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## **We Love You, Julia!!!**

### **103-year-old Baton Rouge woman sets new record**



Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins (Source: USTAF)

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (WAFB) - On Monday, June 17, 103-year-old Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins, a Baton Rouge native, set a new record for the Senior Games in the 50 meter dash in the Women's 100 plus division.

The very next day Hawkins would go on and finish the 100-meter dash in a little more than 46 seconds. While she didn't break a record in the 100-meter dash, she did come in first place in her division.

Only two years ago, Hawkins became a world record holder for her age group in the 100 meters after finishing it in just under 40 seconds. "I thought it be neat to run at 100 and do the 100-yard dash," Hawkins said.

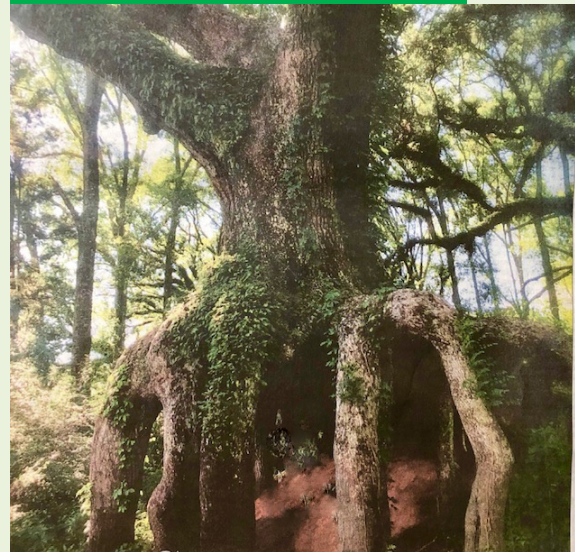
Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins said her favorite way to train is in the Louisiana heat in her garden.

"I have an acre of land and I have 50 kinds of trees and I'm working on them all the time," Hawkins said.

With another Senior Games victory under her belt, she has no plans on slowing down.

*Article from WAFB on-line news*

## **Natural Root-Over-Rock**



*Huge oak tree along Bayou Teche outside of Arnaudville. Picture from the Advocate June 22, 2019.*

## Monthly Meeting Recap

“Bonsai Planted on Rocks” was the topic of the June 18<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting led by LBS Vice President, Robert Reed, where he outlined the steps for creating a Bonsai Rock Planting. On the table is an example of a Juniper rock planting from his collection.



- Find a suitable rock, such as a lace rock, or volcanic rock which has many small cracks and holes with space to grow roots, preferably lightweight, like this rock that Robert will use for his planting.



- Select the tree or trees you will use (conifer or deciduous) which are healthy and have good roots. Robert has selected these small green mound junipers.
- Hold/position your trees against the rock to get an idea of placement and arrangement.

- Cement or glue bonsai wire to the selected areas of the rock for later attachment of the trees.
- Use a flat platter under the rock or if you want to use a pot, glue the rock into the pot.
- Prepare your soil according to the type of trees, climate, etc. Robert uses equal parts of Black Cow, sphagnum moss, and muck. In Louisiana, we are blessed with a good muck in the form of crawfish chimneys to add to our mixture.
- Mix well with water and apply the muck mix to the selected area of the rock selected for planting, place the tree and secure the wire/s to attach the tree. Apply more muck mixture over the roots and wire. Repeat.
- Prune the trees to lower the demand of nutrients from its root system.
- Water well and regularly as the soil will dry out quickly.
- Start fertilizing a month later.



*Robert Reed is holding a volcanic lava planting pot from Howard and Jean Merrill's collection.*





*Lowell Tilley discusses some of the Show and Tell examples of Rock Planting/Root over Rock bonsai.*



*Zach Smith displaying his collected *Vitis rotundifolia* (Muscadine) bonsai as Howard Merrill looks on.*



*Our newest member, Derrick Christensen, displaying his ficus which is developing several aerial roots.*

## Famous Rock Plantings

One of the most popular styles of Bonsai in Japan is Forest Style Planting/“Yose-ue”. Bonsai Rock Plantings are “Seki-joju/Ishisuki”. The following are a few of the many famous rock masterpieces from the garden of world-renowned Master Masahiko Kimura located in Saitama Prefecture, Japan. Click on this link from Bonsai Empire to see a video of the beautiful bonsai garden.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDy\\_OJ7ksbg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDy_OJ7ksbg)





You can view You-tube videos of Mr. Kimura creating his masterpieces by clicking on the link.

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=kimura%27s+home+bonsai>

## **Bonsai size classifications**

The ultimate goal of Bonsai is to create a realistic depiction of nature. As a Bonsai gets smaller (even down to a few inches/centimeters) it increasingly becomes abstract, as opposed to resembling nature in a more precise way. The size of bonsai is generally measured as the distance between the top of the soil and the apex of the bonsai tree. Several classifications of Bonsai have been put forward, and although the exact size classifications are disputed, they help to gain understanding of the aesthetic and botanical aspects of Bonsai. The classifications are originally based on the number of hands needed to lift the actual tree.

Fingertips

Keshitsubo: 1-3" (3-8 cm)

One Hand

Shito: 2-4" (5-10 cm)

Mame: 2-6" (5-15 cm)

Shohin: 5-8" (13-20 cm)

Komono: 6-10" (15-25 cm)

Katade-mochi: 10-18" (25-46 cm)

Two Hands

Chumono / Chiu: 16-36" (41-91 cm)

Four Hands

Omono / Dai: 30-48" (76-122 cm)

Six Hands

Hachi-uye: 40-60" (102-152 cm)

Eight Hands

Imperial: 60-80" (152-203 cm)

These are some standard rules that become important and helpful in shows and competitions. Yet, often, these measures are not sharply outlined, and the exact height of the bonsai tree does not hold very strictly.



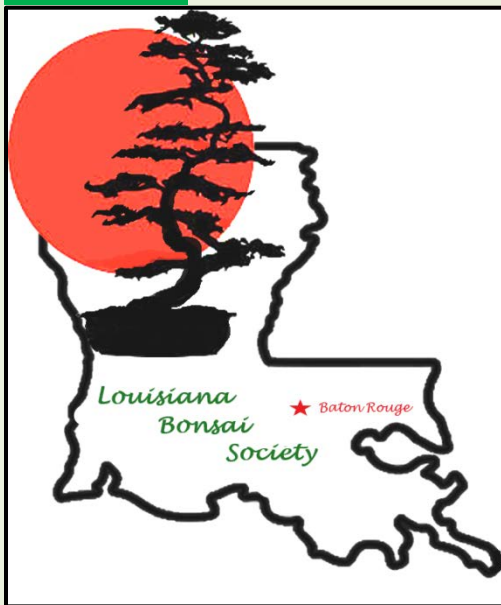
## Just for Laughs!



## In Other Words...

Bonsai-in-training are also known as “potensai,” (potential Bonsai). They point to a future, more mature creation which the artist, at least, has somewhat in mind.

## LBS Logo



LBS needs an official logo for LBS. What do you think of this one? It looks pretty good on the “Posting Flyer”. Let’s discuss at the next monthly meeting.

## Day of Bonsai

2019 Louisiana Day of Bonsai Featuring  
Brussel Martin

Hosted by the Louisiana Bonsai Society (LBS), July 20, 2019 at the Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA.

**Cost: \$12- lunch included-** jambalaya, fried fish, and all the trimmings. **Please RVSP** for lunch and workshop registration [lowelltilley@gmail.com](mailto:lowelltilley@gmail.com) 225-241-2396 as soon as possible.

**8:00 am Registration**

**9:00 am Demo/Lecture by Brussel Martin**

A trident maple group planting that will be raffled at the end of the day.

**12:00 pm Lunch and Learn Show**

John Pearson from Lake Charles Bonsai Society will do a short program, and Charles Canfield from the Shreveport Bonsai Society will do a program about using Southern maples to do bonsai.

**1:00-4:00pm Workshop by Brussel**

**Martin \$40 to participate and is free to observers- limited to 8 people, bring your own tree, any level of experience-** a bonsai that needs to be improved or a good tree with potential to be a good bonsai. Your material should be old/developed enough for you to learn something in the workshop.

**Vaughn Banting Award for Design**

**Excellence** awarded at the end of the day.

Enter any type bonsai tree you have developed except trees from a workshop in the past 3 years. Registrants will vote for the best tree.

**Demo Tree Raffle tickets** \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.

**Silent Auction** of miscellaneous nice bonsai items donated to help defray costs and for everyone's enjoyment.

**Vendors:**

- **Evan Pardue - Underhill Bonsai and Nursery** – Full service bonsai-tools, supplies, bonsai soil, bonsai, and more.  
<http://www.underhillnursery.com>
- **Byron Myrick - Myrick Bonsai Pottery** - handmade bonsai pots  
<https://www.facebook.com/MyrickBonsaiPottery/>
- **Bill Butler - Bill's Bayou Bonsai Soil** - soil, slabs, and more  
<http://www.bill'sbayou-bonsai.com>
- **Rick Berrigan – A Little Peace of Heaven Bonsai Nursery** - pre-bonsai and bonsai trees

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Don't forget to come early (At least by 8am) to help with set-up of the facility!!

Please consider printing a few of the Posting Flyers attached to this newsletter and posting around town to generate interest in the event.

### **Donations for the Day of Bonsai**

Remember to bring your donation items to the Day of Bonsai for the silent auction. This can include any quality bonsai related object, such as bonsai books, new tools, bonsai trees or good "potensai" trees, interesting clean or new pots, etc.

### **Saturday Study Group**

Remember that the Saturday Study Group will not meet on July 20<sup>th</sup> due to the Day of Bonsai.

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## **Coming Events**

**July 16, 2019**-Louisiana Bonsai Society monthly meeting 7:00 pm at the Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

**August 17, 2019**-The Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society hosts its Annual Bonsai Auction August 17, 2019. Huge selection of bonsai, starter material and pots for every budget from the novice to dedicated enthusiast. **FREE and open to the public.** Viewing of trees prior to auction 4-6pm. Auction 6-9pm. Marine Corps League Hall, 2708 Delaware St, Kenner, LA.70062 (near Williams Blvd & Veterans Blvd.)

**August 20, 2019**-Louisiana Bonsai Society monthly meeting 7:00pm at the Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

**August 24, 2019**- Bonsai Study Group,9-12am at the Forest Community Park, 13900 South Harrell's Ferry Rd., Baton Rouge, LA