

# Bonsai Clipper

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## November Program

This month's meeting will be our annual Bonsai Show and Sale. It will be held at the Lee County Election Center, Rt. 41 opposite Bell Tower, from 10am to 5pm on Saturday the 16th of November and Sunday the 17th of November from 10am to 4pm.

There will be a short business meeting at 9:30 am on the 16th for the purpose of electing our officers for 2014. At that time we will also survey the membership on their desire to have the BSF speaker, Jim Van Landingham, in March of 2014. Publicity has been extensive, and we are looking forward to a wonderful exhibition for the people of Lee County.

Gregory J. Lignelli

## **The Prez Sez:**

With our annual Show rapidly approaching, I'm hoping we are all doing whatever we can to get the word out to the public.

Please post, or better still, hand out flyers wherever you can: libraries, shopping centers, community centers. . . If you're in a club or group meeting, please announce the Show (If you're shy, just read off the flyer). Also please check on any of the plastic brochure stands you placed earlier. If you need more flyers, call me at 239-482-7543 or Jim Gehring at 239-772-1411. We will also have a pile of flyers at Wigert's Open House on November 2 and 3.

Thanks to those of you who signed up to attend to our tent at Wigert's. If you are there but didn't sign up, please stop by and lend a hand. We would like to get out the word on our Show, and the Open House is obviously going to be attended by serious enthusiasts. It's a great opportunity to tell bonsai enthusiasts who are somehow NOT members of the Society of our upcoming Show, and of the other things we have to offer.

We've been invited to set up a display of trees at the Everglades Wonder Gardens on old Rt. 41 south of Bonita Beach Road. Barry Kruger and I did so last week, using the opportunity to set up our flyer dispensers for Show and Society exposure. (We were not able to put a dispenser at the Naples Botanical Garden gift shop, but we have one installed in the volunteer work area, courtesy of Jan Abernathy, a bonsai enthusiast and infiltrator)

If you'd like to show off your trees for a couple of weeks at a time, the Wonder Gardens have a protected display area and promise to water regularly. If it works out, we may continue this after the Show. Call me if you're interested. We are doing so this week; and if you'd like to show off some trees for a week or two, we'd like to rotate those we are displaying. We are doing this to publicize the Show, but may continue it if there is enough interest. (We have also suggested this idea to Naples Botanical Garden, and are waiting to hear from them.)

Finally, a reminder that we will hold a brief business meeting at 9:30 AM on Saturday, Nov.16, at the Lee County Election Center for the purpose of electing officers for next year, making announcements, and any other business introduced. There will probably be important Show announcements made, so don't miss it.

See you there,  
Jim

## **SLATE OF OFFICERS BONSAI SWFL 2014**

President:	Judith Giandelone
Vice President	Martha Goff
Secretary:	Phil Krieg
Treasurer:	Hamilton Agnew
Past President:	Jim Bremer

Board of directors:	Judy Gore
	John Bartolozzi
	Greg Lignelli
	Jim Gehring
	Charlie Shogren

This slate will be presented at the November meeting, at that time we will take nominations from the floor.

**Annual Dues:**

We are trying to have all members renew their membership before December 1<sup>st</sup> in order to submit a report to the state by the 15<sup>th</sup>. Please renew your dues as soon as possible. You could bring your check to the meeting prior to the show.

BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA  
MINUTES  
GENERAL MEETING  
October 19, 2013

Vice President Jim Bremer called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.  
Attendance roster passed. Fred di Menna is welcomed as a new member.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
Minutes	Published in newsletter	Waived reading of minutes
Treasurer's Report	Starting balance \$8616.69 Ending balance \$7170.90 Major expense was purchasing trees for demonstrations at show.	No action
Nominating committee	A slate of officers and Board members was not available.	Judy Giandelone will send an email asking for nominations/volunteers. Election will be conducted by paper ballot at the Annual Show.
Wigert's Open House and Home and Garden Show at Germaine	November 3 and 4. We need volunteers to sit at our booth	Contact David or Jim Bremer. Volunteer signup sheet passed
Annual Show	Volunteers are still needed for set up, greeters and hosts.	Signup sheets were passed to recruit and as reminders.
Shirts	Gail Gehring is accepting orders for logo shirts that will be available for the show.	
Program	Martha Goff discussed preparing and showing trees. She recommended Kaboom shower cleaner with oxi-clean to remove salt deposits from pots.	
	Erik Wigert discussed several new species of trees for bonsai that are available. Erik also conducted a critique of trees.	

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Giandelone, secretary

## **Annual show last report:**

Well here it is, the last letter before the annual show. I have listed about a million things to be checked out in preparation for the big event. I hope that you have made a list for yourself in preparation for the show, too.

If the show runs like the shows have in the past, many of my sleepless nights will have been for nothing. I can worry about signs, table covers, table leg extensions, and so on, but someone has always had it covered.

Here are some last minute thoughts for everyone:

1. Wear your bonsai shirt often, hand out the pamphlets, tell neighbors, friends, and grab people off the streets. They need to know there is a show and where it is.
2. Plan your set-up. Get your show tree ready, be proud of your work, and show it off.
3. Plan for the raffle, not only to donate, but buy tickets. Plans are to have some terrific items, and new, this year, an auction.
4. Be a greeter. Help set up and/or take the show down. Many helping hands make big jobs quick work.
5. We need hosts or hostesses. I forgot to mention that at the last meeting. You patrol the exhibit, meet and greet and answer questions, but you are really secret police. Don't touch, don't take.
6. Bring your favorite pot luck item. It probably is someone else's favorite also. Cel does a wonderful job of organizing the food, and the lunchroom is a favorite resting place.
7. Plan to spend some time: workshops, demo's, critiques, are all good learning experiences. For some it's a 1-, 2-, or 3-day affair; but many of us have been planning and working for months to pull this off.
8. Your entry form should be in. The newsletter comes out a day past the deadline, but don't be shy about getting your bonsai in the show.
9. You can help. Remember, everyone is qualified for any job, if you have a question just ask someone else.
10. Come and enjoy. There is a social part of club membership that we don't seem to have time for very often, but this is a great time.

I'm going to stop here. By now you are saying, "thank goodness." What I guess I have been saying is this: you will get more out of it than you put into it. The rewards are that great.

## **PROGRAM ANNUAL SHOW 2013:**

Saturday:

- 8:00 AM: Judge Show - Ed Trout and Ernie Fernandez
- 9:30 AM: Club meeting, election of officers
- 10:00 AM: Open show to public
- 10:00 AM: Demo - Ed Trout
- 11:00 AM: Kusamono (accent plants) - Martha Goff
- 11:00 AM: Critique - Dorothy Schmitz and Ernie Fernandez
- 12:00 PM: Raffle
- 12:00 PM: Lunch
- 1:00 PM: Critique - Ed Trout
- 2:00 PM: Bring-your-own-tree workshop (group critique)
- 3:00 PM: Critique - Mike Cartrett
- 3:30 PM: Saturday's final raffle

Sunday:

- 10:00 AM: Open show
- 10:30 AM: Demo - Mike Cartrett
- 10:30 AM: Beginners' workshop - Mike Lane \$25
- 11:45 AM: Raffle
- 12:00 PM: Lunch
- 1:00 PM: Water bowls - Martha Goff \$25, supplies furnished
- 3:00 PM: Auction
- 3:45 PM: Final raffle
- 4:00 PM: Close show and clean-up

### **Annual show workshop:**

This is a bring-your-own-tree workshop, limited to four or five people per table. I hope that the leaders of each table will lead the group for more discussion and less actual work on the trees.

Let's find the front, and why you think it's there. Let others in your group express their opinions. What style, what future, what pot, what care is in store for this plant, more critique, less work, perhaps a sketch or two, then and only then should actual work begin on the tree. Bring your own tools, and no cost. I would like these members to get some extra value out of the show.

A sign-up sheet will be at the front desk. You can sign either for a workshop (bring a tree) or as a leader. We will arrange table groups by the number that participate.

**Library:** Please return your library books.

**Raffle:** Please bring items to contribute to the raffle.

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