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An azalea grown by the Monks



Boxwood Forest from the Monastery

Pictures From Our November Meeting



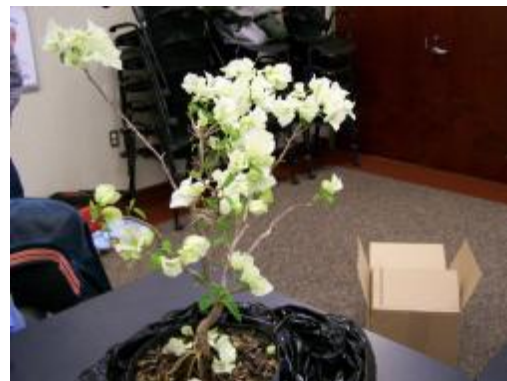
Ficus at the Monastery



A monk with a juniper



A beautiful juniper at the monastery.





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and tools they had miniature pots. Real mame and shito pots, which are very hard to find. I came away with their catalog, which they said they are in the process of updating onto their website - www.bonsaimonk.com . I look forward to the day that their pot inventory is fully online, until then I am glad that they are only a couple hours away from my mother's new house. If you ever find yourself in Atlanta, GA, it is well worth the time to stop!

An azalea grown by the Monks



Boxwood Forest from the Monastery

Pictures From Our November Meeting



Ficus at the Monastery



A monk with a juniper



A beautiful juniper at the monastery.





*To those of you who can't be with us
Saturday, have a very Merry
Christmas, stay safe and warm!
You will be with us in our thoughts!
We look forward to seeing you in
2008 and sharing our love of
bonsai! May you be blessed every
day in some way.*

