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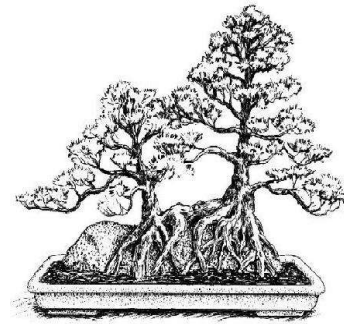
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# Bonsai Clipper

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## October Program

**Regular Meeting: Saturday, October 17, 2009**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Place: SPALC Building  
6281 Metro Plantation Rd.**

**Program:** The program for the October Meeting will be a panel critique of show trees with help available from Ernie Fernandez. Bring the tree that you would like to put in the show.

Also, at the October meeting, there will be sign-up sheets for security, the welcoming table, and for volunteers to help bring some of the heavy trees from the homes of those who can't do it themselves. We also need a volunteer to run the raffles and/or auction.

After the regular meeting, there will be a Board Meeting.

## ***Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida***

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida is pleased to welcome bonsai enthusiasts to our Annual Show, The Art of Bonsai, at the Bell Tower Mall in Fort Myers, Florida, on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 AM to 6 PM. Exciting features will include a Bonsai Exhibit and Demonstrations of bonsai tree styling by well-known bonsai artists Erik Wigert and Ernie Fernandez. Come and join us for a fun, entertaining, and informative time at our Annual Show. Members: you will find an Exhibit Tree form following the receipt of this newsletter. Please fill it out and get it to Phil Krieg by October 15.

### **PHIL KRIEG SEZ:**

**IT IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOR MEMBERS TO LET HIM KNOW THE TREE OR TREES THAT THEY INTEND TO BRING FOR THE EXHIBIT. THIS IS A NEW VENUE, AND THE FOLKS AT BELL TOWER MALL NEED TO KNOW AHEAD OF TIME HOW MANY TABLES AND STANDS WILL BE NEEDED. FILL OUT THE FORM YOU RECEIVE AFTER THIS NEWSLETTER AND SEND IT TO PHIL BY OCTOBER 15. OR CALL HIM. OR EMAIL HIM. OR FAX HIM. JUST DO IT!!!**

### ***Message from the President***

As the Annual Show draws closer, it's time to put those finishing touches to your bonsai. The entry forms will be sent following this newsletter. You need to fill them out and mail them or return them to Phil ASAP so that he can plan the placement of our display.

I would love to have every member display a tree at the show. It seems that I say that every year, and I really mean it. The show will be in a new location, so it will attract a new group of people, too. This new area will require better security than before. We will need your help more than ever. Please show up wearing your club shirt. (If you don't have one, we can use plainclothes men/women, too.) We'll try for 2-hour shifts, although some of us want to be there all day.

As I write this, we have three vendors: new this year will be James Ha who will bring pots, suiseki, dais, etc; George Braiff and Erik Wigert will supply bonsai and bonsai materials. I am sorry to say that Mike Cartrett will not be one of the vendors this year. Whether you are a long-time member or new to this game, there should be something for you, something for you to learn, or something for you to share. See you there.

Prez Jim

### ***Minutes of the Meeting of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida***

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 TIME: 9:30 A.M

LOCATION: SPALC Building, 6281 Metro Plantation Road

PRESENT: See Attendance Roster (29 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. The Minutes were approved as read. Sandra Bishop gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the Club Treasury is \$10,508.55. Jim is taking shirt orders and hopes that members will wear their club shirts at the Annual Show. There will be additional club space at the Garden Council Building, but no specific plans can be made for placing anything there until a gate has been relocated. Jim thanked Robin Choinski for representing our Club at the Home and Garden Show at Harborside on September 12 and 13. Robin thanked club members for assisting her at the show. Unfortunately, twelve of Robin's trees had been stolen the night before the show. Members should be careful when allowing people to come onto their property, and they should photograph and/or identify their trees by means of a

microchip or copper tag in the bottom of the pot. Further discussion will be needed on adding features to the web site at a cost of \$200. Dorothy Schmitz recommended an interactive bonsai site: [www.bonsainut.com](http://www.bonsainut.com) There will be no increase in rent for use of the SPALC Building for the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS: For information on the Joshua Roth New Talent Contest and the John Naka Design Contest, go to the American Bonsai Society web site, [www.absbonsai.org](http://www.absbonsai.org) The Sho Fu Bonsai Society of Sarasota will have its annual auction at 7:00 PM on October 14, 2009, at Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota. Neighboring clubs are welcome to attend. A Nominating Committee consisting of Becky Bodnar, Charles James, Sandy Thornburg, and Doug Suitor will prepare a nominations slate for officers for 2010. The election will be held at the November meeting. The setup for the Annual Show at Bell Tower Mall on November 7 will be at 8:00 AM. The breakdown will be after 6:00 PM. There is no cost for rent, and publicity will be supplied by Bell Tower. Greg submitted a budget of \$1,250. for the show. Martha Goff moved that the club accept the budget, and Renee Beddouk seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Peter Shawinsky suggested that Mall security be made aware that valuable bonsai trees can be targets for thieves. Liability at the mall venue, whether it lies with our club, with BSF, or with the mall, will be investigated by Martha. A club membership will be given to winners of tree raffles. Thanks to Greg Lignelli, Justin James, Ginny Boka, John Bishop, and Jim Gehring for contributing items for the raffle. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Bodnar, Secretary BSSWF

#### **SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2010**

We will be voting on officers for the coming year at the November meeting. Following is the slate submitted by the Nominations Committee and nominations from the floor will also be taken at the meeting:

President:	Phil Krieg
Vice President:	Jim Gehring
Secretary:	Becky Bodnar
Treasurer:	Sandra Bishop
Board member:	Virginia Boka
Board member:	Ernie Fernandez
Board member:	Martha Goff
Board member:	David Hamera
Board member:	Greg Lignelli
Board member:	Celestine Luke

#### ***Announcements:***

#### **SHO FU BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL AUCTION**

The Sho Fu Bonsai Society of Sarasota will have its annual auction at 7:00 PM on October 14, 2009, at Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota. This is an opportunity for bonsai enthusiasts from neighboring clubs to have a fun evening and purchase some trees and bonsai-related items at reasonable prices. Michael Knowlton [mikeknowlton@mac.com](mailto:mikeknowlton@mac.com)

***Letters to the Editor***

**AN OPEN LETTER FROM PATRICK GIACOBBE:**

Hi Bonsai friends,

This is an invitation for you to visit my web page. Sometimes, I have been accused of not sharing the knowledge of bonsai I have accumulated throughout the years, so I have put together a web page to share with all. There are three articles that are not often addressed that you might find interesting:

“Design and Composition in Bonsai”

“Understanding the Manipulation of Bonsai”

“How to Pinch Junipers & Why”

Also, there are several progressions of my bonsai from collecting to the present time. Please take a look; and if you want to comment good or bad, I would welcome your input

Thanks and enjoy,

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