

2017 PROGRAM

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PROPOSED 2017 PROGRAM

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, all meetings will be held in the Berne Davis Botanical Garden building off of McGregor Boulevard.

January 21

Annual Business meeting.

Juniper demonstration by Dorothy Schmitz.

Bring your Juniper and Pines to work on.

If you don't have one, go to Home Depot or Lowes or landscape nursery and pick up a low cost starter to learn on.

Display by Dorothy Schmitz and discussion on the art of display.

February 18

Lesson on horticulture by John Bartolozzi.

Bring two potential show trees for the 2017 Exhibit and a critique by Ernie Fernandez.

How to grow Moss: Bring a small bonsai pot, screening, filled with bonsai spoil. Moss will be provided by John Bartolozzi and Sam Wollard.

Display by John Bartolozzi.

March 18 (This meeting will be held at our old SPALC building.)

Yaupon Holly workshop: members can purchase a holly to style and pot it up for \$10 each or, purchase one on your own. OR, bring your own Crepe Myrtles and Chinese Elms to work on. This is the time of the year to work on these species.

Display by Martha Goff

April 15

Annual picnic and auction.

May 20

Root-Over-Rock Ficus workshop for \$20 each. Members will bring their own rock. The club will provide the Ficus, nursery pot and potting soil.

Display by Justin Michael.

June 17

Caravan field trip to Mary Madison's nursery which will include a talk on Buttonwood by the famous "Buttonwood Queen". We will use our own vehicles to reduce cost.

July 15

Pinch pot workshop with Lyn Baker and Martha Goff for \$10 each.

Display by Sam Wollard.

August 19

Glaze your pinch pot.

"Lessons Learned in Japan" discussion by Mike & Lunetta Knowlton.

Martha Goff will have inexpensive plants for sale.

Display by Judy Giandelone.

September 16

Wiring lesson by Justin Michael.

Plant your pinch pot.

Display by Phil Krieg.

October 21

Get your trees ready for the annual show.

Show & Tell.

Discussion of displaying your trees.

November 3rd, 4th, 5th

The Annual Club Show at the Berne Davis Botanical garden.

November 18

Annual elections & Work on trees.

Fall fertilizer talk by Martha Goff such as fruiting/blooming, low nitrogen, etc...

December 9th

Annual Christmas Party



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 which is one block south of Virginia off of McGregor.

*You can find us at:
bonsaiswfl.org*

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

See you soon...

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- ◆ On August 19, Michael and Lunetta Knowlton have recently returned from a trip to Japan which was lead by well- known Bonsai artist and teacher, Bill Valavanis. They have offered to treat us to a presentation of the adventure on “Lessons Learned” which will be educational as well as interesting. Don’t miss it...
- ◆ A bonsai artist is moving from Southwest Florida up to Atlanta. He is selling his tropical collection due to the climate zone change. They can be viewed at our website www.bonsaiswfl.org for photos and prices. These range from finished trees to well developed early stages of development. Check this out if you want a great head start on a very nice tree!
- ◆ What do you want to do? We have laid out a program for 2017. If you have other activity ideas as to what you would like your club to be doing please share them. It is your club and we all need to participate in what we want to do. As an example of what other clubs activities, here is what the Bay Island Bonsai Club (Boon’s club) has for their activities:

Evaluation/Judging exercise using one of several judging methods.

Critiques by visiting professionals and club members of member trees.

Practice displays.

Mandatory workshops: nine events for (4) hour each per year. (Not sure about the “mandatory” part.)

This is only one clubs activities. Our focus has been on working on trees for each meeting. It seems this is a good way to learn and improve our trees. If you have additional interests please share them.