

# Bonsai Clipper

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## **Elected 2015 Board Of Directors:**

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## **Annual Show Report:**

This is Monday morning after our annual show, and I don't have a place on my body that doesn't hurt, ache, or pain. I'm not complaining; it is, over all, not a bad feeling, but I know that I worked this old body pretty well. I also know that there has to be a dozen others that are in the same shape that I am.

Wasn't it great to share our club, our trees, our friendship, our ability to style and exhibit our work? The people who went away from our show, went away richer because of their experience.

The judges of the show said that SWFL puts on a show that rivals the state show. Having been to the state show, I would agree. Stop and think; our display trees come from just our members and not from the whole state.

The election center remains a very good place to hold our show even if we face diminishing space. Consider the following: easy public access, good parking, plenty of tables, helpful staff, our ability to adjust, and it's free. This makes it very suitable for our purpose.

This is Tuesday morning, and the van has not been unloaded. Tuesday is a work day for many, so it remains for anyone available. James M. arrived at 10 o'clock with the truck, Judy G. and Anne M. were there when I arrived. We carried in a few things, and Rick Owens pulled in. He was the strength that we needed. He was up and down the steps with the heaviest loads. To make a long story shorter, it was all repacked upstairs in an hour, thanks to the efforts of a few.

While at the show, Carl Schwartz's wife came to talk to me. If you don't remember Carl, think of Santa Claus. His white beard helped him play Santa. He told me that he made more money appearing as Santa than he did teaching at the college. Carl passed a few months ago, and he offered his bonsai materials to the club. So Barry K. and I went down and picked it up. I brought it home; and because I will run the club raffles next year, I will restyle the neglected plants and let you know whenever I put some of his plants or pots in the monthly raffles. I thought it was a very nice thing to do and sent his wife a club thank you.

Last but not least, a big thank you to all the members who made this show a success. Your efforts: large, medium or small (there were no small) were appreciated. Jim G.