

WHERE DID WINTER GO?

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FEBRUARY 17, 2018 MEETING

For our February meeting: A wiring lesson by Justin Michael. Wiring is one of the most important skills you need to develop a tree so this will be a good refresher for the experienced and very useful for the newbies. Also, bring a copy of Ed Trout's critique of your tree from last year's exhibit for discussion.

2018 PROGRAMS

MARCH 17th will be a workshop with Gardenias which are so very fragrant. Cost is \$20. Since they are also acid lovers, we will discuss pH for this species.

APRIL 21st is our annual auction and picnic. You know that pot or plant that has you stumped? Donate it to the auction and someone will give it a new home.

MAY 19th will feature a Mike Lane work shop and a presentation on Shohin, the little trees which are so difficult. Everyone should also bring one tree and a pot or two to discuss what would be appropriate for each.

JUNE 16th is a repotting workshop including how to select the correct pot. Soil and wire will be provided by the Club. You should bring your Root-Over-Rock tree we started last year and a pot for it.

JULY 21st will be a workshop making a slab with Papercrete lead by John Bartolozzi. We will break up into several teams to make this more efficient.

AUGUST 18th we will plant the slabs in preparation for our show in teams.

SEPTEMBER 15th will be a presentation on displays and companions/ accents lead by Phil Krieg (display) and Martha Goff (companions) just in time for our November exhibit. The forms, Show posters and folded programs for the 2018 exhibit will be distributed.

OCTOBER 20th will continue our discussion on display and will include tables and slabs. We will also have a slide show from our 2017 exhibit.

NOVEMBER 3-4 is our annual Show. This is our big annual event and has earned a reputation for displaying some of the best trees. You should be planning on which tree(s) you will be exhibiting. Plus, we have great vendors so that you can find that pot you've been searching for, stock up on soil and find a new specimen for your collection.

DECEMBER is our annual Christmas Party which is always a bunch of fun.



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 which is one block south of Virginia off of McGregor.

Our website is:

www.bonsaiswfl.org

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

See you soon...

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NEW CLASSES AT WIGERT'S

Class : How to Select Bonsai Material

Learn how to pick the best plant material for Bonsai. Lecture & Style a tree you select from the nursery.

Fee : Purchase any tree from the nursery to style, and pay an extra \$25 class fee

Date : **February 11** 9am-12pm

Instructor : Jason Osborne

Class : Shohin "Miniature" Crepe Myrtle Class

Shohin trees are miniature trees 8" and under that fit in the palm of your hand. One of my favorite classes. Style & Repot a Shohin Crepe Myrtle Bonsai tree.

Fee: \$50 includes a Shohin Crepe Myrtle. Pot & Soil not included.

Date : **February 18** 9am-12pm

Instructor : Mike Lane

Class : Cedar Elm Bonsai Class - Great for Beginners, Hardy Trees.

Cedar Elms are collected in TX and we have them in all sizes.

Very hardy trees and easy to grow. Great for Beginners!

Fee : Purchase any Cedar Elm Tree and pay a \$25 additional class fee .

Date : **March 11** 9am-12pm

Contact us to sign up

OTHER NEWS

- **From Rick Owens:** I am ordering 1,000 Sand Pine seedlings from the Forestry Service and will be picking them up on Feb 10 in Fort Myers. If anyone else would like some I would be happy to share, I will probably plant less than 100 for myself. They come bare root and will need to be planted soon after arrival. They can call or text me: 239-258-1265

OTHER NEWS (CONT'D)

- **MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAST DUE.** If you haven't renewed your membership, please bring a check to our meeting on the 17th if you intend to remain an active member. Or you can mail it to:

Phil Krieg

5606 Sundown Harbor Court SW

Fort Myers, Florida 33919

We need to get up to date so that you all can continue to receive the Bonsai Societies of Florida magazine and our newsletter...please! And don't forget to make the check payable to Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida (BSSWF)

(Feel free to use the blank Membership form attached to this newsletter.)

2018 CLUB OFFICERS

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TIPS BY MARTHA GOFF

FEBRUARY TREE CARE

1. If you haven't repotted your Junipers, it is probably too late. The nights and days are already warming up.
2. Remember that February is still part of our winter or early spring. The temperatures will go up and down through March. Hold off on repotting except for your Elms and other deciduous trees. When you begin to see the buds form on Elms and Crape Myrtles, it is your last chance to repot.
3. This is the perfect time of year to get ready for repotting season for Tropicals. I like to label all trees that need to be repotted. Any type of marker will do as long as you understand what it means. I like to use plastic plant stakes. When I finish the repotting, I can write the date on the marker with a pencil or plant marker pen.
4. How can I tell if a tree needs repotting?
 - If when you water, the water stands on the top of the soil and slowly sinks in, the tree is probably root bound.
 - When you cleaned off the surface soil and applied new mix to the top, you will have noticed if the roots were full.
 - Cut loose the tie-in wires and carefully lift the tree. If it

TIPS BY MARTHA GOFF (CONT'D)

needs repotting, it will come out in a tight pot-shaped mass. Place it carefully back in the pot and wait until the correct repotting time.

- If you are going to replace existing pots or need more pots, take down your measurements for the tree and begin to line up your pots. This is the time to purchase any missing pots you may need.
- Make sure you have enough soil for all your repotting.
- It is still a good time of year to do wiring. If you did not wire before the repot, any recently repotted conifers or junipers should be left to rest for a few months before wiring.
- This is also a good time to make drawings or photographs of all your trees.

ENJOY!

SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!

HORTICULTURE BY JOHN BARTOLOZZI

Here's what happens during cold snaps:

- When temperatures drop in to the 40's, the leaves on many Tropicals will develop a purple cast.
- Leaves will become spotted and sickly, causing premature leaf drop.
- Ixora growing in high ph soils develop purplish leaf spots because of phosphorus and potassium deficiencies.
- Anthracnose, a fungal disease, scorches the leaves and cause premature leaf loss.
- After cold snap wait for new growth before removing dead leaves and twigs.
- Treat with Fungicide at first sign of trouble.

FYI: WE HAVE A LIBRARY

For our new members, and for others who may have forgotten, one of the benefits of club membership is access to our library. The library is the section of books to the far right in the bookshelves in the Garden Council meeting room. Your library has a number of books on the aesthetics, techniques, and appreciation of bonsai. We subscribe to three bonsai related magazines; current recent back issues are available. You may borrow books or magazines: there is an index card in the front of each, write your name and telephone number on the card and file it in the yellow card box using the first letter of your last name. We work on the honor system. When you return the book, retrieve the card and replace it in the book.

Please let me know if there is a book that you think we should add to the collection.

Judy Giandelone

BONSAI SOCIETIES OF FLORIDA
&
BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
Membership Application

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ CELL: (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

AREA OF EXPERTISE: _____

HOBBIES: _____

This application is for a:	_____ Single membership	\$45.00
	_____ Family membership (2 people)	\$55.00
	_____ Family membership (3 people)	\$65.00
	_____ Family membership (4 people)	\$75.00

NOTE: If you are a member of another BSF club or study group and pay BSF dues to that group, you do not have to pay BSF dues to our club unless you are a BSSWF officer.

After July 1st, dues for a single membership are \$22.50. For additional members, same household, dues are \$5.00 per person. If this is a Family Membership, please list the name(s) of the other member(s) of the household.

Make check payable to BSSWF (Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida)

Amount Received: _____ Received by: _____

Part-time Residents, please list your alternate address, phone number and dates of residence at that address. Use the other side of this sheet or insert it here:

Mail to: Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida
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Fort Myers, Florida 33906-1945