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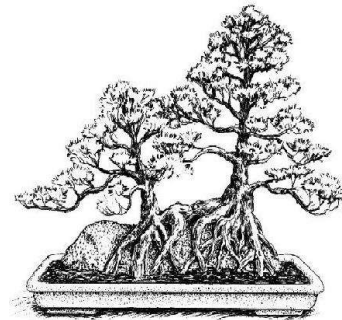
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Bonsai Clipper

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Christmas Party

Saturday, December 5th, 6:00 PM

at Anne Miller's home

1781 Whitecap Circle

North Fort Myers

From the South: Drive North on Cleveland Avenue, turn left on Hancock Bridge Pkwy., turn left onto Orange Grove Blvd., turn left onto Whitecap Circle, drive to 1781 on right.

From the North: Drive South on Route 41, turn right on Hancock Bridge Pkwy., turn left onto Orange Grove Blvd., turn left onto Whitecap Circle, drive to 1781 on right.

From Cape Coral: Drive North on Del Prado Blvd. to Hancock Bridge Pkwy., turn right on Hancock Bridge Pkwy., turn right onto Orange Grove Boulevard, turn left onto Whitecap Circle, drive to 1781 on right.

The Club will provide the meat, so members can bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert. If desired, BYOB. Unless it is raining, the party will be outdoors so dress accordingly. Members who want to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift in the \$10-15 range. The gift can be related to bonsai, gardening, or Oriental art.

If you have any problems, call Anne at 239-997-5427.

Message from the Prez:

It seems awfully early, but the stores have been at it for a month or more already, so here goes: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This will be a rather short letter from the Prez. We have moved, but my computer didn't make the move very well, so as the end of the month news-deadline draws near, I could think of only one person to help me out. So I'm calling Becky Bodnar and dictating this to her so that she can relay it on to Bonnie. It makes me stop and think what great members we have in our club. I haven't come down from the Saturday high. If you weren't there, you missed a great day. Martha scheduled a great demonstrator and workshop leader in Ed Trout. Wasn't the demo tree spectacular? And a brand new member won it. The raffle table had to have brought in the highest yearly amount because of the terrific selection of material--Vic Lakkonnen's Fukien Tea, (wish I had won it); John Moya's mimosa, a delicate beauty; and a beautiful bonsai tome that Ed brought and Justin won, were just some of the high ticket items. Cel and her sister Rose Ann did their usual beautiful food setup. David Hamera checked on Garden Council tables to use at our Christmas party--no luck, but he went one step further and gave me two places where we can rent tables and chairs, rather than have individuals bring card tables, etc. I think we will go that route. If when you get to Anne Miller's, and you see lots of people standing around, you'll know I goofed. He also said he would help set up on Saturday morning. So get your gift for the Christmas exchange, your dish to pass (my old foreign roots are showing), your wife or husband, and we'll have a great start on Christmas happiness.

One last thing. I mentioned only a few of the people that are making it happen. When I agreed to be Prez, it was like getting up in front of a parade. But I didn't have to lead--I was pushed. Let's show Phil the same enthusiasm in 2010.

Prez Jim

Minutes of the Meeting of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida:

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2009

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: SPALC Building, 6281 Metro Plantation Road

PRESENT: See Attendance Roster (30 Members attended)

OLD BUSINESS: President Jim Gehring called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. Becky Bodnar read the Minutes of the previous meeting on October 17, 2009. There was a correction in the Minutes. The web address for the Knowledge of Bonsai site is followed by .org, not .com. The correct address for the site is: www.knowledgeofbonsai.org. There was no Treasurer's report, as Sandra Bishop was absent from the meeting. Jim asked for comments about the Annual Show at the Bell Tower Mall. Martha Goff particularly liked the setup. Phil Krieg would like to have a more traditional setup with a background for the trees and to have vendors. However, vendors are generally not interested in coming to a one-day show. Anne Miller and Justin Michael felt that public response to the show was very good. Ernie Fernandez suggested rethinking the purpose of the show and decide whether the purpose of the show is to draw in new members, to make money, or to display members' trees for the enjoyment of the public. Anne distributed maps and directions to her house for the Christmas party on December 5. People should dress appropriately because the party will be outside on a screened-in porch.

Elections for club officers for 2010 were held. There were no nominations from the floor, so the slate of officers compiled by the Nominations Committee was accepted unanimously. The officers for 2010 will be:

President-Phil Krieg; Vice President-Jim Gehring; Secretary-Becky Bodnar; Treasurer-Sandra Bishop. Board members are: Virginia Boka, David Hamera, Greg Lignelli, Celestine Luke, Doug Suito, and Past-President Ernie Fernandez.

NEW BUSINESS: Judy Gore reported that rocks in the Garden Council garden had been put in the proper formation, and Erik Wigert's tree had been planted on one of the rocks. Jim offered condolences to Judy on the loss of her mother and informed members that Robert Leopold's memorial service would be at 2:00 PM at St. John the Apostle Church on November 22. Dorothy Schmitz reported that Jim Smith's son had also passed away.

Martha announced that the next BSF convention would be on Memorial Day weekend in Orlando in 2010. Chad Beatty will come to one of our meetings to give Club members information about a more interactive web site. Dues for 2010 are now due. The deadline to pay dues is December 10. Members can pay dues at the Christmas party on December 5, or mail them to: Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida, c/o Becky Bodnar, 100 Andre Mar Drive, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931-3848. Thanks to the following members who contributed raffle items: Vic Laakkonen, Ed Trout, Jim Bremer, Jim Gehring, and Becky Bodnar. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Bodnar,

Secretary BSSWF

Bonsai Buzz:

According to Professor Amy Liang in The Living Art of Bonsai Principles & Techniques of Cultivation & Propagation:

“A Guide to Bonsai Appreciation”

Outdoor Display: In the courtyard or on the balcony, bonsai can be placed on wooden or concrete shelves. When displayed on shelves, larger arrangements should be placed in back and smaller ones in front. The arrangements should not be too orderly. There should be different heights and sizes of trees to create perspective and depth; for example, fine rocks or grasses can be displayed as companion plants beside pines, red trident maples, Japanese mountain maples, bonsai or rocks placed on ceramic trays are also suitable companions. Lights can be installed if you want to enjoy bonsai at night with your family or friends.

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