

BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
October 18, 2014

President Judy Giandelone called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
2014 Annual Show	<p><u>Publicity</u> has been published in the American bonsai Journal, BSF and Florida Gardener. E-mail announcements have been sent to local communities, local businesses and nurseries.</p> <p><u>Security</u> has been hired.</p> <p><u>Judging criteria</u> will be sent to all members by Dorothy Schmitz.</p> <p><u>Exhibit</u>: we need more trees. All club members are invited to show their trees. We need volunteers to help move material from the SPALC building into the exhibit and back.</p> <p><u>Greeters</u> are needed.</p> <p><u>Program</u>: We need more members to sign up for the workshops. We expect that everybody will take at least one workshop. Justin volunteered to set-up and clean-up for the workshop space.</p> <p><u>Raffle</u>: we need donations.</p> <p><u>Hospitality</u>: bring pot luck food and utensils with your name on the utensil. Greg and Martha will bring coolers.</p> <p><u>Volunteers</u>: a list of volunteers will be sent to members so you will know when and where to be at your post. Phil will pick up the demo tree from Judy Gore.</p> <p><u>Floor Plan</u>: we need to field measure the space to plan the table payout. Phil will research a source.</p>	
Prepare your tree for the exhibit:	<p>Dorothy Schmitz led the discussion: "Bonsai is the art of illusion".</p> <p><u>Prepare your tree</u> about 8 weeks before the exhibit including the pot. Hide fresh cuts with a colored cut paste or mud.</p> <p><u>Clean your pot</u> with either Cameilia oil or mineral oil but wipe it off so it is not shiny about 1 week before the exhibit.</p> <p><u>Components</u>: Select your stand, scroll and companion plant to tell your story.</p> <p><u>Moss</u>: either grow it yourself or collect it from local sites especially near areas that are always damp. Remove some soil to allow space for the moss. Use different types, colors, heights. Place taller moss towards the back of the pot/tree. Slope moss profile from the tree down towards the sides. Place lichen at strategic spots for interest, texture and color. Use small patches of moss, not a sheet that looks like a lawn.</p> <p><u>Roots</u>: if you need a root you can add it and then disguise it with moss.</p> <p><u>Wire</u>: remove wire or make it not hidden.</p>	
Nominating committee	A slate of officers and Board members is being prepared for the November meeting.	
Upcoming Events	<p><u>Wigert's Open House</u> November 1 and 2. We need volunteers to sit at our booth.</p> <p><u>Butterfly Plants</u> will be available at the Edison Estate November 15th.</p>	Volunteer sign-up sheet passed out.

	<u>Strolling Flower Show at the Bell Tower</u> : We will not participate this time.	
Program	<u>Trees</u> that were critiqued by Lindsay Sheba returned to see how they fared with the modifications. <u>Justin</u> presented his Salicaria which was displayed at the 4 th National Exhibition. It is now named “Houdini” for the unique case that it was shipped in to safely arrive in Rochester.	
Annual Christmas Party	December 13 th at Anne Miller’s home	Pot luck dinner

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Krieg, Secretary