

Bonsai Clipper

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February Program "Road to Perfection"

Place: SPALC Bldg., 6281 Metro Plantation Road

When: February 15, all day program (bring lunch and problem tree/trees)

MORNING: JUNIPER WORKSHOP with Dorothy Schmitz
Dorothy is preparing a wonderful winter display for us this month. She will go over all the aspects of display that she has used. This is a great opportunity to learn what to do when it comes time for our annual show. We want everyone to participate.

I am very excited about this month's program as we begin our journey of the "Road to Perfection." In the morning, beginning at 9:30, we have Dorothy Schmidt with a Juniper workshop. Ten lucky people have signed up and will begin their juniper journey. Remember, if you have not paid your workshop fee, come prepared to pay it.

AFTERNOON: MY TREE NEEDS HELP with Mentor Group
After lunch our bonsai day will continue with mentors helping people who bring in problem trees or trees they need help with. Everyone will be assigned a mentor group. You may return with this tree every month to continue its journey to perfection.

If you need more information, feel free to email me at marthagoff50@comcast.net.

Vice President Report:

Coming in March:

Our March program has changed. Jim Vanlandingham was scheduled by the state on our regular meeting day so we will have to postpone our trip to Wigert's Nursery. I will be working with Andrea to reschedule this event.

We will still have our afternoon session for March. More to come on that later.

Martha Goff
Vice-President/Program

Minutes:

BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
January 18, 2014

President Judith Giandelone called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM at the SPALC building.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
Announcements	Officers, Board members and guests were introduced.	
Minutes	Published in news letter	Waived reading of minutes
Treasurer's Report	Hamilton Agnew reviewed budget results for 2013 and the annual Exhibit and Show.	
Audit	Judith requested volunteers to prepare an audit.	
Budget	The 2014 budget was presented.	2014 Budget was approved
Open Position	Judith requested a volunteer as Publicity Chair	
Strolling Flower Show	February 6-7	Jim Bremer will prepare the display window.
Announcements	Jasmine Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the Morikami March 29 th .	Call or e-mail Judy Gore to sign up.
	Pine Island Garden Club is having a Bonsai demonstration	Call or e-mail Sue Johnson
	The new website address is www.bonsaiswfl.org	
	2014 Membership roster was circulated to verify current contact information.	
Program	Phil Krieg outlined the 2014 programs "THE NEXT LEVEL – GETTING THERE".	Additional information will be published monthly in the newsletter.
	Summarized Robert Kempinski's Bonsai Art Cycle and the phases of design.	
	Sign-up sheets were presented for future programs, exhibit display by members and refreshments.	

Respectfully submitted by:
Phil Krieg, Secretary

2014 BSF Convention:

Here we go again, the 2014 BSF Convention is on its way! After the lively competition at the 2013 Convention, Club Night is back by popular demand. This is one of the most interesting and fun events in the Convention.

We want every club to be a part of this special event as we celebrate our 41st Annual Convention. We have offered special prize money for the 2014 event. We are hoping that you and your club members will bring their very best ideas along with your most unique material to help your club win a piece of bonsai history. This year the judges will be our outstanding headliners: Enrique Castano, Peter Warren, and Ed Trout. Plan now to become a part of BSF history by competing in this fun and educational event.

Are you ready? Here are the rules:

1. The 2014 Club Night is open to all BSF member clubs and study groups in good standing.
2. Each club will put together and donate their completed work of art for the 2014 auction as has occurred in past years.
3. Three hours are allowed on Saturday night. The competition will start at 7 PM and end at 10 PM sharp; at which time our judges will enter the room, critique the entries, and award the prize(s), depending on the number of entries.
4. The winning club will receive a first place prize of \$500, a second place prize of \$250, and a third place prize of \$150. The only stipulation is that in order for us to award all three placements, there must be a minimum of nine clubs competing. If we have seven or eight clubs competing, we will award two placements: first and second place. If we have six clubs competing, we will only award first place. If we have fewer than five clubs, it will be necessary for us to cancel the event.
5. The winning club will also receive a perpetual trophy that will be engraved with the club's name and the year it won. This trophy will circulate each year as a piece of history for the event, and the club's name will be a part of the legacy of the Club Night competition for all to remember. The winning club will return the trophy the following year, at which time it will be awarded a smaller trophy that will be the club's property.
6. Registration in the form of an email, indicating the name of the club or study group, is required. All registrations must be sent to my email address, secondvp@bonsai-bsf.com no later than March 21, 2014. We need this information early so that we can plan for the event, make sure that the room is ready and that we have enough tables for the competition.

Let's get all of our clubs fired up so that we can meet our goal of getting at least nine clubs to compete so we can award three prizes to the winners.

Adam Lavigne, 2014 Convention Chairman

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