

BONSAI CLIPPER

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March 2014 Program

March 15th: All day program at Wigert's Nursery

9AM-'til: Lunch is on me for all who remain for the afternoon.

Menu: Pulled pork, salad, brownies

Wigert's has a soda machine and water

Morning Refreshments: Christie Ferrier; Coffee provided by Wigert's

Exhibit Display: Martha Goff

Special Guest: Jim Vanlandingham

MORNING SESSION: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

PART ONE:

This is the end of our 1st quarter so we want to start our QUARTER TREE. This is one of those opportunities to get involved. Bring a tree you have been working on. It doesn't matter if it is finished or has wire on it or is in a bonsai pot. The critique and judging will be based on whether you are bringing out the potential of the tree and your choice of good basic material. Jim Van will critique the trees, and during lunch, members will vote on their choice for "Tree of the Quarter." Remember there are two separate groups: Old School—over 5 years of bonsai (you not the tree) and New School—under 5 years of bonsai. It should be fun and educational. Remember, you don't learn if you don't participate. Voting will be done by ballot with only #'s assigned. The entire critique should only take about 30 minutes. We will not dwell on each tree.

PART TWO:

Next part of the program is a nursery crawl. Members will pair up and go through the nursery to find what they consider to be good potential bonsai based on basic requirements. You will explain your reasons for choosing the tree to Jim and he will critique your choices. You will then return those trees (to the correct place) and bring in another choice for critique. The goal is to learn to choose good potential material. The critiques will be quick and to the point. If you have an obvious error in judgment, the choice will be turned down and you and your partner must choose again. Each pair will only have 10 minutes in the nursery and 5 minutes to explain and get critique.

LUNCH: Vote for the QUARTER TREE

AFTERNOON SESSION: 1 PM-'til

PART THREE:

Learning or Improving Your Wiring with Justin Michael. Wiring is essential to training your tree to reach its potential as quickly as possible. Justin has been taught wiring by a master and is very good at teaching it.

Participants should bring a tree and tools (wire cutter and pliers). Club Wire will be available to use for this session. After this initial session, members should provide their own wire.

Do not miss this opportunity to learn one of the most important skills for training your trees.

Martha Goff

Vice President, Program

BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

February 8, 2014

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
Announcements	A new member was introduced, Don Frawley. Welcome Don...	
Minutes	Published in news letter	Waived reading of minutes
Audit	Gail Curry and Don Branscom will review the audit information.	
Exhibit at the Bell Tower Shops	April 12, 2014 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Exhibit only, no vendors or demos. Members are asked to submit the exhibit form which will be posted on our website.	Exhibition at the Bell Tower Shops was approved by the members.
Visiting Master David Easterbrook	David is a Bonsai Master from Montreal and is well known as a knowledgeable critic. March 1 st is the deadline for sign ups.	Members approved signing up for his visit. If members would like a private session call Martha Goff.
Visiting Master Jim Vanlandingham	Jim is a Florida Master and well known for his work with tropicals. He will attend our March 15 th meeting at Wigert's Nursery.	Members approved signing him up for a visit with our club. We also approved purchasing a tree for his demo in the amount of \$150.
Brochures	We have run out of brochures.	Members approved spending up to \$150 for printing new brochures.
Fort Myers Beach Library	We have been invited to give a presentation on Bonsai at the Fort Myers Beach Library in March.	If anyone wants to volunteer please notify Greg Lignelli.
Spreadsheet Record of your collection	This is an Excel spreadsheet which will record your data on your collection trees such as date of purchase, pot information and re-potting.	Phil Krieg has posted this spreadsheet on our website.
BSF Club Night	BSF is sponsoring a Club Night at the annual convention. It is when various clubs prepare a Bonsai or related item in friendly competition.	Members approved and volunteers included Greg Lignelli, Jim Gehring, Martha Goff and Phil Krieg. Please call Greg if you are interested in participating.
Asia Fest at the Selby Gardens	This is an annual festival for all things Asian including an exhibit, drummers and dancers on February 22 nd . The Sarasota club Sho Fu will prepare a Bonsai exhibit.	All are invited...
Winter display by Dorothy Schmitz	Dorothy explained several of her displays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A companion should indicate the time of year and where the tree is from. - A scroll indicates the season. - A companion can be a flower or fruit. She illustrated by showing 	

	<p>how a pine bud can be used simply by placing it on a piece of bark which indicates winter in Florida.</p>	
<p>Juniper Procumbens Nana workshop by Dorothy Schmitz</p>	<p>There were ten members who worked with Dorothy and Ernie on this initial styling of their tree. Dorothy also presented some general <u>guidelines</u> working with Junipers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Always treat for spider mites by spraying water on both the top and bottom of the foliage. - Spider mites prefer the dry season as they do not like moisture. - If roots are protruding from the bottom of the pot, it's time to re-pot. - Place in full sun. - She explained the difference between juvenile and mature foliage. - Do not pinch. - Work the tree slowly over extended periods of time. - Keep evenly moist, not wet. - Fertilizer is applied daily when watering. Synthetic fertilizers have salts which require lots of water to drain them from the pot. <p>Each and every one of the trees was designed so that they are off to a great start. They are to be returned in the future for re-potting and a "check up".</p>	

Submitted by:
Phil Krieg, Secretary

MINUTES
BONSAI SOCIETY SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
Board of Directors
February 15, 2014

ATTENDING: Ham Agnew, Jim Gehring, Judy Giandelone, Greg Lignelli, John Bartolozzi, Martha Goff, Phil Krieg

Meeting was called to order at 8 am by President Judy Giandelone

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Website information	Send all information for the website to Ham. He will upload it to our website.	We also agreed to include Wigert's events, Sho Fu events and other appropriate information on our website.

Bell Tower Exhibit	There is a question of insurance requirements and if the BSF policy covers our club and this exhibit.	Phil K. will notify BSF of this exhibit and ask for insurance information.
BSSWF Annual Exhibit and show	Greg reported that the available dates are November 21, 22 and 23.	Dates were approved and will be presented to the club.
Florida Gardening magazine	This magazine covers a wide ranging field of gardening topics including special events.	John B. will contact them to see if we can have our annual show announcement in the magazine.
BSF Club Night	It may be possible to buy Ginny Boka's Fukien Tea forest and re-build it for club night.	Martha G. will contact Ginny and inquire about the purchase. Greg L. will notify BSF. John B and Martha G. will prepare a pot/slab. Phil K. will sketch anew design.

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February Program Recap:

I think it was a fun time and that everyone involved learned something. Congratulations to the Juniper Group for a good start with Dorothy at the lead. Everyone walked away with a great beginning of a nice shohin juniper. This group will meet again in May for a review of the tree and again in September to replot the tree. It should be exciting and fun to watch these trees grow and improve.



Sue Johnson, Martha Goff, Greg Lignelli, Justin Michael, Bill Gorski, Christie Ferrier, Marcie Gorski, Arnim Jebe, John Bartolozzi, and Barry Kruger. What a brilliant looking group!



Dorothy hard at work helping a member and Ernie assisting.



Lunch is important—maybe more important than Junipers!

Several Members brought their problem trees to receive advice from the mentoring group. Below is a picture of one of our mentors, Phil Krieg, helping Judith, The Prez, with some decisions on her Green Island.



Personally, I love that Bonsai Stand. It could start a whole new trend!

Martha Goff
Vice-President/Program

Library: Remember to return your library books.

Raffle: Please bring raffle items.

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