

# READY FOR SUMMER!

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## APRIL PROGRAM VIA ZOOM

April's meeting will feature Mike Lane speaking on buttonwoods.

In May, pandemic permitting, we will have a silent auction (live) at the Garden Council. Now is a good time to review your collection to find items to donate or sell.



## 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](http://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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Photo: Becks Phillips


## NOTES FROM CLUB MEETING March 20, 2021

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Jim Bremer and Micky Major reviewed the financial statements for 2020. No problems were found.

### PRESENTATION

Jim Bremer and Micky Major were busy in March. They gave a presentation of bonsai to the Royal Palm Garden Club meeting at the Garden Council.

### PREMNAS

Before covid hit, club bought 10 premna cuttings in preparation for a workshop with Mike Lane and exposed root planting. Martha Goff has been caring for them, but they need attention now. Martha volunteered to purchase the trees from the club at our cost. There were no objections.

### AMENDMENT TO STANDING RULES

Proposed by Jim Bremer:

“Standing Rule 3/ At a club auction/ B) First sentence shall read: **A member who donates one or more items to the Club may also bring one or more additional items to be auctioned.** “ During the discussion it was clarified that the additional auction items would be sold at the 80/20 split with 20% of purchase price going to the Club. Per the Club Bylaws, this proposed amendment will be voted on during the April meeting.

(Note the full text of the Standing Rule and proposed amendment is presented on page 3 of this newsletter).

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING RULES**

The proposed amendment removes the wording which is struck through and replaces it with wording in italics.

**3. Guidelines for the selling of items at BSSWL club meetings or events.****General Guidelines:**

A. Any member selling items at a club meeting or club event will donate 20% of the proceeds to the club, unless the club sells booths or table space (as at the club show).

B. Occasionally, non-club members may be invited to sell items at a club event. The invitation will be decided by the Board who will set the conditions.

**At a club auction:**

A. Members are encouraged to bring an item or items as a donation to the club (100% of the auction prices will go to the club).

~~B. A Member may bring one (1) other personal bonsai related item to be auctioned.~~ *A Member who donates one or more items, to the Club may also bring one or more additional items to be auctioned.*

The member will receive 80% of the proceeds and the club 20%.

C. Procedure and paperwork will be determined by the club Treasurer who will be the treasurer for the auction. The President will appoint a substitute if necessary.

**MEMBER INTERVIEW**  
**GETTING TO KNOW LINDA RODRIGUEZ**

**#1. Where are you from and did you do Bonsai there?**

I was born in Massachusetts, but moved to Florida at a year old. So I didn't do Bonsai there. I was in Florida when I started.

**#2. What brought you to the art of Bonsai and what year did you begin?**

I remember seeing a man working on Bonsai trees in a movie many years ago, probably a James Bond movie, and probably one of Bond's enemies. Tried to find it on line, but couldn't find the scene. I did, however, find ten movies in which bonsai played a role. Of those, my favorite was Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (2000) and bonsai were styled by Ninjas in that movie. I always loved the way the trees looked and it seemed like a fascinating and cool avocation. But I didn't get involved with Bonsai until many years later. I don't remember the year, I started many years ago, which lasted maybe a few months, then started up again probably after coming to one of our annual shows. I'm not good with remembering dates, history was not my favorite subject!

**#3. Do you still have your first tree? If not what species was it and what happened to it?**

My first tree was a Fukien Tea. Sad to say it is no longer with us.

**#4. How many hours do you devote to Bonsai per week. No judgment here.**

Suffice to say, not enough hours! I'm a shameful dilettante!

**#5 What part of the practice do you like best and least?**

My favorite part of the practice is looking at other people's beautiful trees. My least favorite part is looking at my own trees when they are in need of much help.

**#6 What skill gives you the biggest challenge?**

The skill that is the biggest challenge for me is doing repotting at the proper time. Really more of a responsibility than a skill. Maybe my weakest point.

**#7 Do you have a favorite tree? Please include photo yourself for the newsletter. This is optional.**

My favorite tree is probably my Ficus Burt Davii. I'll send the picture separately.

**#8 The most important question. Who is your favorite club president? This is not optional.**

Favorite club president? Sam, of course!

### **BONSAI GLOSSARY**

**CAMBIUM** - green growth tissue directly below the bark; it's increase adds to the girth of roots and stems.

**CALLUS** - tissue that forms over a wound on a branch or trunk as part of the healing process.

**CANDLE** - name given to the extending bud of a Pine tree before the new needles open.

**CHLOROSIS** - loss of chlorophyll as a result of mineral deficiency; this is what causes deciduous leaves to change color in Autumn.

**CHOP** - term used to describe a technique where heavy pruning and height reduction of the tree trunk takes place.

**COMMON NAME** - simply the name a plant is commonly known by however, common names can be very non-specific; i.e.: Maple could refer to any one of hundreds of trees and can vary from region to region.

**CULTIVAR** - a cultivated variety of a given species, for example the Acer palmatum "Bloodgood" or the Acer palmatum "Deshojo" are both Acer palmatum cultivars or varieties.

<https://www.bonsaiempire.com/blog/bonsai-terms>

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