

# Bonsai Clipper

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## March Program

Place: SPALC Bldg., 6281 Metro Plantation Road

When: Saturday, March 21, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM

We have a wonderful program planned, 'Penjing Design,' specifically, 'Land and Water Penjing.' Hal Mahoney, an expert in Penjing plantings, will present the first stage of the program. Ginny Boka has generously donated a beautiful marble slab and nice rocks for Hal to use in his demo. The trees are Hal's own selection. We will spend the morning watching Hal create an outstanding Penjing, which will be raffled off at the end of his program. Tickets will be \$5 each. Don't miss this opportunity to take home a spectacular creation.

The second stage of the program will take place in May. The club will have penjing kits available that include the slab, rocks, soil and trees. We will have all materials needed to create your own penjing. These kits will be only \$25. All you will need to bring will be your tools.

Don't forget to participate in the raffle of Hal's material and also to sign up for the May workshop.

## **Hal Mahoney**

Hal Mahoney acquired an interest in Asian culture while spending one and one half years in Japan and Korea while in the military. In 1976 he introduced bonsai as a credit earning course into the Science Curriculum of a New York High School. Hal now has over 35 years of bonsai experience. His innovative techniques in bonsai are renowned.

He is a past president of the Bonsai Society of Greater NY and of the Long Island Bonsai Society. He is a founder of the regional Mid Atlantic Bonsai Societies and of the Eastern Suffolk Bonsai Society. Hal has served as a Director, Recording Secretary and as a Vice President of Bonsai Clubs International. He has served for several years on the Editorial Board of Bonsai Magazine and has written and published numerous articles in the Bonsai Magazines.

Hal's major areas of interest include Chinese Rock Penjing. One of his Rock Penjing is featured in the book, *Outstanding American Bonsai*; a Hinoki Cypress that he designed now resides in the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection. Another of his Penjing was recently donated to Huntington's Chinese Gardens in California. He has contributed a chapter on Water and Land Penjing to the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens hand book on indoor bonsai. He is currently involved in developing techniques for "claft" style bonsai, a combination of clump and raft styles.

Taken from ZOOMINFO.COM

## **President's Message:**

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OUR BYLAWS**

In January we presented and discussed proposed amendments to our bylaws and standing rules. We will vote on those changes at our March meeting. Everyone should be involved in the process. Here's how:

1. Read the proposed changes and current bylaws. You will find them on our web page [www.bonsaiswfl.org](http://www.bonsaiswfl.org) under the "about us" tab.
2. Approval of any changes requires a 2/3 majority vote of ALL members, not just those attending the meeting. If you cannot attend, please give your proxy to someone who will be there. A failure to vote is a "no" vote.
3. Come to the meeting with your questions and ideas. We will discuss them again and then vote with a written ballot.

## Wigert's Bonsai:

### AFRICAN STYLE BONSAI CLASS

Date : March 22 - 9am-12pm

Cost : \$30 doesn't include a tree

Instructor : Mike Lane

Class For all level students.

Learn and create African style Bonsai. Class focuses on African Flat Top and Pierneef style. View a PowerPoint Lecture and then style your tree. Bring your own tree or purchase one here at the nursery.

Recommended plant material: Acacia, Raintree, Mimosa, etc.

Most people love our Pierneef Raintree in the collection. You can make a small one just like it.



- **ROOT OVER ROCK - GREEN ISLAND FICUS**

Date : March 29- 9am-12pm

Class fee is \$15 with purchase of a tree

Tree prices are 8"pot \$50, 10"pot \$75, 12"pot \$100

Or bring your own root over rock for \$30

Instructor: Mike Lane

Class geared towards all level students.

Work on styling a root over rock bonsai tree.

PowerPoint presentation and lecture.

Repotting option if weather is good. Bonsai pot and soil not included in fee.



## PREMNA BONSAI CLASS

Date : May 17 - 9am-12pm

Instructor : Mike Lane

Class is geared towards all skill levels.

View a PowerPoint lecture and then style your own Premna tree. Option to repot your tree. Pot and soil not included. Premna are native to Indonesia. Premna are very fast to develop as a bonsai. You can have a finished bonsai in a short period of time. Leaves reduce quickly to a very tiny size. It also has small white flowers.

Cost :\$65 TREE INCLUDED



## WIRING CLASS

Date: July 11 - 9am-12pm

Cost: \$40 doesn't include a tree

Instructor : Jason Osborne

For students of all skill levels. A much needed class.

A lot of you have been asking about this. Wiring can be a very important part of making bonsai.

If you would like to learn to wire a bonsai or need to perfect your wiring, this class is for you.

Bring your own plant material. Wire is included.



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