



JUNE MEETING RECAP

Mike Lane brought his energy and vast knowledge to the June 18 meeting, presenting a program of instruction to begin training an exposed root in a bottle. Participants chose from three seedlings: desmodium, coco plum and premna.

Mike's detailed Powerpoint presentation was followed by hands-on demonstration. Thirteen members participated. Seedlings will be ready for transplant in about a year. We look forward to seeing the development then.



Clockwise from top left: Jack Gorgone, April Lattanzi and Becky Troop observe as Mike demonstrates.

Troy Randall conducted a demonstration of air layering. Here's a technical description, provided by Phil Krieg: In **air layering** (or **marcotting**), the target region is wounded by an upward 4 cm long cut and held open with a toothpick or similar, or a strip of bark is removed. The wound is then surrounded with a lump of moisture-retaining medium such as [sphagnum moss](#) or [cloth](#), and then further surrounded by a moisture barrier such as [plastic](#) film tied or taped to the branch to prevent moisture loss or ingress of too much water as from rain. [Rooting hormone](#) is often applied to the wound to encourage root growth.

When sufficient roots have grown from the wound, the stem is removed from the parent plant and planted, taking care to shield it from too much sun and to protect it from drying out until the new roots take hold. It can take the layer from a few weeks to one or more growing seasons to produce sufficient roots; this is largely dependent on the plant species and the vigor of the parent plant.

The photos below indicate the steps taken by Troy to demonstrate this technique. First, marking where the cambium will be removed, then showing the section with the cambium removed and the wound exposed. Not shown here is applying rooting hormone, surrounding the wound with sphagnum moss and adding the moisture barrier.



NEXT MEETING, SATURDAY JULY 16

Come for a refinement workshop with Adam Lavigne. At this meeting, we'll also continue to develop our holiday tree. And bring your own trees for work and advice.

Providing refreshments for this meeting is Suzanne Michaels. The July display is by Rick Hawk. Many thanks, Suzanne and Rick, for

nourishing our bellies and our eyes.

At the end of the meeting, please help clear away our botanical debris. With a few sweepers, we'll restore the room in just a few minutes. We must leave it as we found it.

CONGRATULATIONS

Two of our members were honored recently for their contributions to Bonsai organizations.

Hamilton Agnew received the District Trustee Award from the State Association for his contributions to Bonsai Society of Florida. And Judith Giandelone received the Trustee Volunteer Award for our own club in recognition of her outstanding volunteer work with our local organization.

Thank you, Ham and Judy, for promoting and advancing our club. And Judy, we miss you.

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST

Our August meeting agenda calls for a root over rock workshop, always a popular event. Members are also asked to bring in their work from previous root over rock workshops to show progress and inspire new participants.

In addition, members are invited to bring a tree or two from their collections to refine while others offer support and advice. Work will also continue on the holiday tree. This is a collaborative effort and a great way to learn from each other.

THE NEW AND IMPROVED BONSAI SWFL WEBSITE

www.bonsaiswfl.org

If you haven't visited our club website recently, please do. It's a robust and colorful venue and a valuable resource with links to other Bonsai information. Ham Agnew deserves credit for many hours of work to create this enriched club asset.

TIME TO PREPARE FOR OUR ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday and Sunday November 12 and 13

Seems so far away, but everyone who has participated knows that such an event does not happen overnight. In fact, prep needs to start now by populating the many show committees. It's time to volunteer.

At the top of the heap, we need a highly organized and motivated member as Show Chair, along with an equally committed Co-Chair. This Chair will organize the whole shebang. Sounds like a lot. Yes, but the Show Chair is not alone. Equally important functions are organized and implemented by Committee Chairs.

These are the committee positions that must be filled. A Chair and a Co-Chair will be supported by volunteer members, starting now and culminating in the event days.

Exhibit

Program

Vendors

Set-up and Strike

Greeters and Docents

Raffle

Publicity

Food and Refreshment

Please consider chairing or co-chairing one of these committees. Other members will assist you in the execution of these categories of need. But first, we need chairs to organize and plan. Your Board will support you in this, of course, and the time to start planning is now.

Please sign up at the July meeting, or speak with a Board member for more information. A few members have already stepped up, and more are needed.

Of all the activities of our organization, our November show is the most important of the year. It is attended by hundreds and is an invaluable opportunity to increase our membership. We are known to mount one of the best Bonsai shows in the state. Please help make it happen.

NOTES FROM THE JUNE BOARD MEETING

Your Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida met on June 25 to review upcoming club activities.

First on the agenda was to begin planning for the annual show and sale, scheduled for November 12 and 13, with setup on Friday November 11 beginning at noon. Board members Martha Goff, Phil Krieg, Dave Bovio and Bill Smith have already volunteered to chair committees and/or acquire inventory.

It was decided to place the monthly display on its own table, elevated to the appropriate height and located near the sign-in table at the entrance to the club room.

A new exterior stand will be erected, duplicating the existing stand. Its purpose will be a rotating display of member trees. Security was discussed to prevent theft.

It was proposed to build a Shohin display stand incorporating plants from the Shohin study groups to show at our next exhibit.

The club has purchased three named bricks to be located in the Berne Davis Garden Center. Sam Wollard will check the status of that purchase.

A budget will be prepared to present to the membership including costs of the additional stand, irrigation unit, bamboo to cover the fence and additional rock.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

16: Club meeting with Adam Lavigne as speaker, 9-12, Garden Center

23: Shitakusa pottery glazing, 1st group 9-12, 2nd group 1-4, at Martha Goff's

30: Shitakusa pottery planting, 1st group 9-12, 2nd group 1-4 at Martha Goff's

AUGUST

4: Adam Lavigne study group, 9-12, Garden Center

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8: Mike Lane Shohin study group, 1st group 9-12, 2nd group 1-4 at Garden Center

13: Beginner Class, Mike Lane, 9-12 at Garden Center

16: Beginner Class 2nd session, Mike Lane, 9-12 at Garden Center

20: Club meeting, 9-12, Root-Over-Rock at Garden Center

IF ANY OF THESE EVENTS INTEREST YOU, call Martha Goff at 239-332-3850 (no texts) and check on availability. Some of these sessions charge a fee.

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ABOUT BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

We meet the 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, one block south of Virginia off McGregor Boulevard.

Doors open at 9 AM. A friendly member will make you feel welcome. Coffee will be fresh.

Visit our website:

www.bonsaiswfl.org

We welcome everyone interested in this ancient art form to take advantage of our many experienced artists and teachers. Enjoy the camaraderie of those who work to keep this art alive. Join us.

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