

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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JANUARY 18, 2020 MEETING

Phil Krieg will teach us how to sketch a tree and tell us why we should.

- ◆ Pencil & paper provided by club
- ◆ All sketch same tree at the front of the room
- ◆ BYOT to sketch
- ◆ Homework: Sketch some of your own trees

2020 PROGRAMS

This year we are adding something new! Every month there will be a brief (15 minutes) presentation by a club member on a selected bonsai topic. Topics will include

Leaves: Compound and opposite, Clip and grow, Ramification, Bunjin, Forest of Clump, Banyan, and Root over Rock. Starting thinking about doing a presentation on one of these topics.

Phil will get us started in January with a discussion of the windswept style.

2020 Monthly Programs

January Learn to how to and why you should sketch your trees.

February Root stand carving, pending insurance and interest of club members

March Special program for the three bonsai clubs of southwest Florida at Wigert's Nursery. Demonstration by Erik Wigert, Jason Osborne and Mile Lane. One of a kind program. March 21 1 to 4 PM. Save the date and time now.

April - Annual auction and picnic

May—Presentation by Mike Knowlton, "The Art of Display"

June—Jason Osborne on wiring He will give a 2 hour presentation and then we get to practice. BYOT

July—Process Development Stage 1. Bring your own tree or purchase a pre-bonsai blueberry. During the next three months we will follow the process from initial concept through styling. An optional program (TBD) will also be offered..

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ABOUT US:

We meet every third Saturday of each month at the Berne Davis Botanical Garden building located just north of the Edison Estates at 2166 Virginia Avenue. Parking is located on Larchmont street located one block south of Virginia off McGregor Boulevard.

Our website is:

www.bonsaiswfl.org

We welcome everybody interested in this ancient art form to take advantage of our many experienced artists and teachers.

See you soon...

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2020 Programs Continued

August—Ramification with Adam Lavigne. Process Development Stage 2.

September—Round Robin styling contest. Development Process Stage 3.

October—Mike Lane. Exposed root “bottle trees” using premna

November—Preparation for our annual show

December—Holiday Party

Notes from the library

In November we heard an interesting presentation by Mike Lane on penjing. If you want to learn more, check out The Living Art of Bonsai by Amy Liang. It contains wonderful paintings and photographs, plus an extensive history of penjing in China.



2020 CLUB OFFICERS

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The story of a tree

In June 2018, several members of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida (Judy Giandelone, Sam Wollard, Jack Lenz and Phil Krieg) volunteered their time, effort and expertise to plant and shape a ficus tree in a dramatic rock in our Brandywine condominium community’s Remembrance Garden. The specimen is thriving under their repeated visits to prune and wire it as it grows. We will this year locate a bench nearby in the garden so that visitors can sit in the shade to contemplate this artful planting at the appropriate viewing elevation. We sincerely wish to thank each of the volunteers and the Club they represent for sharing with us their expertise and enthusiasm for their art and for bringing our hopeful concept to reality.

Ann Gergar, Brandywine Condominium Assn

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida 38th Annual Show & Sale 2019

As an educational organization, we hold our annual Show & Sale. This year was our 38th year and it was a huge success with more than 350 in attendance! Here are some of the goings on.

One of the central features is our **exhibition** by our club members. We had a total of 45 trees in the exhibit from 32 club members. These included 15 novice members who have been involved in Bonsai for fewer than five years. They have their own tables and a spectacular prize...a large, beautiful root stand.

The purpose of an exhibition is to share the beauty of small trees. Competition is not the goal...sharing a common interest in wonderful Bonsai is the goal. A critique of trees in the exhibit was given by Mike Lane, our Headliner. His comments were positive and very educational. This is a learning process and the critique was very useful. He also has a great sense of humor, so it was fun as well.

We acknowledge superior trees which speak to us as a fine work of art. Here are trees selected by Mike that are recognized for excellent work:

Shohin Trees

- 1st Place – Fukien Tea by Gary McFall
- 2nd Place – Portulacaria afra & Nia by Renee Beddouk

Small Trees

- 1st Place – Buttonwood by Charles James
- 2nd Place – Creeping Fig by Charles James
- 3rd Place – Juniper by Alex & Peggie Morris

Medium Trees

- 1st Place – Salicaria Root-Over-Rock by Phil Krieg
- 2nd Place – Seagrape by Troy Randall
- 3rd Place – Ficus Kineshiro by Sam Wollard

Large Trees

- 1st Place – Buttonwood by Jim Gehring
- 2nd Place – Bougainvillea by Gail Gehring
- 3rd Place – Florida Avocado by Matt Romeko

Forest/Clump

- 1st Place – Chinese Elm by Phil Krieg
- 2nd Place – Australian Brush Cherry by Victor Goetz
- 3rd Place – Ficus Benjamina Exotica by Judy Giandelone

Novice Trees

- 1st Place – Neea Buxifolia by Deborah Brackett
- 2nd Place – Portulacaria Afra by Rick Simon
- 3rd Place – Ficus Melon Seed by Angel Vega

This prestigious award recognizes a tree that is a favorite of all of our visitors:

People's Choice Award

- 1st Place – Neea Buxifolia by Deborah Brackett
- 2nd Place – Salicaria by Phil Krieg
- 3rd Place – Juniper by Alex & Pegie Morris

Best in Show

Buttonwood by Charles James

Best Display

Buttonwood by Charles James

Bonsai Societies of Florida President's Award presented by Jorge Nazario, President Premna by Wellesley Legier

Well done everyone & congratulations! Special congrats are due to all who found moss! We all know the challenge of finding moss to present our trees. It seems like moss is becoming more rare by the day but we all managed to locate some and use it to complete the scene of each tree. In fact, we had a discussion of **mossing techniques**. Simply, find as many different types as possible (maybe two or three) and then apply it in a patchwork method like a quilt in pieces about the size of a quarter to a half dollar (remember those). The resulting image is feeling like a forest or meadow or sea shore, wherever you choose to dream...moss is cool!

There is general agreement that the rented pipe and drape backgrounds are a huge improvement over our previous PVC pipe backdrops.

We enjoyed other activities and events besides the exhibit.

One of the favorites unique to our club is a **free workshop** where the general public as well as members are invited to style a tree for free. This gives everyone a chance to experience the magic of changing a plant from pre-Bonsai to a small tree. We had folks from as young as 7 years old up to 57 years old. All enjoyed the experience and the trees went home with a new friend.

We also had **demonstrations** by Mike Lane, Phil Krieg, Bill Smith, Justin Michaels and Gary McFall. These trees were raffled and went home with very happy owners.

Speaking of **raffles**, we had several on both days culminating in the grand finale of raffling off the demo trees. These were great material for the happy winners. The raffles are our primary source of paying for the show including the guard.

All in all, everyone enjoyed themselves immersed in the joy of Bonsai!

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida

Philip Krieg, Secretary

Up-Coming Events at Wigert's

Wigert's Bonsai Class Schedule. Please Contact Andrea to sign up. 239-543-2234 or email info@wigertsbonsai.com

Bonsai Pruning & Care with Rick Johnstone
Jan 19 at 1pm

Kusamono with Martha Goff Feb 1 at 9am
Visiting Artist - Jim Doyle Demo and Workshop February 2

Demo: 9am – 12 PM \$10 per person
and BYOT workshop 1pm-4pm \$75

Beginner Class - All day Feb 8

Shohin Elm Feb 16

Chinese Elm Feb 29

Beginner Class 2 Part - March 7 & 14

Bunjin March 8

Wiring March 14

Pyracantha March 15

Triple Demo "Mike Lane, Jason Osborne, Erik Wigert"- March 21

BONSAI GLOSSARY

Chlorosis: A yellowing of leaf tissue due to a lack of chlorophyll. Possible causes of chlorosis include poor drainage, damaged roots, compacted roots, high alkalinity, and nutrient deficiencies in the plant.

Callus: Woody 'scar' tissue that forms over a wound where a branch has been pruned. It's the tree's healing process.

Cambium: The layer of living tissue [typically green] between the sapwood and the bark. In regions where there are alternating seasons, each year's growth laid down by the cambium is discernible because of the contrast between the large wood elements produced in the spring and the smaller ones produced in the summer. These are the annual rings, by which the age of a tree can be established.

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