

# Bonsai Clipper

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## January Program

**Place:** SPALC Bldg., 6281 Metro Plantation Road

**When:** Saturday, January 17, 2015

**Time:** 9:00 AM

We will be voting on the program budget of \$1750 for the year.

Sign up for the February field trip (see p. 2). We need at least 30 people to participate in order to get a bus. The charge per person is \$15 plus driver tip. Bring your own lunch and be prepared to see some great trees at great prices.

Phil Krieg styles our tree for the 2015 Holiday Party. Raffle tickets will be on sale right away for \$5 each.

The 2015 Program Plan lists the schedule for the year. Some exciting plans have been made, but members must participate to benefit. So everyone get on board and have a great bonsai year.

Martha

## 2015 Bonsai Program

### JANUARY 17:

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: Budget Approval**  
Program budget is submitted for a vote. Signup sheets for workshops.  
Annual Tree, Buttonwood, Styled by Phil Krieg. Raffle tickets \$5 each.

**COST OF PROGRAM: Pot cost for tree for summer repotting-\$100**  
**DISPLAY:**

### FEBRUARY 28:

**FIELD TRIP: Turner's Nursery in Vero Beach. Bring your lunch and money for tipping the driver. Leave at 7 AM, return at 7 PM. Cost to members will be \$15. The club will pay the remainder.**

**COST OF PROGRAM: \$600**  
**DISPLAY:**

### MARCH 21:

**HAL MAHONEY: PENJING FOREST AND LAND DEMO**

**COST OF PROGRAM: \$400**  
Hal, \$250; Marble Slab, donated by Ginny; Rocks, part of May program,  
\$50; Soil, donated by Martha Goff; Trees, \$100  
**DISPLAY:**

### APRIL 18:

**PICNIC AND AUCTION:**  
**COST OF PROGRAM: \$0**

### MAY 16:

**PENJING WORKSHOP: Workshop cost: \$50. Includes marble slab, soil, rocks, and trees. Room for 16.**

**COST OF PROGRAM: \$300**  
Slabs already owned by club, rocks included in Hal Mahoney cost.  
\$300 for trees.  
**DISPLAY:**

**MAY (MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND) STATE SHOW AND CLUB NIGHT.**

**JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST WILL BE SPENT ON TREE REFINEMENT. EVERYONE BRINGS A TREE AND WORKS WITH A LEADER. CUT BACK FOR TAPER, RAMIFICATION, WIRING, WILL ALL BE INTENSIFIED. ONE OF THESE MONTHS WILL BE TOBY DIAZ. WAITING TO HEAR FROM HIM ON WHICH MONTH.**

**STEPS:**

- 1. INITIAL PICTURE**
- 2. PICTURE AFTER CUT BACK**
- 3. SKETCH OF FINISH WORKING TOWARDS**
- 4. INITIAL CUT BACK FOR TAPER.**
- 5. WIRING**
- 6. DEFOLIATION AND RAMIFICATION**
- 7. DISCUSS FERTILIZING**
- 8. COST OF PROGRAM: \$50**

**Cost will cover binders, drawing pencils, record sheet of tree.**

**SEPTEMBER 19:**

**DISPLAY WORKSHOP:** Provide trees, stands, accents, scrolls. 3-5 groups to set up display. Brief critique to follow each set up.

**COST OF PROGRAM: \$300**  
**Speaker TBD.**

**OCTOBER 17:**

**SCROLLS AND STANDS:** These are left over from the show and already paid for. Workshop offered for one or other for \$60.

**CREATING ACCENTS:** Bring your own pot or purchase. Plants for sale or bring your own.

**COST OF PROGRAM: \$0**  
**DISPLAY:**

**NOVEMBER 21: SHOW DATE?**

**DECEMBER 5, 12, OR 19<sup>TH</sup> FOR HOLIDAY PARTY.**

**PROGRAM COST:**

**JANUARY: \$100**  
**FEBRUARY: \$600**  
**MARCH: \$400**  
**APRIL: \$0**  
**MAY: \$300**  
**JUNE \$50**  
**JULY**  
**AUGUST**  
**SEPTEMBER \$300**  
**OCTOBER \$0**  
**NOVEMBER \$0**  
**DECEMBER \$000**  
**TOTAL \$1,750**

**THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE VISITING SPEAKER EXCEPT FOR THE PROGRAM. SOMEONE ELSE IS IN CHARGE OF THAT PART.**

**Message from the President:**

Friends,

Some amendment to the club bylaws will be proposed. Copies of the changes will be available at the January meeting, and they will be posted on our web site. The proposed changes cover three basic topics:

1. Adding language and a process for electronic voting on urgent club business.
2. Adding legal language recommended by the Garden Council concerning liability and dissolution of club and its assets.
3. Removing the position of "archivist" and adding the position of "webmaster".

At the same time changes are proposed for the standing rules. These changes concern members selling items at the club meeting.

More information at the meeting. Stay tuned.

Judy Giandelone, President

**Bonsai Buzz:**

Our friend and colleague, Sandy Thornburg, is selling her bonsai material. Jim Gehring has arranged to have an auction at our club meeting January 17. Sandy has been a member of our club for many years and served as the raffle coordinator and as a Board member. She is seriously ill and needs to find “good homes” for her plants, pots, etc. Bring some extra “bonsai mad money” to help a friend and perhaps add to your collection.