

# Bonsai Clipper

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## September 2015 Program

Place: SPALC Bldg., 6281 Metro Plantation Road

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2015, at 9:00 AM

Believe it or not, we are fast approaching our show dates and there is much to do. Dorothy and Ernie are eagerly awaiting all those exhibit entries, so get them prepared. You can email them to me at [marthagoff50@comcast.net](mailto:marthagoff50@comcast.net) or mail them to Martha Goff, 5017 Bygone St., Lehigh Acres, FL 33971 or bring them to the meeting.

If you have any questions or you need anything, just let me know. Speaking of needing things, any of you who do not have a stand for your exhibit, send me the pot measurements that your tree is planted in and I will try to help find something. Need an accent plant? Let me know the tree you are entering and its size and I will try to help out.

I know the meeting is close to our Joe Day event; and it makes September a busy month, but it is still very important. We have much to discuss and do to prepare for the show. Many areas need man power, the raffle will need items and, of course, your trees need to get ready for exhibit. Show up and help us get ready. We need everyone on deck for this most important event of the year.

## **BSSWF Meeting August 15, 2015**

Hamilton Agnew showed us his slides from his recent trip to Seattle and their Bonsai collection. Thanks Ham! Very nice trees and even a few Tropicals from way up north. A belated "Thank You" to Toby Dias who visited us in July and shared his expertise evaluating our trees. It was fun, educational and useful...many thanks!

### **2015 Annual Exhibit:**

1. We need raffle and door prize items, so please dig deep and share those unused items collecting dust on the shelf.
2. We also need volunteers for security, the greeters table and, of course, set up workers. And don't forget we need help taking down the display materials and getting them back up to the storage mezzanine at the SPALC building.
3. A few members brought in trees to learn how to prepare them for the Exhibit. We had some fun "finding the front" for Phyllis and her very nice Dwarf Jade.
4. This is also a reminder that we will have a Novice table for beginners. We want everyone to participate so get your trees ready! If you have any questions, please bring your trees to the next meeting for help.

### **Friday, September 18: 6:30PM**

We host bonsai Master **Joe Day** at the SPALC building at 6:30 PM Members elected to have him do a demo of a forest. We need to find the material for him to work. Charles volunteered to drive him halfway to Miami...thank you Charles.

### **Saturday, September 19: 9:00AM**

Regular meeting at the SPALC building, 6281 Metro Plantation Rd. Fort Myers, FL.

### **Club Improvement:**

Attendance for this meeting was down and several members were concerned. We had a discussion on how to improve our club and draw more members:

1. Give a presentation to young people where they are active, such as, the 4H Club, Future Farmers, FGCU, FSW, schools and libraries.
2. Increase our advertising in local community newspapers.
3. Put out a bigger and better snack table. After all, Boon is always shown with delicious munchies in California...maybe that is his secret to good Bonsai? We should consider a budget for this if we want stone crab or pizza...maybe some Norman Love chocolates too.
4. Offer help for beginners and reinstate mentoring. Maybe we can develop a part of the meeting dedicated to tricks and tips for beginners. There is, after all, a lot to learn; and we have some of the best Bonsai artists who know the how to, what, when and why.
5. Club members, please offer your suggestions. We want to hear your thoughts.

**A Demonstration is a learning tool:** Justin Michael did a demo at the SPALC building, and it was well received despite that weekend of rain. Thanks Justin for your time and sharing your creative gift.

**Name Tags:**

A sign-up sheet was shared for those who want to buy a name tag. Members also voted to buy name tags for new members after the October show when we hope to draw new members.

If there are any additions or corrections to these meeting notes, please let us know...

Submitted by  
Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida  
Phil Krieg, Secretary

**Note:**

I am giving club members first shot at signing up for the workshops at our show. The show schedule is below. If you are interested in a workshop, let me know soon. You can pay at the September meeting or mail it to me at Martha Goff, 5017 Bygone St., Lehigh Acres, FL 33971. Make checks payable to Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida. This is a great opportunity to work with Ed Trout. Also, if you have friends who are interested in Bonsai and would like to try their hand, let them know about Phil's Beginner Workshop. See you at the meeting.  
Martha Goff

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**THE BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

**34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BONSAI  
SHOW & SALE**

**EXHIBIT OF BONSAI TREES, SALES,  
DEMONSTRATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

**OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2015  
SATURDAY 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**CITY PIER BUILDING  
1300 HENDRY ST.  
FORT MYERS, FL 33901**

**[WWW.BONSAISWFL.ORG](http://WWW.BONSAISWFL.ORG)**

# Schedule

## October 17, 2015

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Saturday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

9:00 AM	Exhibit Open	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
9:00 AM	Vendor and Raffle Open	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
9:30-11:30 AM	Demonstration 1: <b>Round Robin</b> <b>Justin Michael, Virginia Boka, Martha Goff</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
10:00 AM	Exhibit Open	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
11:30-1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00-3:00 PM	Demonstration 2: <b>Round Robin</b> <b>Jason Osborne, Mike Cartrett, Phil Krieg</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
1:00-4:00 PM	Workshop 1: <b>Ed Trout</b> <b>Bring Your Own Tree</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
4:00 PM	Exhibit Critique: <b>Ed Trout</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor

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Sunday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

9:00 AM	Exhibit Open	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	Vendor and Raffle Open	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
9:30-11:30 AM	Demonstration 3: <b>Round Robin</b> <b>Ed Trout, Dorothy Schmitz, Ernie Fernandez</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
9:00-12:00 PM	Workshop 2: <b>Phil Krieg</b> <b>Beginner's Workshop: Dwarf Crepe Myrtle</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
11:30-1:00 PM	Lunch Drawing for All Demonstration Material	
1:00 PM	Styling Competition	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
1:00-4:00 PM	Workshop 3: <b>Ed Trout</b> <b>Buttonwood Literati Style</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor

# Workshops

All workshop participants will receive 5 free drawing tickets for each workshop in which they participate.

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Workshop 1-Bring Your Own Tree with Ed Trout \$50

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Saturday, October 17, 1-4 PM

Sign up early. This is a popular workshop that sells out quickly. Half of The proceeds from this workshop go to the Arnold Palmer Children's Cancer Center in memory of Ed Trout's granddaughter.

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Workshop 2-Beginner Workshop with Phil Krieg \$25

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Sunday, October 18, 9-12 Noon

We continue our practice of offering this workshop to those who have always wanted to try their hand at Bonsai. Expert instruction is given by Phil Krieg. The material will be Dwarf Crepe Myrtle. Every participant will leave with a beautiful tree, care instructions and future help with repotting the tree next spring.

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Workshop 3-Buttonwood Literati Style with Ed Trout \$60

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Sunday, October 18, 1-4 PM

Ten outstanding Buttonwoods have been selected with this style in mind. Every participant will leave with an expertly styled tree, care instructions and future help with repotting next summer.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION. [www.bonsaiswfl.org](http://www.bonsaiswfl.org)

SEND ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE WORKSHOPS TO: [marthagoff50@comcast.net](mailto:marthagoff50@comcast.net).

# Demonstrations

All demonstrations are free. Anyone not participating in a workshop is invited to enjoy watching our artists create some beautiful trees and plantings. All material will become part of a special drawing. The drawing for the material will be held on Sunday during the lunch break. You do not have to be present to win.

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**Demonstration 1: Justin Michael, Virginia Boka, Martha Goff**

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**Saturday, October 17, 9:30 AM.**

**This demonstration features 3 outstanding artists creating a variety of Bonsai related material. Enjoy the fun watching these artists turn nursery material into the beginning of some specimen Bonsai.**

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**Demonstration 2: Jason Osborne, Mike Cartrett, Phil Krieg**

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**Saturday, October 17, 1:00 PM.**

**Some of the most noted Bonsai artists in Florida will take the stage to create future Bonsai specimens. Don't miss this outstanding group as they entertain you with their expertise.**

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**Demonstration 3: Ed Trout, Dorothy Schmitz, Ernie Fernandez**

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**Sunday, October 18, 9:30 AM.**

**This demonstration features our headliner Ed Trout and our own Dorothy Schmitz. Ed Trout is not only Florida's foremost artist but is also known throughout the Bonsai world for his excellent creations and instructions. Dorothy Schmitz has quickly risen as an outstanding Bonsai artist who regularly travels and shares her Bonsai expertise. The audience will again enjoy the creation of splendid Bonsai right in front of their eyes.**

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**Demonstration 4: Styling Competition**

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**Sunday, October 18, 1:00 PM**

**It is time for some fun!** Ten slots are open for those brave volunteers who wish to create a Bonsai. There is no charge for participating. The audience will vote for the best styled tree and the winner will receive their tree free of charge. If you wish to purchase your tree, you may do so.

# Workshop Registration Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Checks to: Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida  
5017 Bygone St., Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

To Pay By Credit Card: Call: 239-332-3850

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## Saturday, October 17

Workshop 1      1:00-4:00 PM   Bring Your Own Tree   \$50      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Featuring Ed Trout

## Sunday, October 18

Workshop 2      9:00 AM-Noon   Beginner's Workshop   \$25      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Dwarf Crepe Myrtle with Phil Krieg

Workshop 3      1:00-4:00 PM   Literati Buttonwood   \$60      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Featuring Ed Trout

Total Due      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pay By: Check # \_\_\_\_\_      Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

All workshop participants must bring their own tools. Some tools are provided in the Beginner Workshop. Wire is supplied by the host club. All Workshops are assigned on a first come basis.

**A Note on Downtown Ft. Myers.** As you have noticed our venue has changed to a wonderful location in Downtown Ft. Myers. There are numerous locations to stay close to downtown and many locations for lunch within walking distance. There is parking available all along First St. and many side streets and there is **no meter charge** on the weekend. It is easy walking to the Bonsai Event. For those who choose to stay overnight, downtown Ft. Myers often features free evening events for your entertainment.