



BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting was very productive. We elected our new officers for 2024. We surveyed the group for programs for next year. Karen, our new Vice President, is already working hard on sorting the information. Sam Wollard is also working hard to finalize our study group list and confirm the dates for 2024 with the Garden Council.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Before the end of the year, memberships must be renewed. You can find a membership form on our website. Fill it out and either bring it with you to the holiday party or mail it to our PO Box. Just make sure that Ham receives it by December 31st.

The same goes for the study groups. Whether you sign up for Adam Lavigne's study group or Mike Lane's study group, it must be done by the end of the year. For Adam, the first 6 months must be paid in full plus \$5 to pay the Garden Center for use of the building. For Mike Lane, the first quarter plus \$5 must be paid in full by the end of the year. Again, these payments can be brought to the holiday party or mailed to our PO Box. Ham must receive it by December 31st. Also, if joining a study group, be sure to check with Sam Wollard for an opening and time schedule.

If you have any questions about this, please call Martha at 239-332-3850. This is a land line, so no texts.

OUR HOLIDAY PARTY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 9AM to Noon:

You will need to bring 2 things to the party: 1. Food. Bring a dish to share. 2. If you are participating in the Gift Exchange, bring a gift related to bonsai, but keep the cost at \$20 or less. We will be playing our lovely game to win our special gift.

Also, remember that some very lucky person will be going home with the Cosmic Bonsai styled tree by Laurent Darrieux. The raffle tickets are \$5 each and you only have one more chance to buy those tickets at the party. You must be present to win! Best of luck to everyone that participated.

REMEMBER WHAT'S COMING IN JANUARY: THE BLACK THUMB AWARD

Work on that dead tree and give it one last chance to show off!

2024 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

President **Martha Goff**
Vice President **Karen Cogswell**
Secretary **Richard Simon**
Treasurer **Hamilton Agnew**

Directors at Large:

Bill Smith
Dave Bovio
Wellesley Legier
Linda Rodriguez
Richard Owens

When Linda and Wellesley are out of town, April Lattanzi will take their place.

NON-ELECTED BOARD MEMBER:

Immediate Past President **Sam Wollard**

NON-ELECTED COMMITTEE HEADS:

Library: April Lattanzi
Webmaster: Ham Agnew
Newsletter: Troy Lindsey
Raffles: Dave Bovio
Annual Show Chair: Martha Goff
Delegate to Bonsai Society of Florida: Martha Goff

**A COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING THIS MONTH TO PREPARE THE PROGRAM FOR 2024.
ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED SHOULD CONTACT EITHER KAREN COGSWELL OR
MARTHA GOFF TO SIGN UP.**

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A remarkable tree which is well known for its extremely high age; the tree is reported to be over 800 years old! Its owner, master Kunio Kobayashi, is one of the most well-known Bonsai artists in the world and has won the prestigious Prime Minister award in Japan four times.

His nursery, Shunkaen, is in Tokyo and is open to visitors.