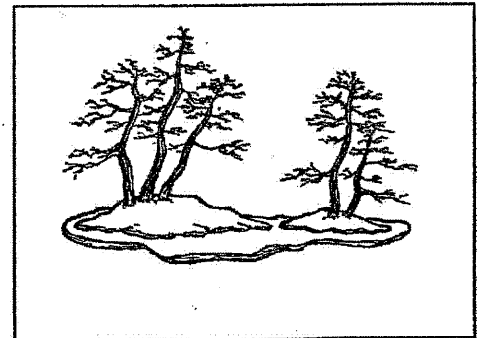
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June 2006

June 8, 2006 – Meeting and Workshop at Bob's House

This meeting will start at 6:30 PM for those who can get here that early. Others may come when you can -- just so there is time to complete the group planting. The workshop will be a Five-Tree Group Planting using Amur Maples. The cost will be \$20.00 for a container with five or possibly more trees. Participants will be responsible for bringing your own container for planting on or you may purchase one here, be it a slab, tray, or pot. Using the muck to build a dam around the edge of the slab can get a little messy so you may want to bring a pair of rubber or latex gloves with you and not wear your "Sunday-go-to-meeting" clothes. If you are too messy, I can hose you off before you leave. Only joking, of course, as we don't have members like that.

Pictured at the right is an example of what you can do with five trees. I like to split them up in two groups. However, this is only one way to do it as you can plant all five in a group. Maybe a few of you would like to get more creative and try nine trees or even 15 trees on a slab or tray.



Roy Nagatoshi Demo-May 11, 2006

by Bob E

We had a good turnout for Roy's demo using large Green Mountain Boxwood that I obtained last year; although it was stated in earlier newsletters that he would be using a large yew. The problem came about the day before Nagatoshi-san arrived. It was out in the rain all day and too wet to work on. I had a few larger boxwood in nursery containers that were under cover, so we chose one of those trees for the demo. You can see by the pictures following this article that it is possible, with a lot of branch removal and pruning, to take a large tree or shrub and create smaller (not name) size bonsai with nice branching to look like an old tree in a field. The boxwood is already showing signs of recovery from the severe

pruning and starting to put out new buds on the old wood. I think that by the end of summer it will be reasonably filled in with new growth.

At this time, I would like to thank Roy for the demo and sharing of some of his knowledge of bonsai with us but for his points on pinching and pruning. His use of Lysol for sterilizing tools is new to me, as I have always used Rubbing Alcohol in a spray bottle. It does make more sense to use something that is also a disinfectant. You can dip your tool in it as you are making cuts and then brush it on as a disinfectant before you seal with cut paste.

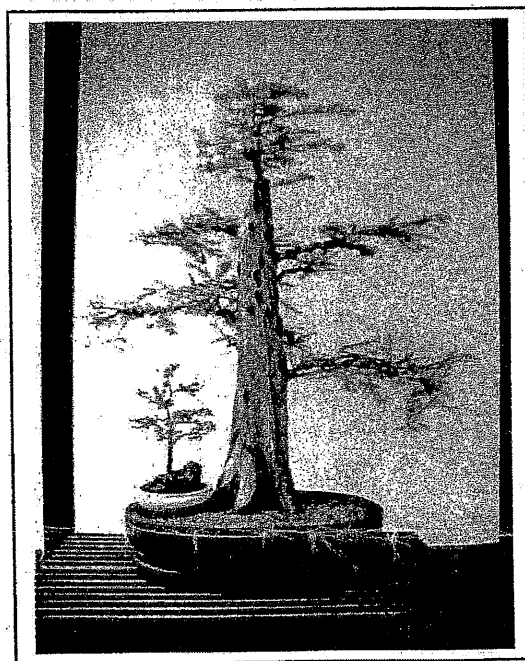
Bonsai Show Notes & Thanks by Mary E'

Our thirteenth show at Olbrich was a little different this year. We had to set up Saturday AM instead of Friday, which actually wasn't too bad. Over 10 of members showed up to help even at 7 AM & it only took about an hour & a half (NOT 3 hours!). Next year we can probably start at 8. I want to thank everyone who helped out in any way both Saturday & Sunday. This includes setup, demonstrations, answering people's questions, treats, takedown & cleanup. I think we always fun & I want you to know that we appreciate your help.

As always, I hope you enjoyed being there & getting the chance to see some of our member's excellent bonsai. In the 10-plus years that I've been hanging around, it seems that the quality of what we bring to the show just keeps improving. Eight members brought trees this year and I wish more of you would consider showing yours because I know there are some nice bonsai out there that we haven't seen.

Which brings me to the favorite tree voting. There was no table in the front this year to sit and chat, collect admission & give out the vote cards. However, there were still a lot of people who took the time to think about & vote for the tree they really liked best. A fun kind of Ying-Yang happened with the votes this year - 1st & 2nd place went to the largest and smallest trees in the show. Ron F large bald cypress got the most votes & Matt G very small serissa was only one vote behind (see picture to the right). Ron has been working with bonsai for many years & the progress he has made with that cypress since the ABS 2002 workshop is remarkable. Matt is a new member & I wouldn't let him take his trees home a little early because I could see that his serissa would take either 1st or 2nd by the end of the day. I think this proves that you shouldn't be too shy about bringing your trees to our show - it's fun & you never know what will happen!

Thanks again everyone. See you at our next meeting & workshop.
Mary



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Roy Demo continued

The two workshops Roy conducted were also a great success and some nice trees came out of them. People were happy except for the fact that we did the demo here at my place and it turned out to be probably the worst weekend possible weather wise. Sorry Roy! You never know about weather in Wisconsin. Once again, Thank You (Arigoto) very much Roy-san for your knowledge and for your friendship. Babu

REMINDER
July Meeting will be the
Annual Club Picnic
Sunday, July 9, 2006 – 5:00 P.M.
Home of Bob & Anne Er

Before



After