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FEBRUARY MEETING

Bonsai of The World is a PowerPoint presentation by Mike Lane. After the presentation, Mike will participate in a help session for members, one tree per member only.

2019 PROGRAMS

MARCH Bonsai Garden Tour of several club members which may include Jim Gehring, Jim Bremer, Phil Krieg and Troy Randall on Pine Island. We will start the tour at the Garden Center, travel south to Phil's and Jim's houses, drive to the Gehring's and end up at Troy Randall's for a BBQ. The club will provide the food. This event is limited to members only. Also, this is the time to prepare for repotting season, So get your pots, soil and wire ready.

APRIL Annual picnic and auction. We are also bringing back another oldie but goodie, the *Black Thumb Award*. So save all those dead trees for this fun occasion.

MAY Desert Rose workshop \$15 working with pre-Bonsai seed grown plants in 8"x6" nursery pots. We will need gloves on hand due to the toxic nature of the sap. Gloves should be Nitrile type in case of latex allergies.

JUNE *Repot It!* clinic includes a demo with club soil and wire. We will re-pot both Pre-Bonsai (bare root) as well as mature (perimeter margins only) plants to illustrate the differences in potting

techniques depending on the plant's needs.

JULY Workshop Fukien Tea *Root-Over-Rock*. Judy Gore has donated the plants and rocks. Find and bring a nice rock.

AUGUST Topic is Buttonwood, Chili Thrips and other pests discussion.

SEPTEMBER *Bonsai Stepchildren and Why They Matter* presentation including Keshiki, Pop Bonsai, Kusamono and Suiseki. A discussion of related arts to Bonsai. A workshop for Keshiki and Kusamono.

OCTOBER Bring your show tree for display advice. Continuing discussion of display in preparation for the November show. If we have Ernie doing the judging, we will invite him to give us a lesson on his criteria for judging.

NOVEMBER We hold the officer elections for 2020. The feature of this meeting is a workshop on Penjing with Mike Lane.

DECEMBER It's the annual Holiday party. We will discuss show results, photographs of each display and discussion of how to improve the event.



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...

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WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR TROPICAL TREES

There are a few trees that can be safely repotted: Bald Cypress, Junipers, Pines and Chinese Elms (if they have dropped their leaves and shoots are developing) You can also repot deciduous trees if they're pushing new growth like Ilex.

WIGERTS BONSAI CLASSES

February 17 Demo and discussion of Premna by Jason Osborne. (This demo was moved due to nasty weather.) Cost: \$10 Time: 9:00 am till 12:00 pm

March 10 Bonsai Demonstration by Mike Lane "Sea Hibiscus". Cost: \$10 Time: 9:00 am till 12:00 pm

March 16 Lecture in Collecting trees from landscape for Bonsai. Cost: \$35 Time: 9:00 am till 12:00 pm

March 31 Penjing Cost: \$35 Time: 9:00 am till 12:00 pm

Contact Andrea or Erik to sign up!

Wigert's Bonsai Nursery
239-543-2234

REMINDER

We still have a vacancy in the Study Group with Adam Lavigne. Cost is \$300 per year or about \$25 per session. This is a great opportunity to learn and refine your trees.

MISCELANEOUS

- ◆ Martha Goff has a new cell phone number: 239-560-2499
- ◆ If you are sealing deadwood and need a preservative you have two options. The traditional material is MINWAX WOOD HARDENER but it leaves a glossy finish, less than natural appearance. The other option is to use TITEBOND II, a wood glue which leaves a more natural matt finish. It should be diluted 50/50 with water for the first two coats. The third coat is 100% glue.

B.S.F. CONVENTION NEWS

Bonsai Societies of Florida has invited all member societies to choose the best tree from their own members to represent Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida. Our selected tree will be displayed at this year's convention.

To select a tree we need each of you to either bring your tree to our February meeting or bring a good photograph. We will also need the following information for your tree:

- Species
- Approximate age of tree
- Years in training
- Overall height (including pot)
- Overall height of stand to be used.

Companion trees or scrolls will not be used since they will be displayed in the lobby without background walls and limited space. The tree will need to be at the convention by Friday morning.

This will be fun. You can be proud of your trees. I hope everyone will submit at least one tree for consideration.

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