



## BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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### AUGUST MEETING RECAP

The August 20 monthly BSSWFL meeting departed from tradition. Rather than a presentation style in a schoolroom setting, the meeting became a hands-on event with members on their feet to participate or observe. First, three teams were formed. Then each team received a tree. Ninety minutes later, each team presented a newly styled tree, clipped and wired and ready for refinement. The ragged initial products were transformed by members who collaborated to design and set these trees off on their new roles as Bonsai in training.



## RECAP OF BEGINNER WORKSHOP

On August 16, the Beginner Workshop was filled to the max. Mike Lane's full-day tutorial was a great success. Each participant was presented with a tree and instructed in the work of training, trimming and starting a tree on its Bonsai course. Below are the scruffy trees before the work began. Far below is Mike Lane showing trees that have already begun their Bonsai course.

All the responses to the survey were positive. We are very fortunate to have such a talented teacher as Mike Lane in our own backyard. We will be offering more Beginner Classes next year. If you have not had the opportunity to take the class, talk to those who have. You will find it is very worthwhile. Watch for the signup sheets next year.



## NEXT BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17

At last, the highly anticipated wiring workshop with Jason Osborne is set for Saturday September 17 at our regular monthly meeting. Join us at the Berne Davis Garden Center. Contact Martha Goff with questions about signing up for the workshop, and even if you're not a participant in the workshop, come and observe. Everyone benefits. 9 AM to 12 noon. Martha Goff will create the display. Caroline Seefchak is our hospitality hostess.

## OCTOBER MEETING SCHEDULE

On October 15, bring your candidates for the Annual Show. We'll help each other give our trees the final preparation for the November show. We hope each member will enter one or more trees, and we can brainstorm final preparatory touches together.

During this meeting, we'll look at the trees, pots, companion plants, stands, mossing, etc. and will concentrate on not only the trees themselves, but also the pot, the companion plant, the stand, mossing and much more. Do come.

## ANNUAL SHOW NOVEMBER 12-13, 2022

It's time to step up to participate in The Big Show. We want every member to play a part. We hope each of you will submit one or more trees for the exhibition, and we need the involvement of every member for the mechanics of the show.

Work begins on Friday November 11 with setup and ends with dismantling after the show closes on Sunday afternoon, November 13. There's a job for everyone, from able-bodied to able-minded. Please join us in making our club shine and in welcoming others to enjoy our art. We have a reputation to uphold. **We're known as one of the best clubs in the state**, and we want to remain worthy of that renown.

During the show there will be many simultaneous activities on each day, Saturday November 12 and Sunday November 13. Here are the jobs that need filling:

- a. **Program**: Dave and Martha will be preparing for and organizing the program. We will need a few people to help with cleanup and setup after each program is done.
- b. **Raffle**: Dave oversees the raffle. Any Bonsai-related donations to this major raffle are greatly appreciated. We will also have a \$5 and \$10 table much like we did at the auction. Donations will be great. It should all be bonsai related. Dave will also need people to help with the raffle. Sign up.
- c. **Vendors**: All the work by club members is done on Friday to set up and Sunday to tear down. No extra help is needed for vendors during the show.
- d. **Exhibit**: We want every member to show a tree. Phil Krieg oversees the exhibit area. Setup is critical and happens on Friday during setup. Phil will be handing out a paper to sign up for showing your tree. He will announce a deadline to receive this information. It's time to declare your intent. Jaye Saarinen oversees Docents and will have a signup sheet at our September meeting. He will need one or two people to oversee the exhibit for several hours at a time. Please sign up.

- e. **Greeters:** Jaye is also in charge of the Greeter function. Greeters are the one or two members who sit at the two entrances to welcome people and hand out programs, etc. This is also done on a time schedule. Sign up.
- f. **Hospitality:** We will probably be asking everyone to bring food to share with everyone there. This is not sure yet, but it needs someone in charge, with three or four to help organize. Please sign up.

Start looking for moss. Know where to go when it is time to prepare your tree for the show. There are several places where you can buy moss, but finding a local area is great if possible. Be prepared.



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*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](http://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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