

SILENT AUCTION

BONSAI CLIPPER

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AUCTION DETAILS

WHEN: Saturday May 15, 2021. Set up begins at 9 AM, bidding closes 11ish

WHERE: Garden Council outside. Park on Larchmont Avenue.

WHAT: About 50 items for the silent auction and a “cash and carry” table for smaller items.

HOW: If you want to sell an item, please **contact Jim Bremer or Sam Wollard ASAP**. There are only 14 slots remaining; there is space for 50 items. You may donate the item (all proceeds go to the club) or split the proceeds 80/20 with 20% going to the club. Cash and Carry items are donations. Remember that we changed the standing rules last month, so if you want to benefit from the 80/20 split, you must donate something.

We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks. Bring your own pen or pencil. More detailed instructions are on the next page of this newsletter.

Just in case you wondered, we will NOT have a pot luck picnic this year.



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

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

See you soon...

What is World Bonsai Day?

The World Bonsai Friendship Federation established this international day of celebration to pay homage to bonsai Master Saburo Kato's mission to promote peace and friendship through the art of bonsai. The day is celebrated on the second Saturday of May each year, which this year is **May 8th!**

To participate on World Bonsai Day, head to bonsai-nbf.org for tons of activities, videos and gifts!

World Bonsai Day

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The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Auction Bidder Rules and Instructions

WELCOME to our Annual Auction.

Current circumstances require us to conduct our auction under more limited conditions, and call for some specific rules:

- 1) All participants will be required to wear face masks while interacting with others. We also ask you to respect others by maintaining reasonable social distancing .**
- 2) The auction will be conducted as a “silent auction”, and your bidding will be done by making an entry on the “Bidding Sheet” for the item you wish to acquire. YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN PENCIL OR PEN TO MAKE YOUR BID. Enter the amount you wish to bid at the bottom of the left column , and enter your cell phone number in the right column (the area code is presumed to be 239; if your cellphone includes a different area code, YOU MUST INSERT IT).**
- 3) You may return and re-bid as often as you wish during the bidding period.**
- 4) When the bidding period has ended at 11AM (unless extended by the Society President) the highest bidder of each item will be notified by telephone, and will be asked to come to that item on the table. The Table Monitor will confirm your bid and offered price, and give you the Bidding Sheet for the item. You will take the Bidding Sheet to the Pay Tent, and make payment in cash, check, or credit card (there will be separate lines for each form of payment). You will then be given a Chit signifying payment made, and may collect the item from the table after giving the Chit to the Table Monitor.**
- 5) The Society President will be the final arbiter in setting any other conditions on bidding, determining the highest qualified bidder, or any other matters regarding auction operations.**

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

BSSWFL AUCTION COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

Set Up Committee 6-8 people 9 AM-

Set up tables and tent (per diagram) in field west of Garden Council Bldg. Place Auction Item sheets and Bidding sheets on tables. Help place auction items (3 per table).

Security Monitors (general membership while bidding) 10 AM-

Observe bidders, protect items and request masks, distancing.

Table Monitors 6-8 people (more?) 11 AM-

CALL THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS, then help them identify and pick up their Bidding Sheets and direct them to the Payment Tent, (where they will make payments, receiving Chits from Payment Committee), and return to table. Collect Chits, release and help move items to cars. (drive through?).

Payment Committee

Ham and deputy for charge cards. Sam, JB and deputies for cash and checks

11 AM- receive Bidding sheets, add up amount due, and receive payment; find and distribute appropriate Chits to payees.

Breakdown and cleanup by all members, please!!



The thinking olive tree Ginosa, Puglia, Italy

BONSAI GLOSSARY

DEADWOOD - a special technique used to create deadwood on a Bonsai which enhances the character of and, ages the appearance of a tree.

DECIDUOUS - broad-leaved trees which harden off and shed their leaves in the Autumn followed by dormancy during the Winter.

DEFOLIATION - a technique involving the removal of all or most of a bonsai's leaves which reduces the plant's leaf size as well as the distance between internodes.

DESICCATION - state of extreme dryness, or the process of extreme drying

DIATOMATIOUS EARTH - a sedimentary soil produced by the shells/skeletons of diatoms, not volcanic activity (which is pumice) which is becoming more and more popular with Bonsai enthusiasts as a Bonsai soil replacement for Akadama.

DIE BACK - death of growth beginning at the tip due to disease or injury.

DISSECTED - deeply cut into segments or lobes.

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



Variegated bougainvillea

Micky Major

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