

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

BONSAI CLIPPER

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APRIL 21, 2018 MEETING

APRIL 21st is our annual auction and picnic. You know that pot or plant that has you stumped? Please donate it to the auction and someone will give it a new home.

Set up begins at 9:00 am. The Auction will begin at 10:00 am and end when all is sold. This will be followed by our annual picnic...please bring something (edible) to share.

2018 PROGRAMS

MAY 19th will feature a Mike Lane Shohin workshop, the little trees which are so difficult. Everyone should also bring one tree and a pot or two to discuss what would be appropriate for each.

JUNE 16th is a repotting workshop including how to select the correct pot. Soil and wire will be provided by the Club. You should bring your Root-Over-Rock tree we started last year and a pot for it.

JULY 21st will be a workshop making a slab with Papercrete by John Bartolozzi. We will break up into several teams to make this more efficient.

AUGUST 18th we will plant the slabs in preparation for our show in teams.

SEPTEMBER 15th will be a presentation on displays and companions/accents lead by Phil Krieg (display) and Martha Goff (companions) just in time for our November exhibit. The forms, Show posters and folded programs for the 2018 exhibit will be distributed.

OCTOBER 20th will continue our discussion on display and will include tables and slabs. We will also have a slide show from our 2017 exhibit.

NOVEMBER 3-4 is our annual Show. This is our big annual event and has earned a reputation for displaying some of the best trees. You should be planning on which tree(s) you will be exhibiting. Plus, we have great vendors so that you can find that pot you've been searching for, stock up on soil and find a new specimen for your collection.

DECEMBER is our annual Christmas Party which is always a bunch of fun.



ABOUT US:

We meet every third Saturday of each month at the Berne Davis Botanical Garden building located just north of the Edison Estates at 2166 Virginia Avenue. Parking is located on Larchmont street located one block south of Virginia off McGregor Boulevard.

Our website is:

www.bonsaiswfl.org

We welcome everybody interested in this ancient art form to take advantage of our many experienced artists and teachers.

See you soon...

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TIPS BY MARTHA GOFF

What do we do in April after tax day?

REPOT TROPICALS!!!

Yes, it is time to get busy. Hopefully, you have:

1. Lined up all your pots and put screen and tie down wire in each.
2. Have plenty of soil ready.
3. Tools are cleaned and ready for use.
4. Pre-wired all your trees and trimmed them back. I don't recommend defoliating at repotting time, only thinning out.
5. Have plenty of organic fertilizer to place in the pot after the tree is wired in, and then cover with remaining soil.
6. After repotting, buttonwoods should sit in a shallow dish of water.
7. Newly repotted trees should sit in part shade until new growth appears and then move back in the sun.
8. If you use liquid Miracle Grow, you can begin once weekly fertilizing.
9. Use your organic granular fertilizer once a month and work into the soil with a chop stick.
10. Many trees will need watering twice daily when night temps are consistently in the 70's and day temps are consistently above 90.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO REPOT, call me and I will find someone close to you to help you out.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

- **MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAST DUE.** If you haven't renewed your membership, please bring a check to our meeting on the 17th if you intend to remain an active member. Or you can mail it to:

Phil Krieg
 5606 Sundown Harbor Court SW
 Fort Myers, Florida 33919

We need to get up to date so that you all can continue to receive the Bonsai Societies of Florida magazine and our newsletter...please! And don't forget to make the check payable to Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida (BSSWF) Feel free to use the blank Membership form attached to this newsletter.

2018 CLUB OFFICERS

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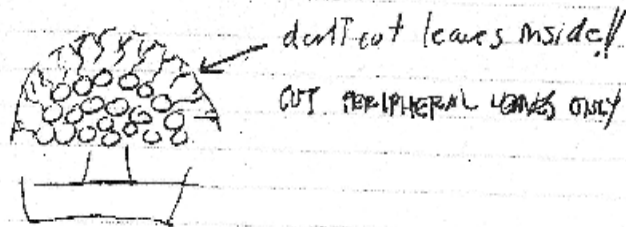
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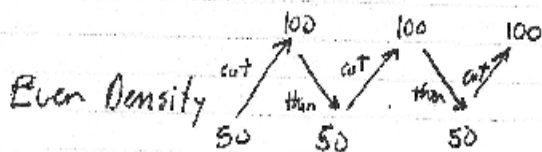
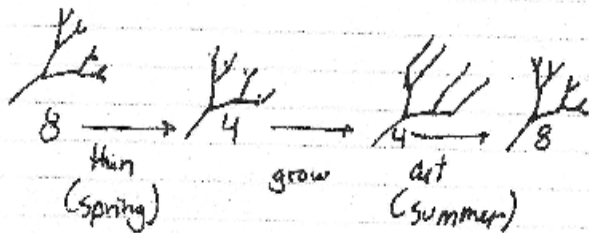
JUAN ANDRADE'S WORKSHOP NOTES

For those of you who attended, you were very lucky. The workshop was a great learning experience for both experienced and novice hobbyists. Juan is intelligent, knows Tropicals and is a kind teacher...a wonderful experience!

- Defoliation: Partially is best,
Full defoliation unbalances the tree



- Maintenance:



Keeps a tree forever young!!
Constant hedging weakens a tree.

NOTATIONS::

DEFOLIATION: Partial is best. Full defoliation unbalances the tree.

Don't cut leaves inside!

Cut peripheral leaves only.

MAINTENANCE:

Thin in the spring from 8 twigs to 4 twigs.

With 4 twigs let it grow.

Cut from 4 to 8 and let it grow in the summer.

Even density:

Thin from 100 back to 50.

Grow back to 100.

Thin from 100 back to 50.

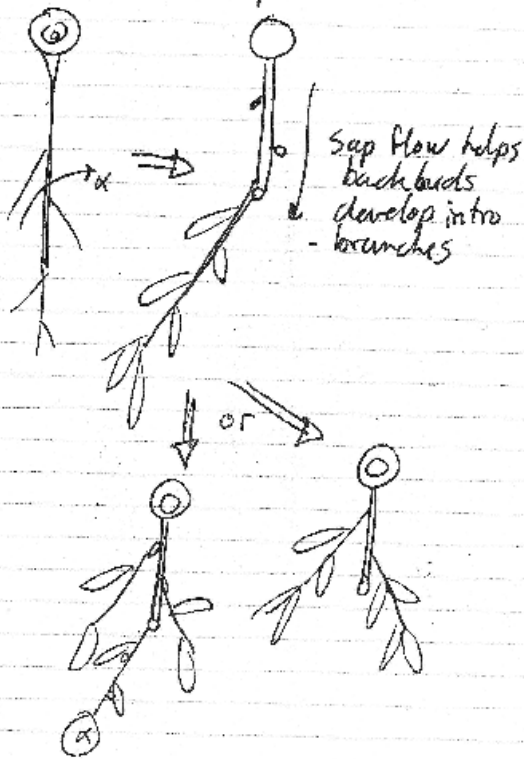
Repeat this process to develop evenly dense ramification.

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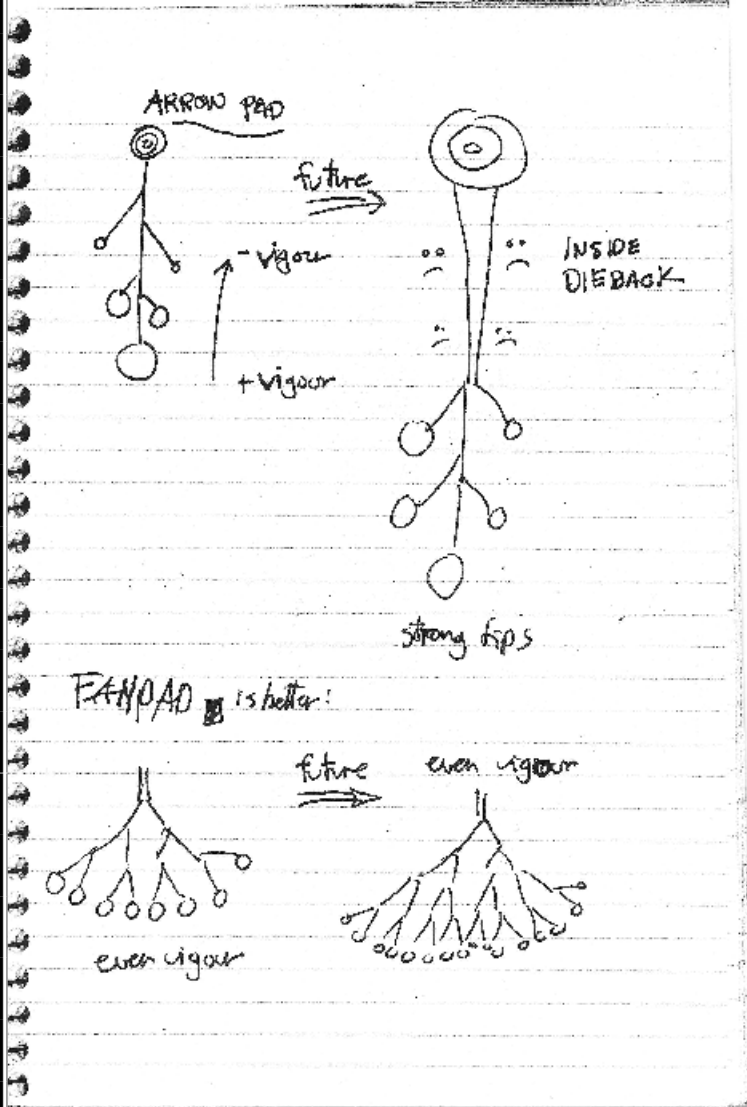
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Sap flow helps back buds develop into branches.
(An illustration of the Clip-And-Grow method.)

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Arrow Head Pad

Vigor is lost on inside of branches resulting in die back.

Fan Pad

Evenly distributed vigor.

BONSAI SOCIETIES OF FLORIDA
&
BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
Membership Application

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ CELL: (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

AREA OF EXPERTISE: _____

HOBBIES (Optional): _____

This application is for a:	_____ Single membership	\$45.00
	_____ Family membership (2 people)	\$55.00
	_____ Family membership (3 people)	\$65.00
	_____ Family membership (4 people)	\$75.00

NOTE: If you are a member of another BSF club or study group and pay BSF dues to that group, you do not have to pay BSF dues to our club unless you are a BSSWF officer.

After July 1st, dues for a single membership are \$22.50. For additional members, same household, dues are \$5.00 per person. If this is a Family Membership, please list the name(s) of the other member(s) of the household.

Make check payable to BSSWF (Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida)

Amount Received: _____ Received by: _____

Part-time Residents, please list your alternate address, phone number and dates of residence at that address. Use the other side of this sheet or insert it here:

Mail to: Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida
P.O. Box 61945
Fort Myers, Florida 33906-1945