

Bonsai Clipper

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May Program

Place: SPALC Bldg., 6281 Metro Plantation Road

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM

Penjing workshop

Remember Hal Mahoney's demonstration for us in March. Well, it is time to put that knowledge to use. We are doing our own penjing slabs this month. If you signed up for this workshop and (1) have changed your mind, or (2) are getting your own tree or trees, please let me know asap (marthagoff50@comcast.net). I only have certain # of trees; and if I need more, I need to know in plenty of time.

We have the slabs, the rocks, the wire, the soil and some trees. The workshop is \$25 if you are using club trees and \$20 if you are bringing your own trees.

It should be a blast. Dress appropriately—it could get messy, but FUN!

Future Programs:

June 20th, July 18th, and August 15th: Intensive Workshop—Bring Your Own Tree.

Every member needs to get involved. Bring two trees and your tools. The club will have wire. I suggest that one tree be your possible annual show tree. Bring it for refining. The second tree should be one you need help with.

Every tree will receive a sketch of a future design and you will learn to do record keeping and tree photography. Bring your camera each time.

I plan to have several guest speakers during this summer intensive to come in and critique and make suggestions for your trees.

It should be fun and educational and move everyone to the next level of bonsai. Get involved!

Meetings may last until 1 or 2 PM as people need. Bring your lunch!

Mentor Program:

If you are a beginner, and would like to meet individually with an experienced member of the Society, see Jim Gehring about our mentor program. (Also speak to Jim if you would like to volunteer to mentor others).

Library:

Please remember to return your LIBRARY BOOKS.

Raffle:

Don't forget to bring something for the raffle (and money for raffle tickets).

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