

Bonsai Clipper

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June Program

Place: SPALC Bldg., 6281 Metro Plantation Road

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 9:00 AM

Well, it is almost here--our summer Intensive Workshop! Come to the June, July and August meeting prepared to work. Bring your tools. Bring your trees. If you want help repotting, bring your soil. If you need wire, the club can provide it. If you draw, bring a sketch book and get help drawing your final design. Bring your camera so you can get a before and after picture. Bring your lunch or order pizza if you wish to stay longer. This is serious but fun, work.

This will be a perfect opportunity to get that tree in tip-top shape for the show in October. It will also be a great opportunity to get help with a difficult tree. No matter what level you are working at, this will give you a chance to improve your skills and your trees.

You should start with 2 trees, one potential show tree and one other. Each month you can add another tree but make sure the ones you first worked on come back each time.

As a special treat, Toby Diaz will join us for the Intensive in July. He will be there to critique and offer help to all who are participating in the Intensive Workshop. So, if you want the benefit of Toby, make sure you participate in June to be eligible for July.

We will also be having a display for each meeting to get back into displaying our trees before the show. I will contact you ahead of time to bring a display.

Questions? Email: marthagoff50@comcast.net

President's Report:

Annual Show: The good news and the not so good news

Good News: At last, we have a place and a date for our Annual Show. This year we will be at City Pier in downtown Fort Myers (thanks go to Ham for finding the place and to Ham and Phil for negotiating the deal). The date will be October 17 and 18.

Not so Good News: The Annual Show only happens when we have club members volunteer to head up certain tasks. We need volunteers to work with Martha for the program; we need volunteers to be in charge of vendors, greeters, hosting and security, hospitality. These are not hard jobs. When the work is shared, the Show comes together easily. Even if you have never been involved, fear not, we have a manual with job descriptions and helpful tips for each task.

June is going to be a busy month for us. My trees are now growing faster than I can keep up with. In addition to potting, pruning, maintenance and styling, in June we have a demonstration by Rodney Clemons on June 23 at 6:30 PM at the SPALC building. He will be demonstrating rock planting. The very next day, June 24, we will exhibit trees at Bell Tower from 6-9 PM. This will be a relaxed evening to introduce people to bonsai and our club. Think about which tree(s) you want to display. We will talk more at the club meeting on June. See you then.

Judy Giandelone

Library:

Please remember to return your library books.

Raffle:

Don't forget to bring something for the raffle (and money for raffle tickets).

BSSWF Meeting May 16, 2015

Buttonwood Re-Potting:

1. Defoliate to 2 leaves on each twig and cut remaining leaves in half.
2. Remove soil with a hose since roots are extremely tender.
3. Trim root, don't rake them.
4. Tie into the pot and add the soilless mix.
5. Place In a dish of water in shade or morning light only.
6. When you see a new flush of leaves you can remove it from the water.
7. Alternate re-potting is to remove only the bottom soil and remove soil on only half of a side.
8. Re-pot when water does not flow readily from the pot.

Penjin Workshop:

This type of material is Chinese in origin and means a "natural feeling or to look like a tree".

There are three types:

1. Forest
2. Land and water
3. Single tree

The club provided the marble slabs, John Bartolozzi provided the rocks and everyone either provided their own tree or selected from the batch in the care of Martha.

Justin glued the tie wires onto the slabs with the chemical magic of baking soda and super glue which makes an instant attachment.

Everyone then proceeded to wire their trees into position and add the muck, rocks and special soil. Then we applied a layer of fertilized sphagnum moss which was uniquely scented and much appreciated by all! We then had the option of applying moss at home which added the final dimension of scale and a cozy blanket for our saplings.

The results of each Penjing was wonderful... and a whole lot of fun!

Submitted by
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Phil Krieg, Secretary

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