



Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida

July, 2023

A NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS

You will hear me repeat this note often. We want every member to enter one of their trees in the exhibit. Novices (those with 5 years or less experience) will have their own display and be judged separately.

Start thinking seriously about which of your trees you will submit for the November annual show. Now is the time to start working very seriously to get the tree ready. Think about the tree itself. Plan where you will get your moss. Think about the pot. Think about a stand to show off your tree. Think about a [Shitakusa](#) (accent plant) to accompany your tree with its stand. We have plenty of people who are willing to help you get ready. Just ask.

OFFICERS:

President:	Martha Goff
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LOOKING BACK ON OUR JUNE ADVENTURE

Many of our members traveled over to Dragon Tree Nursery to explore their many trees. Many found great treasures. If you were unable to go, make plans to go sometime this summer. They have a great and varied selection of trees at very reasonable prices.

JULY 15TH BRING YOUR TREES

July 15th at 9AM we will meet at the Garden Council to study [Ramification](#). We will discuss the method of developing ramification and then you will start to work those development techniques on your own trees. We will have plenty of people to help with this very important development tool for bringing trees to beautiful maturity. Bring your tree and your tools. As always the club will provide the wire.

***WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL SIGN-UP AT THE JULY MEETING FOR THE [ROOT-OVER-ROCK](#) WORKSHOP IN AUGUST. Cost of the supplies and tree will be \$20. Be prepared to pay Dave Bovio your \$20 to hold your spot. I will bring an example of the work. BE READY TO GET INVOLVED.**

INTRODUCING: TIPS AND TIDBITS BY RICHARD OWENS

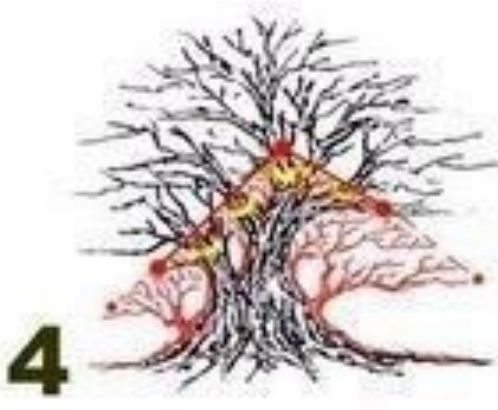
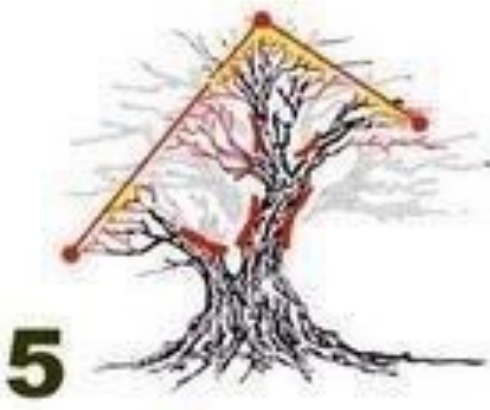
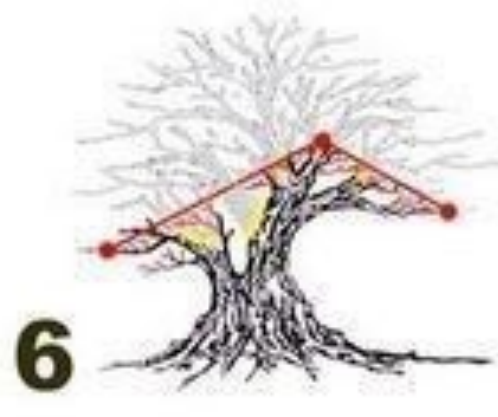
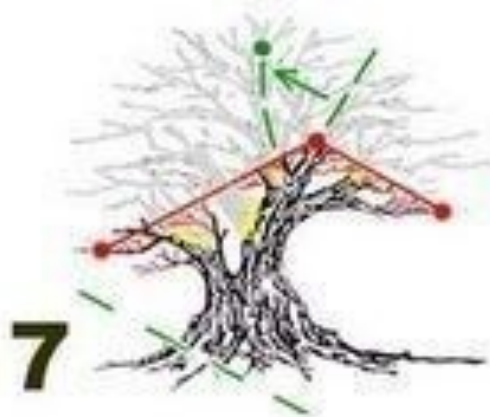
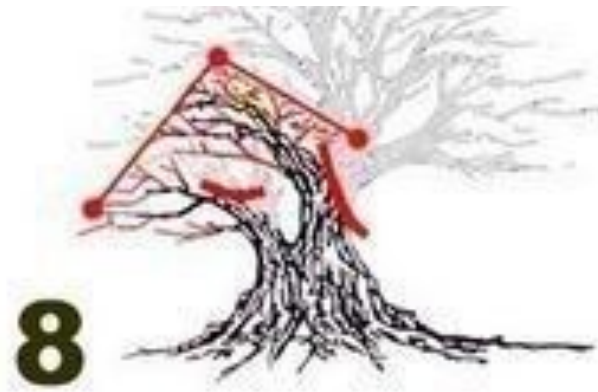
Each Month Richard will offer bonsai tips that he has learned over his many years of practicing bonsai. The first article follows.

PICK YOUR TRIANGLE

By Richard Owens

When styling, or restyling a tree, one needs to find the triangle they want their tree to conform to. Keep in mind with most styles of bonsai, taper is everything. The triangle is most important from the front view but is also important from the top view. From the top view the branching should create a triangle with every three sets of branches. As they proceed up the tree, each set of three should be rotated 60 degrees from the set below. Taper, not just in the trunk, but taper in each of the branches as they go up from the base, i.e.: you should not have a second or third branch moving up the tree that is larger than the one below it.

PICTURE SHOWING TRIANGULAR OPTIONS ON NEXT PAGE



COMING IN AUGUST

AUGUST 19TH ROOT-OVER-ROCK

On August 19th at 9AM at the Garden Council Building we will be creating a [Root-Over-Rock](#). The club will supply a training pot, soil, extra supplies and a tiny tree with long roots. You will bring the rock and remember to keep it small. If you have a tiny tree you would like to use, bring it but remember, it must be small. The cost of the trees and supplies will be \$20. Those who signed up and paid at the July meeting will have first choice. If there is room for more, I will send out a blast email.

***WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL SIGN-UP AT THE AUGUST MEETING FOR THE WORKSHOP WITH [Laurent Darrieux](#) at our September meeting. This meeting will happen at a special time. The workshop fee must be paid to Dave Bovio at the August meeting to insure your spot. If there is more room, I will email blast. Read the September meeting information carefully and don't miss this opportunity to see an international master at work.**

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 15TH SPECIAL SPEAKER LAURENT DARRIEUX

September 15th (FRIDAY) beginning at 9AM at the Garden Council building, we will be meeting for a very special demonstration by renowned French artist Laurent Darrieux, the author of the [Cosmic Bonsai](#).

The tree that he will use will become our December Holiday raffle tree that we draw the winning ticket for at our Holiday Party. Members can attend the demonstration for free. All non-members are welcome at a \$10 door charge.

After a break for lunch, we will resume at 1PM for a workshop with the artist. Only those participants who signed up in August and paid the \$40 fee may participate.

The club provides the trees and the wire. Participants must bring their own tools.

TO ALL OUR NEW BONSAI ARTISTS: BEGINNER CLASSES

Mike Lane is offering Beginner Classes on and off during the year.

The next 2 classes can be found at <https://www.artinlee.org/event/beginner-bonsai-workshop-5/>

Check out Mike Lane's website at www.kitsunebonsai.com

CHECK THIS OUT: CHALLENGED BY WIRING?

Bonsai Wiring Essentials

[A tutorial by Colin Lewis](#)

USEFUL CONTACTS

TOOLS SHARPENED: Bruce Riggins: grybrd77@gmail.com

BONSAI POT: Joe Mayhew: jmpotterylic@gmail.com

BONSAI STAND: Bill Smith: smittysmit23@aol.com

BONSAI SOIL: Martha Goff: marthagoff50@comcast.net

HELP: Contact Martha @ 239-332-3850

MONTHLY JOBS

MONTHLY DISPLAY

July Scott Goddard

August **OPEN**

September **NOT NEEDED**

REFRESHMENTS

*Gail Gehring is in charge of hospitality while Linda is out of town. She will contact you as needed.

JULY Martha Goff

AUGUST Nilda Douglas

SEPTEMBER April Lattanzi

CLEAN-UP CREW

JULY Matt Romejko

Troy Randall

AUGUST Bill Smith

Anson Phetteplace

SEPTEMBER Chris Burns/**OPEN**

NEED HELP WITH AREAS RELATED TO BONSAI?

Check out the club website for information about our club.

www.bonsaiswfl.org

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to call 239-332-3850 anytime. This is a land line so leave a message if needed, and someone will get back to you.