

Bonsai Clipper

Newsletter of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida, Inc.

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Two January Programs

Place: SPALC Bldg., 6281 Metro Plantation Road

When: Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 6:00 - 9:00 PM

And Saturday, January 18 at 9:00 AM to noon

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January 18, we will have our annual business meeting. The board will present its budget for the year, its audit report for 2013, and the program budget for the year. Every member should receive a copy of the budgets and audit. A vote will be taken to approve these budgets.

The Prez Sez:

We have two meetings in January: Owen Reich on January 16 (Thursday) at 6 PM He will give a talk and do a demonstration. We are meeting at the SPALC building. We will have our regular meeting on Saturday, Jan. 18. This will be the annual business meeting and then a show and tell. Everyone is encouraged to bring a tree to brag about, get advice, or just share an oddity.

Help Wanted

PUBLICITY CHAIR

No experience necessary, but a little is nice

Main job: post notices of our meetings or special events in local news papers and community calendars

(working list will be provided)

Apply to Judy Giandelone at jahartner@comcast.net, or 561-3058

MORE HELP WANTED ANNUAL SHOW

It is not too early to begin planning. If you are up for a real challenge and reward, consider one of these opportunities

Overall Show chairman

Raffle Chair

Vendor Chair

Display set up

Hospitality

Greeters

Judy

Vice President Report:

EXPLANATION OF TOPICS FOR PROGRAM 2014

THE YEAR OF "THE NEXT LEVEL" GETTING THERE

I am very excited to be in charge of program this year. I have tried to plan an exciting, involved and educational program that will give each member an opportunity to make the most of their bonsai experience.

1. You will notice that there are a number of all day programs. The purpose is to really teach bonsai by working on members' trees and teaching new skills. One day a month to learn bonsai is a small sacrifice. I understand that there will be no extra charge for rent for all day use of the building. Members are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Some morning participants in workshop may overlap into the afternoon. There will be no rush.

IT IS TIME TO GET INVOLVED.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMS:

February 15th: MY TREE NEEDS HELP with Mentor Group

March 15th: Wiring with Justin Michael; other groups may decide to meet here.

May 17th: Repotting session with Justin Michael; JUNIPER GROUP with

Dorothy

JUNE 21st: MY TREE NEEDS HELP with MENTOR GROUP

JULY 19th: ROAD TO PERFECTION with Ernie

AUGUST 16th: MY TREE NEEDS HELP with Phil, Ernie, Dorothy, Martha, and Justin. We are hoping to add some others.

SEPTEMBER 20th: Juniper Review with Dorothy

OCTOBER 18th: ROAD TO PERFECTION with Ernie

MENTOR GROUP: Phil, Martha, Ernie, Dorothy, Justin, and others.

2. Refreshment Person: To relieve Cel of some work and to get members more involved. Different person every month. Signup sheet will be at January meeting.
3. **EXHIBIT DISPLAY**: Purpose: To teach and practice display throughout the year and to encourage member involvement. Different person every month. Signup sheet at the January meeting.
4. **TREE OF THE QUARTER**: Purpose: To encourage ongoing work on trees and member involvement and learn what makes a good tree. Two categories: Old school and new school or under 5 years and over 5 years. During lunch members cast ballots for what they think is the best tree. May actually use a score sheet and discuss afterwards.
5. **ROAD TO PERFECTION**: This program is worked on 1 meeting each quarter. Members choose a tree that they will show in November (one tree only) and bring to work on with Ernie. Purpose: For all members to learn to bring a tree through all stages of training to the best it can be. This program will be for novices and advanced. Voluntary involvement. Participants will bring the tree back to see how it is advancing and receive further instruction at least 2 more times. Ernie may decide on more times.
6. **JUNIPER PROGRAM**: Purpose: to teach members how to deal with growing junipers in our environment and eradicate the fear of junipers. Program begins in February with Dorothy's initial workshop. Members will receive care instruction to follow at home. The trees are brought back twice more to be critiqued and receive further work. Dorothy may decide on more times. This program will carry through 2015 with repotting and carving.
7. **MY TREE NEEDS HELP**. This is an opportunity to bring in difficult trees and get help with design. It is not the same trees as ROAD TO PERFECTION or JUNIPER PROGRAM. It is run by a group of mentors. They will meet at least 3 times. Mentor and his group may decide on more times.

MAKE THIS YEAR A "MOVE TO THE NEXT LEVEL." GET INVOLVED! YOU WILL GET OUT OF IT WHAT YOU PUT IN.

Martha Goff

Vice-President/Program

It is that time of year when we begin a new year in bonsai. With the help of several other members, I believe we have put together an exciting plan for 2014. Also published in this newsletter is the month by month program budget proposal for the year. It outlines the program and cost which is totaled at the end. This must be approved by the club membership before we can move forward. Along with the month by month program is a separate article explaining each element of the program. You will notice that I have planned all-day programs. With a few exceptions, the afternoon sessions are voluntary. It does not cost us additional monies to use the entire day. Members who wish to participate would bring the necessary materials plus their lunch. It is my wish that each member would have the opportunity to learn to make quality bonsai. We have a wonderful group of experienced members who own quality bonsai that have volunteered to help with the all-day programs. It should be an exciting and beneficial year for bonsai.

To start the year, January offers two great opportunities. First on January 16th, Thursday, 6 PM-9PM, we have Owen Reich, an up and coming bonsai artist. Owen will be fresh from his latest trip to Japan where he was directly involved in setting up some of the most prestigious shows. He will be doing a short demonstration on a buttonwood and then a critique of some "finished"ö

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Phil will also be passing around a sign-up sheet for Dorothy's February Juniper Program. The cost of the workshop is \$25. You will need to bring your tools and wire. The \$25 will buy you a Juniper. If you look over the yearly program, you will see that the Juniper will be revisiting at least 2 more times during the year. This is an opportunity to study Junipers with one of the state's most accomplished artist with conifers. Don't miss this opportunity. There are only 10 slots available. The \$25 payment buys the tree and assures your spot in the workshop.

Phil will also have a sign-up sheet for an Exhibit Display. The months a display is needed are listed on the sign-up. Dorothy will start us off with a Winter Display in February. We encourage all those who have less experience to participate in this opportunity to learn about display. There will also be a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to bring refreshments for our morning coffee time. This will help out Cel but also get members involved in the running of the club. I look forward to seeing everyone on January 16th, Thursday, 6 PM-9 PM, for the Owen Reich program.

Happy New Year,
Martha Goff

Vice-President in charge of program

JANUARY 16th: Evening Meeting: Owen Reich

PROGRAM: Owen Reich: demo on Buttonwood and critique of a few advanced trees. I pick. Demo tree is saved for annual show auction.

TOTAL COST-\$350: includes fee, meals, travel gas. Tree donated.

JANUARY 18th: Annual Business Meeting: It is important that all members attend as we will be voting on the budgets for the year.

REFRESHMENT PERSON: TBA

ANNUAL MEETING:

1. Present budget including program budget and annual show details, details, details;
2. Program Report, vote yea or nay including State Speakers that we know so far.
3. Treasurer's Report with Audit report;
4. Signup for February Juniper workshop.
5. Signup for Refreshments for the year.
6. Signup for Exhibit Display for the year.

PROGRAM: Phil Krieg in charge of program.

LARGE SHOW AND TELL: Everyone bring a tree to show.

TOTAL COST: \$0

FEBRUARY 15th: All Day Program: Bring lunch

REFRESHMENT PERSON: Martha Goff

EXHIBIT QUALITY DISPLAY: Dorothy's Winter Display

PROGRAM:

MORNING: JUNIPER WORKSHOP with Dorothy
COST: \$250: 10 people at \$25 each
AFTERNOON: MY TREE NEEDS HELP with MENTOR GROUP
TOTAL COST: \$(250): \$250 for 10 trees; any trees left over save for annual
show auction or raffle. Should recoup \$250, so total cost hopefully \$0

MARCH 15th: Meet at Wigert's/ all day program, bring lunch;

REFRESHMENT PERSON: TBA
EXHIBIT QUALITY DISPLAY: TBA

PROGRAM:

MORNING:

TREE OF THE QUARTER: Bring it in -looking good
Choosing Quality Material

Members do a nursery crawl and return with what they think is a good trunk. Show how to find nebari. Return and have a round table critique with each tree. Keys taper and movement and apex. Those that fail choose another tree until they get it right.

LUNCH: TREE OF THE QUARTER: vote on and discuss

AFTERNOON: Learn to wire or improve your wiring with Justin

TOTAL COST: \$ 300; \$200 for Club Wire: Make sure club wire is updated.

This is also the month for Jim Vanlandingham. Don't know the cost. Estimate \$100.

APRIL 19th: Picnic and Auction

MORNING: Demonstration by Ernie on the Year Raffle Tree.

AFTERNOON: Auction

TOTAL COST: \$(200) for demo tree should be a recoup with yearlong \$5 raffle ticket sales.

MAY 17th: All day workshop, bring lunch

REFRESHMENT PERSON: TBA

Exhibit Display: TBA

PROGRAM:

MORNING: ROAD TO PERFECTION: 1st session with Ernie Fernandez.

Members bring potential show tree. Ernie will critique and tell what needs work during growing season. This tree becomes the Road to Perfection Tree. Be prepared to take notes.

AFTERNOON: REPOTTING session with Justin for beginners or those needing help.

MY TREE NEEDS HELP with MENTOR GROUP

TOTAL COST: \$0

JUNE 21st: All Day Program, bring lunch

REFRESHMENT PERSON: TBA

EXHIBIT DISPLAY: TBA

TREE OF THE QUARTER: GET INVOLVED

PROGRAM:

MORNING: JUNIPER GROUP checkup with Dorothy;

TOOL MAINTENANCE AND CARE with Ernie

TOOL SHARPENING with Krystina Muller

LUNCH: TREE OF THE QUARTER: vote on and discuss

AFTERNOON: MY TREE NEEDS HELP with MENTOR GROUP

TOTAL COST: \$100. Sharpening is the individuals cost.

JULY 19th: All Day, bring lunch

REFRESHMENT PERSON: TBA
EXHIBIT DISPLAY: TBA
SIGNUP FOR MAKING COMPANION POT

PROGRAM:

MORNING: 10 tree SHOHIN workshop with Martha, Phil, Mike Knowlton, Dorothy, Ernie and Mike Lane: Ten trees ready to cut to shohin size. Style and Wire. Help from Justin on wiring, \$25 per participant (10.)
AFTERNOON: Shohin Trees continued and ROAD TO PERFECTION with

Ernie.

TOTAL COST: \$(250); \$250 for trees for \$25 per person workshop for 10 people.
Any trees that don't sell, style and save for auction or raffle at annual show.

AUGUST 16th: ALL DAY, bring lunch

REFRESHMENT PERSON: TBA
EXHIBIT DISPLAY: TBA

PROGRAM:

MORNING: Kusamono/Shitakusa with Martha: Members bring a pot or whatever. Choose from a variety of plants (up to 3) to make their arrangement. \$10 PER PARTICIPANT: includes 3 plants and soil. Helpers: Dorothy and Judy Gore.

AFTERNOON: MAKE YOUR OWN POT: Clay supplied. No cost.
MY TREE NEEDS HELP with MENTOR GROUP

TOTAL COST: \$0. All other costs absorbed by participants.

SEPTEMBER 20th: ALL DAY, bring lunch

REFRESHMENT PERSON: TBA
EXHIBIT DISPLAY PERSON: TBA
TREE OF THE QUARTER: LAST ONE

PROGRAM:

MORNING: ROUND ROBIN: 3 to 4 groups (depending on attendance) Group discusses tree first (15 minutes) and chooses reaches a consensus on the front of tree then begins to work with 3 minutes tree swap.

LUNCH: TREE OF THE QUARTER: Last One vote on and discuss.

AFTERNOON: GLAZE YOUR POT: Signup from August
JUNIPER with Dorothy.

TOTAL COST: \$(200); \$150-\$200 for trees. Someone may choose to purchase or hold for annual show auction or raffle.

OCTOBER 18th: All Day, bring lunch

REFRESHMENT PERSON: TBA
EXHIBIT DISPLAY PERSON: TBA
RETURN POTS
Present Slate for new officers.

PROGRAM:

MORNING: EXHIBIT REVIEW: Preparing your tree with Judy Gore.

AFTERNOON: ROAD TO PERFECTION with Ernie. Hopefully, these were show trees now ready to show.

MY TREE NEEDS HELP with MENTOR GROUP.

TOTAL COST: \$0

NOVEMBER 15th: NO AFTERNOON SESSION

REFRESHMENT PERSON: TBA
EXHIBIT DISPLAY PERSON: TBA
ELECTION

PROGRAM: LARGE SHOW AND TELL: Every member brings a tree you have been working on to show off. Be prepared to tell a little about it.

TOTAL COST: \$0

DECEMBER 13TH:

CHRISTMAS PARTY

PROGRAM COST FOR 2014:

January	\$350	Out of State Speaker
February	\$(250)	Tree Purchase: Should recoup \$250 from participants or annual show
March	\$300	Club Wire Purchase of \$200. Out-of-State Speaker.
April	\$(200)	Demonstration Tree for Ernie. Year-long raffle, should recoup
May	\$000	No Cost
June	\$100	No Cost
July	\$(250)	Tree Purchase: Should recoup \$250 on trees by participants or annual show
August	\$000	No Cost
September	\$(200)	Tree Purchase or annual show auction/raffle should recoup.
October	\$000	No Cost
November	\$000	No Cost
December	\$000	TBD

Additional funds \$800 Out-of-State Speaker: Dependent on club vote.

TOTAL: \$(2450)

Recoup \$(0900)

TOTAL 2014 Budget \$1550 Includes all 4 state speakers

Martha Goff
Vice-President/Program

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