



# China Trade Bonsai Society

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Monthly meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, March-December, 6-8 pm at the Connecticut College Arboretum, New London Hall. Visitors welcome! For further info, contact Tom Lee (president) at <mailto:twcl@comcast.net>

November, 2007

Note: At this month's meeting, (December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007)

We will be having our annual holiday party, \$10 gift (max) yankee swap, pot luck



## Happy Holidays From One To All



### October CTBS Meeting



Well, not too much to report this month. Seems like the bonsai well is drying up for the year. John Romano came to our October CTBS meeting for his third visit of the year. His focus was on work shopping individual member trees, but he did take time to perform a thread graft on one on his nice Japanese maples. That makes three grafting demos this season and I, for one, now understand how important these advanced techniques are for creating excellent bonsai. Dr. Tony came in April to perform several thread grafts, (they never took, according to Steve who spoke recently to Tony) Joe Stemphan came in September to show us a radical phoenix graft, and John just performed an elegant graft of a personal tree.

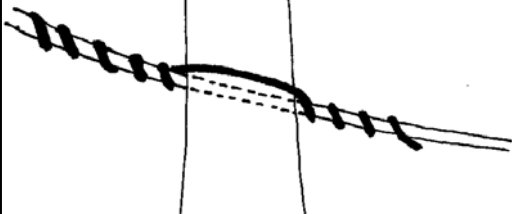


Certainly, John's graft was a thing to watch. He worked very carefully and methodically and if I were ever to give a graft a fighting chance to make it, it would be this one. The techniques he used were fairly conventional—except perhaps for his binding wire technique (see drawing below). The process is the same as Tony: grow a whip branch, drill a hole in the new branch location slightly larger than the bud on the whip

you'll be threading through, insert the branch and secure; wait, hope, look for swelling occur on the "downhill" section of the new branch.

More than jus a grafting guru, John Romano to a true friend to the CTBS. He gives up a lot of time and expertise to help us lesser artists get the most out of our tees. We are really fortunate to have access to such a talented artist as John and the fact that he demonstrates such patience and genuine interest is a rare gift. Thank you John!!

**Wire is wrapped around the branch and trunk, securing it until it 'takes'.**





Weird Internet News:

## **Flying bonsai sparks fatal fight**

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

A darts club manager was beaten to death after he threw a fake bonsai at his flatmate.

Philip James McMillan, 51, died of a heart attack that was thought to have been triggered by a violent row with Darren William Dwyer, his flatmate and a barman at the club.

Mr McMillan was angry with Dwyer, 23, because he had turned up drunk to work at the Beenleigh Darts Association in Brisbane, Australia, after breaking up with his girlfriend.

Dwyer was jailed for ten years after he admitted to punching and kicking his former boss several times in the head in response to having an imitation bonsai plant and a bottle of scotch thrown at him, The Brisbane Times said.

Brisbane's Supreme Court heard how Dwyer waited more than an hour to call an ambulance despite knocking his boss unconscious with severe head and facial injuries,

Dwyer's defense barrister, Rob East, argued his client had been provoked by Mr McMillan.

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[http://www.metro.co.uk/weird/article.html?in\\_article\\_id=75491&in\\_page\\_id=2](http://www.metro.co.uk/weird/article.html?in_article_id=75491&in_page_id=2).



From The President

**China Trade Bonsai Society  
Newsletter Items for November, 2007**

**Items:**

1. CTBS Member's Holiday Party
  - Member's Bring a Dish for Pot Luck
  - Bring up to \$10 gift (wrapped) for a Chinese Yankee Swap if you wish to participate.
  - We will also initiate informal discussions for next year's CTBS activities. Official planning is held at the January and February meetings.
  
2. Tom Lee will provide a pictorial presentation "Reflections on 2007" on his travels, such as:
  - "Kiku: The Art of the Japanese Chrysanthemum, and Bonsai Exhibit" at the New York Botanical Garden
  - *Any members that may have travels to share, please put on CD, since a laptop will be available, or for any other media format, please email Tom Lee for availability.*
  
3. Congratulations go to next year's officers. The election results are Tom Lee (President), Steve Tomichek (Vice-President), Joseph Purtill (Secretary) and Susan Carucci (Treasurer).

Tom Lee

Dues Reminder

Just a friendly reminder to renew your membership if you have not already. Dues are just \$25 per year and enable us to continue bringing in special programs and guests.

Bring your dues to our regular Wednesday meetings, pay online using the website's PayPal account, or contact:

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