

IT'S SUMMER TIME

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BSSWF BOARD MEETING JUNE 18, 2016

Membership lists: Phil will prepare an attendance sheet for each meeting. He will also prepare a membership list for distribution to all members and a public list which includes contact information only.

The **Fukien Tea Club Tree** should be given to either Judy Gore or Ginny Boka for continuing care.

Visiting Master On Tuesday, September 13, we are hosting Sergio Luciani for a workshop at the SPALC building.

2016 Exhibit Notes

- Advertising could include the News Press, Lee Pitts Live, Florida Weekly, garden clubs, and retirement centers.
- We have reserved the first weekend of November 5th and 6th for our annual show at the *Garden Center* where we held our annual picnic and auction. We subsequently visited the site and report the following:

- The remodeled building will provide sufficient interior space for the exhibition. We will need some of our fabric and frames to block out windows.
- The gazebo will hold workshops in the mornings and demonstrations in the afternoon.
- The parking lot will provide spaces for the vendors and the raffle table under tents.
- Raffle items might be placed under the building overhang along the walkway.
- The Torii gate will be placed at the southern end of the sidewalk which leads to the parking lot and will be visible from McGregor.
- We will inquire with the City about hanging a banner over McGregor.
- The People's Choice Award ticket will be handed out inside the

exhibit room which reduces the duties of the Greeters.

- We will require a security guard since this is an open air site.
- Overall, the scope of this annual event is going to be slightly scaled back which should improve our finances.

The following task assignments have been filled:

Program: Martha Goff assisted by Justin Michael

Raffle: Jim & Gail Gehring

Publicity: Greg Lignelli

Hospitality: (open, we need a volunteer)

Greeters: Sam Wollard

Security: Judy Giandelone

Vendors: Martha Goff

Exhibit: Phil Krieg

Of course, any and all members are invited to contribute to this effort. BSSWF has a long-standing tradition of having an excellent annual show and this one will be just as excellent...we need your help to achieve success.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- This is a new format for our newsletter. Please be patient, it will take some getting used to...*
- Check out the free online class on wiring by Colin Lewis.*
- We have new books in the library so check them out please.*
- We need your help to prepare this newsletter. Please send articles or points of interest.*

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OUR LIBRARY IS GROWING

Three new books have been added to our library:

The Principles of Bonsai Design by David De Groot

Mr. De Groot describes this as a “why to”, not a “how to” book. This is a great book to begin learning the principles and “rules” of Bonsai design. It is well written and comprehensive. Lots can be learned just by studying the illustration and reading the captions...well worth your time.

Keshiki Bonsai by Kenji Kobayashi

At the May club meeting, Sue Johnson introduced us to Keshiki (landscape) Bonsai. Intrigued and want to know more? This book briefly outlines the concept behind the form and detail for creating many projects.

John Naka's Sketchbook

Few words and lots of sketches. This book can be enjoyed just for the pleasure of looking at good drawings. Close study can yield ideas for Bonsai design and composition.

NOTES FROM CLUB MEETINGS

Programs: Martha repotted a Green Island Ficus Shohin demonstrating how to successfully treat roots, tie down and care for a newly transplanted tree. The ever-contentious soil issue was briefly discussed. Very simply, ensure it is quick draining and allows oxygen as well as water to feed the roots.

Several worked their Chrysanthemums and we noticed that some survived better than others. But they are now on their way to a good growing season.

Visiting Master: Robert Stevens will visit with us on August 6th approximately 6:30 at the SPALC bldg.

Show And Tell has been fun. Judy Giandelone brought a Pond Apple with fruit no less! Pete Shawinsky brought a Shohin Green Island Ficus cascade and discussed the critical issue of water perching and how it affects tall pots. Phil Krieg brought a Fukien Tea that had been previously carved by Justim Michael and Martha Goff earlier this year. This was its first potting.

New Members: Welcome to Lyn & Anne Baker and Joann Van Tine.

We discussed how to rid our plants of snails and slugs, from caps filled with beer to pesticides.

They are a constant problem. Best solution is to find them and pick them off by hand. Never crush them since that will spread hundreds of their young.

Traditionally, pots for Tropical plants were glazed. Today, that is no longer the case and there are no “rules”. The artist should select a pot based on their artistic vision. If glazed, select a color appropriate for the tree. Be careful when selecting green pots though.

Adrian Genotti offered to help anyone who wanted to create their own vinegar. Before you wonder why this is in a club meeting, remember that vinegar can help control Black Sooty mold. So now you can create your own bottle of vinegar and use some on your salads too.

BSF 2016 Convention was excellent. Club Night was particularly fun for the seven participating clubs. Oddly enough, each club prepared a Penjing, a landscape scene. Of course we thought ours was a winner but the judges Juan Andrade and Bjorn Bjornholm thought otherwise—lots of fun!

Oh, we are missing a new 1/2 measuring cup— please notify Gail Gehring.

ROBERT STEVENS
WILL VISIT US
AUGUST 6TH AT
THE SPALC
BUILDING

HOW IS YOUR WIRING?



From **Bonsai Banter**
by Mary Miller

This is from Mary Miller who writes: I was searching Colin Lewis' website. While browsing, I discovered Colin on [Craftsy.com](#) giving a video lesson. The '[Bonsai Wiring Essentials](#)' is listed as free. I watched the entire program. Colin is a talented author and speaker, as well as bonsai artist. His easy going, clear instructions will answer all of your questions about wiring your bonsai.

and learn to wire correctly.

FYI: He has another Craftsy program '**Bonsai Design Techniques.**' This includes 7 HD video lessons with anytime, anywhere access, downloadable class materials, including bonsai design exercises, hours of close-up instruction, all for about \$40...and, no this isn't a commercial but some folk might be interested. Check it out.

Best wire and tools? Copper or aluminum and the difference? How long to leave it on? Mistakes to avoid. It's an excellent program and it's free.

Improve your techniques and styling results

JULY 16TH CLUB MEETING

9:00 till 10:00 Mum workshop re-order: Those who want to order new mums to try again, be prepared to select and pay. Successful mums will go to the next stage of wiring and styling. All others should bring trees to work on.

10:00 till 10:30 Business meeting. This will be as brief as possible. We decided the

business meeting needed to be done in the middle because too many were leaving before the business and we need everybody's participation.

11:00 till 12:00 Round Robin but Not Quite: This is always a fun activity. We will divide into 3 groups. Each group will take a "before" picture (bring a camera), do a styling sketch and style their

group tree. Everyone in the group should have input and some hands-on work. Group members will take turns taking the tree home and caring for it and bring it back each month for any new work and to see its progress. These trees will become part of the show raffle. This should be a fun learning experience. **BRING YOUR TOOLS.** Wire will be provided.

CLEARWATER AUCTION SOON

On August 27, 2016, Sun coast Bonsai Club and Hukyu Bonsai society will hold an auction of bonsai trees, pots, tools and misc bonsai related items. The auction will take place at Moccasin Lake Nature Park located at 2750 Park Trail Lane, Clearwater, FL 33759.

Everyone is welcome to bring

bonsai items to be auctioned. There will be 20% held back from the selling price which will go to the participating clubs. The doors will open at 8:30 am for the paperwork to be completed.

The auction will start promptly at 9:30 and will continue until 12:30 pm.

Following the auction there

will be a goodwill picnic hosted by the participating clubs with hot dogs, 100% sirloin burgers, chicken fillets with all the fixins!

A goody bag from [American Bonsai Tools](#) will be given to the first 50 attendees.

Bonsai Master Juan Andrade will be our guest. He is extremely knowledgeable.

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