

# Bonsai Clipper

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## February: no regular meeting

1. February 21, 2015, the club is invited to visit Carl Schwartz's gardens. We will meet at the SPALC building at 9:30 AM and car pool to his house.

Celeste asks how many will be coming.

Therefore, if you plan to visit the gardens on February 21, please send an email RSVP to [jahartner@comcast.net](mailto:jahartner@comcast.net) no later than February 14.

2. The club is sponsoring a bus trip to Turner's bonsai nursery in Vero Beach on February 28, 2015. The cost is \$15/person (a real bargain). Many signed up at our meeting. If you plan to join us for the bus trip (maximum load is 47 people and other clubs are invited to join us)

RSVP to [jahartner@comcast.net](mailto:jahartner@comcast.net) or call me at 561-3058

We will collect payment on the 28th - checks preferred.

**BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

January 17, 2015

President Judy Giandelone called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

| TOPIC                 | DISCUSSION  | DECISION/ACTION/COMMENTS  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
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| Club bi-laws          | Judy presented several minor revisions to our bi-laws which will be posted on our website. They will be voted on by a super majority of our members.  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Request for articles  | Bonnie Zeff requested articles and/or website information for publication in our newsletter.  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Annual Budget         | <p>The 2015 Annual Budget was approved as follows:</p> <p><b>Projected Revenue:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Dues</td><td align="right">\$1,500</td></tr> <tr><td>Raffles</td><td align="right">\$1,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Auction</td><td align="right">\$1,500</td></tr> <tr><td>Program</td><td align="right">\$1,250</td></tr> <tr><td>Annual show</td><td align="right">\$3,500</td></tr> <tr><td><b>Total Revenue</b></td><td align="right"><b>\$8,750</b></td></tr> </table> <p><b>Projected Expenses:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>BSF Dues</td><td align="right">\$ 600</td></tr> <tr><td>Rent SPALC</td><td align="right">\$ 600</td></tr> <tr><td>Web Site</td><td align="right">\$ 350</td></tr> <tr><td>Program</td><td align="right">\$1,600</td></tr> <tr><td>Annual Show</td><td align="right">\$3,500</td></tr> <tr><td>Magazine/Books</td><td align="right">\$ 250</td></tr> <tr><td>Fliers Printing</td><td align="right">\$ 100</td></tr> <tr><td>Food</td><td align="right">\$ 150</td></tr> <tr><td>Christmas Party</td><td align="right">\$ 100</td></tr> <tr><td>Corporation Report</td><td align="right">\$ 65</td></tr> <tr><td>Insurance</td><td align="right">\$ 325</td></tr> <tr><td>Office/Stamps</td><td align="right">\$ 300</td></tr> <tr><td>Board Reserve Funds</td><td align="right">\$ 500</td></tr> <tr><td>Speakers</td><td align="right">\$ 800</td></tr> <tr><td><b>Total Expenses</b></td><td align="right"><b>\$9,240</b></td></tr> </table> | Dues  | \$1,500 | Raffles | \$1,000 | Auction | \$1,500 | Program | \$1,250 | Annual show | \$3,500 | <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>\$8,750</b> | BSF Dues | \$ 600 | Rent SPALC | \$ 600 | Web Site | \$ 350 | Program | \$1,600 | Annual Show | \$3,500 | Magazine/Books | \$ 250 | Fliers Printing | \$ 100 | Food | \$ 150 | Christmas Party | \$ 100 | Corporation Report | \$ 65 | Insurance | \$ 325 | Office/Stamps | \$ 300 | Board Reserve Funds | \$ 500 | Speakers | \$ 800 | <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$9,240</b> | The 2015 Annual Budget was approved by the members. |
| Dues                  | \$1,500   |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Raffles               | \$1,000   |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Auction               | \$1,500   |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Program               | \$1,250   |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Annual show           | \$3,500   |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>  | <b>\$8,750</b>  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| BSF Dues              | \$ 600  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Rent SPALC            | \$ 600  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Web Site              | \$ 350  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
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| Magazine/Books        | \$ 250  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Fliers Printing       | \$ 100  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Food                  | \$ 150  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Christmas Party       | \$ 100  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Corporation Report    | \$ 65   |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Insurance             | \$ 325  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Office/Stamps         | \$ 300  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Board Reserve Funds   | \$ 500  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Speakers              | \$ 800  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$9,240</b>  |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |
| Annual Program        | <p>The 2015 program was presented to the members. The program is outlined as follows:</p> <p><b>January 17<sup>th</sup>:</b> Annual business meeting, budget approval, sign-ups for workshops and field trip and Buttonwood demo. Cost \$100</p> <p><b>February 28<sup>th</sup>:</b> Field trip to Turner's nursery in Vero Beach. Cost \$500</p> <p><b>March 21<sup>st</sup>:</b> Hal Mahoney and Penjing demo Cost \$400</p> <p><b>April 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> Annual picnic and auction Cost \$0</p> <p><b>May 16<sup>th</sup>:</b> Penjing workshop space available for 16 members. Cost \$300</p> <p><b>June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>:</b> tree refinement developing a leader, taper, ramification, wiring. Steps include an initial photo/picture, picture after cutback, sketch</p>  | The 2015 Program budget of \$1,600 was approved by the members. |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |             |         |                      |                |          |        |            |        |          |        |         |         |             |         |                |        |                 |        |      |        |                 |        |                    |       |           |        |               |        |                     |        |          |        |                       |                |   |

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|         | <p>of finished tree goal, wiring, defoliation and develop ramification and fertilizing.<br/> One of these months we will have Toby Diaz as a guest.<br/> We are also preparing to teach how to photograph your tree.<br/> Cost \$0</p> <p><b>September</b> 19<sup>th</sup>: Display workshop – members will bring trees, stands, accents and scrolls. 3 to 5 groups will set up displays followed by a brief critique for each display. We will also be preparing for our annual exhibit. Cost \$300</p> <p><b>October</b> 17<sup>th</sup>: Create your own scroll and stand in this workshop. Create your own accent in your pot and purchase a plant. Cost \$100</p> <p><b>November</b> is our annual exhibit. Cost \$100</p> <p><b>December</b> is our annual Christmas party. Cost \$100</p> |   |
| Demo    | Phil Krieg demonstrated on a Buttonwood that he had pre-wired to save time and add interest.   | The buttonwood will be our annual Christmas raffle tree. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. |
| Auction | Jim Gehring led an auction of Sandy Thornburg's collection and collectibles.   | We raised approximately \$500...thanks to all!  |

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Krieg, Secretary

### **Wigert's Bonsai:**

#### **Upcoming Bonsai Classes**

Spaces are limited, so please sign up. Deposit required to hold your spot.  
phone 239-543-2234 or email: info@wigertsbonsai.com

- **BEGINNER BONSAI CLASS**

Date : March 7/14 2:30pm-7:30pm or

April 4/11 9am-1:30pm

Cost : \$115 TREE INCLUDED

Instructor : Jason Osborne

Our beginner class is a 2 part series. Class Fee includes:

-2 classes

-\$25 pre bonsai tree

-plastic bonsai pot

-textbook

- **CHINESE ELM BONSAI CLASS**

Date : February 15 - 9am-12pm

Cost : TREE INCLUDED \$40 includes 6"pot elm tree, or  
\$90 includes 10"pot elm tree,  
or \$30 Bring Your Own Elm

Instructor : Mike Lane

Class For all level students.

Style and take home your very own Chinese Elm Bonsai Tree.

Option to replot your tree with the instructor. Soil and pot are "not" included in the class fee.

They are trees imported from China. They grow very well here in Florida. Elms are very fast growers. In the winter they are dormant and drop some leaves, which is a perfect time for repotting your tree.



- **SHOHIN BONSAI CLASS**

Date : March 15 9am-12pm

Cost : \$30 doesn't include a tree

Instructor : Mike Lane

"Miniature trees" - Shohin are small trees that fit in the palm of your hand. Trees must be 8" tall or smaller. Class For all level students.

View a powerpoint lecture on Shohin Bonsai and then style your tree.

Bring your own tree or purchase one here at the nursery.

We have available : Shohin Sea Hibiscus, Green Island Ficus, Dwarf Crepe, Elms, etc.



- **AFRICAN STYLE BONSAI CLASS**

Date : March 22 - 9am-12pm

Cost : \$30 doesn't include a tree

Instructor : Mike Lane

Class For all level students.

Learn and create African style Bonsai. Class focuses on African Flat Top and Pierneef style. View a powerpoint Lecture and then style your tree. Bring your own tree or purchase one here at the nursery.

Recommended plant material: Acacia, Raintree, Mimosa, etc.

Most people love our Pierneef Raintree in the collection. You can make a small one just like it.



- **ROOT OVER ROCK - GREEN ISLAND FICUS**

Date : March 29- 9am-12pm

Class fee is \$15 with purchase of a tree

Tree prices are 8"pot \$50, 10"pot \$75, 12"pot \$100

Or bring your own root over rock for \$30

Instructor : Mike Lane

Class geared towards all level students.

Work on styling a root over rock bonsai tree.

PowerPoint presentation and lecture.



Repotting option if weather is good. Bonsai pot and soil not included in fee.

### PREMNA BONSAI CLASS

Date : May 17 - 9am-12pm

Instructor : Mike Lane

Class is geared towards all skill levels.

View a powerpoint lecture and then style your own Premna tree. Option to repot your tree. Pot and soil not included. Premna are native to Indonesia. Premna are very fast to develop as a bonsai. You can have a finished bonsai in a short period of time. Leaves reduce quickly to a very tiny size. It also has small white flowers.

Cost :\$65 TREE INCLUDED



- **WIRING CLASS**

Date: July 11 - 9am-12pm

Cost: \$40 doesn't include a tree

Instructor : Jason Osborne

For students of all skill levels. A much needed class.

A lot of you have been asking about this. Wiring can be a very important part of making bonsai.

If you would like to learn to wire a bonsai or need to perfect your wiring, this class is for you.

Bring your own plant material. Wire is included.

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