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October Program:

Well I think we have done all we can to prepare everyone for the exhibit for our show...so it's time to change the agenda.

We will still have an exhibit display and Justin's 15 minutes; but instead of the usual, we will have a demonstration by Erik Wigert. The tree will be added to our show raffle of trees. I have asked Erik to introduce some of his new material. It should be a great learning experience.

Other very important items:

1. Please, please remember our advertising and donations from supporters. It is due by the Oct. 18th meeting. I hope I am overwhelmed with forms being turned in. You will probably get email reminders from me before the meeting. Put this on your priority list.
2. Exhibit forms: We have worked very hard the last several meeting to get everyone ready for the exhibit part of the show. I hope we have encouraged you to turn in your form at the October meeting. Remember to include the total space needed for your exhibit. You are free to choose not to be judged if you wish, but please participate.
3. Our show raffle is how we raise our money, so start sorting through items you have to contribute. Remember that bonsai-related or just plain fun is great. Whatever you choose to contribute will be great.
4. Something special for our group at the show is a Bring Your Own Tree workshop with Ed Trout. The workshop is at 3 PM on Saturday and costs \$50. I am taking the first ten who email or call me starting now.

5. If you have friends who are interested in bonsai and you think they would enjoy a beginner's workshop, we have just the thing at the show. Each day at 3 PM with Erik Wigert we will have a workshop just for the public. They sign up at the greeter's desk, choose the day they want and pay \$25. That \$25 not only includes the expert teaching of Erik Wigert but also everything they will need in the workshop including the tree. Spread the word.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR FORMS AND ADS AND DONATIONS. YOU CAN EVEN BRING YOUR RAFFLE ITEMS TO THE OCTOBER MEETING.

Martha Goff

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Message from the Prez

First, a special thanks to Dorothy Schmitz, Ginny Boka, and Judy Gore for their demos on "How to Choose a Stand," "What to Use for an Accent Plant," and "How to Place Your Exhibit." It's always good to get ideas from outside Masters, but it is even greater to know that we have such talent within our own club.

It is surprising how fast time seems to fly. (I even got to be a great grandfather this week.) There is less than two months until our Annual Show. I hope EVERYONE plans to be as involved as you can possibly be. It would be great to have every member exhibit Bonsai or Suiseki. (Bring your entry form to the next meeting.) We always need help setting up and taking down, we need greeters, people to watch and explain the Exhibit, we need raffle materials, and people to sell raffle tickets. Also, people to watch the Demos and listen to the Critiques. That seems like a lot of needs, but YOU are the people to do it.

This is the one time of the year that the vendors come to you, instead of you going to them. If you have plants to sell and would like to be a Club vendor, see me; perhaps two members would share one table.

I should mention Justin's part in the program. It's worth a return visit just to see if the graft he did at the meeting really takes. He will be a part of every meeting so that he will gain experience to do a super job at the State Convention.

I started with a thanks and will end with one too. A special thanks to all those members behind the scenes that make our meetings so successful: program planning, fresh coffee and refreshments, library, raffle, etc. The official member count at the last meeting was 49; that is an increase from 33 the previous month. People are returning from vacations. Let's keep that attendance up.

See you at the next meeting, Prez Jim

Annual Show

Dear Members,

I know it seems a long time until the show, but believe it or not, it is approaching fast, especially for some jobs. I am responsible for fund raising and doing the program. Yes, I am talking about getting supporters and ads. These must be in by the October 18th meeting so that the ads or sponsor's names can appear in the show magazine. Our goal is

a lofty \$1,000. That amount, along with the picnic, will almost underwrite the show by covering the rent. We might actually make a profit this year. If each member generated \$25 in support, we would reach our goal. If you don't have an advertising form, just email me, and I will gladly send one along. All forms and monies are due by the October 18th meeting. However, don't hesitate to mail it to me sooner. Don't mail cash, but send the ad or the supporter's full name. My address is:

Martha Goff, 5017 Bygone Street, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Once we have a list of supporters and advertisers, it is so much easier to go back the next year.

Next item: All exhibit forms are due by the October meeting. When putting in the size of your tree, please do as Judy indicated and include the size of the total display. Again, if you don't have a form, let me know; and I will send one along.

Next item: Start getting those raffle items together. Bring items that are bonsai or garden-related: plants, oriental artwork, or even any cool items that others would be interested in having. Use your imagination. (One member is a pastry chef and brought in mini-cheesecakes for the raffle.)

Next item: Ed Trout will be conducting a "Bring Your Own Tree" workshop at 3:00 PM on Saturday. Don't miss this chance to get expert help with your tree. The workshop is \$50, and there are 12 spots available. This is a first-come basis. If you are interested, sign up now and pay at the October 18th meeting. The workshop will also be available to non-members.

Last item: If you know anyone who is not a club member, but is interested in bonsai, invite them to participate in one of our two public workshops. Everything is included for only \$25, and Erik Wigert is teaching one public workshop at 3:00 PM on Friday and the other at 3:00 PM on Saturday.

Thanks, Martha

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Annual Show

Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15, 2008

"For more info regarding our Annual Show, please check our website."

Fall Liquidation Sale

**Wigerts Mango Grove & Nursery Announces its
Fall Liquidation Sale!!**

**From September 27th Till October 30th take advantage of special savings
at our nursery!**

Save 25% on Entire Nursery Inventory!

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Save 25% on all Mica & Ceramic Bonsai Pots!

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5 Gallons Bonsai Soil \$25 (save \$5)

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**First time offerings from Erik's Personal Bonsai Collection!
(25% discount *NOT* applied to these specimen trees)**

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**We are open 9am till 5pm 7 days a week, for directions visit our website
at www.wigertsbonsai.com**

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plants or merchandise. Only On-Site Sales Qualify.
No discounts on Tools, or Wire & other supplies not listed above.
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