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# **Bonsai Clipper**

***Newsletter of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida***

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The meeting will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2008, at 9:00 AM at the SPALC Building, 6281 Metro Plantation Road (off Metro Parkway between Daniels Parkway and Colonial Boulevard).

Bring your exhibit trees for help. Time is getting shorter, and we want everyone to participate. Much of October will be taken up with show jobs, etc., so now is the time.

Dorothy has agreed to do a talk on stands for your bonsai; Judy will talk about accents; and Ginny will do the Bonsai display this month. Of course, we will have Justin do his 15 minutes. We want to help him get ready for the state show. See all of you there.

The annual show will be held at St. John the Apostle Church on November 14 and 15 with setup on Thursday, November 13.

### ***Message from the Prez***

A new meeting place, a new member, 15 minutes of fame for Justin (on a continuing monthly basis), Chairperson Dorothy's plans and budget for the annual show approved, passage of the dues increase, a new raffle (50/50) started, a donation to Selby Garden for their Bonsai display, Martha's demonstration on "How Not to Set up a Display," Ernie's styling expertise, Ginny's plant care knowledge, Doug Sutor's filling in during Cel's absence, I could go on and on. It's no wonder that the business part of the meeting runs longer than I think it should, but you just can't help but come away filled with enthusiasm about our Club.

Here are three issues that I would like to discuss with you:

- 1) A nominating committee is in the works and will have a Board of Officers to present at the next meeting. We always talk about "New Blood," but it seems that once on the Board, it's hard to get off. Some people did talk to me about accepting positions, we'll see how that all turns out. Call or e-mail me, it's not too late if you would like to volunteer to be on the Board.
- 2) The 50/50 raffle needs a specific purpose in the Club Treasury--like being applied to a field trip expense or a microphone. Help me here, but I really do think it would be more successful if we designated those monies to a specific purpose.
- 3) With the Annual Show coming and hopes for a successful raffle, the thought occurs to me that we all know someone who joined our Club, but for some reason dropped out. They may have tools, pots, or even overgrown plants that they would donate to the Club. All we need to do is contact them; so check it out, maybe if they don't have raffle items, they might be anxious to rejoin the Club.

See you at September's meeting,  
Prez Jim

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

Date: August 16, 2008  
Location: SPALC Building, 6281 Metro Plantation Road  
Present: See Attendance Roster (30 Members attended)

President Jim Gehring called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM. Becky Bodnar read the Minutes from the July 19 meeting. *The Minutes were approved as read.* Phil Krieg, who is involved with the architectural plans for a permanent bonsai exhibit at Selby Gardens in Sarasota, said that donations could be made to the Sho Fu Bonsai Society. *Martha Goff moved that our Club donate \$100 to the exhibit, Jim Bremer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.* Phil has the winning ticket for the Michael Hagedorn tree. In order to increase dues for the Club, a change in the Standing Rules must be voted on and approved. *Jim Bremer moved that the dues structure as published in the July newsletter be accepted, Renee Beddouk seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.* Club dues will be \$45 for a single membership, \$55 for a household of two members, and \$10 per additional household member. After July 1, dues will be \$22.50 for a single membership,

\$27.50 for a household of two members, and \$5 per additional household member. Club election of officers will be in November, and Jim asked any members interested in an office to let him know. Members may also volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee. There will be a craft show at the Unitarian Universalist Church on November 1. Anyone interested in being a vendor can have an 8' table for \$20. The fall Home and Garden Show will be on September 27 and 28. Setup will be on September 26 at 1:00 PM. Robin Choinski asked for volunteers to help with setup and to bring trees for display. Admission to the show is free if a member is wearing a Club shirt. Dorothy Schmitz asked for approval of the Annual Show budget. The total for the proposed budget is \$5,045. The inflow should be \$4,700, at a minimum. *Jim Bremer moved that the show budget be accepted, Martha Goff seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.* The BSF state convention will be in Orlando in March, 2009. Dorothy is in charge of the Exhibit. Jim Bremer announced that there will be a dig for gumbo trees on Sanibel and asked if there was any interest among members to attend. Sandra Bishop gave the Treasurer's report: there is presently \$6,943.13 in the Club Treasury. Renee recommended that newsletter information on the web site be kept up to date. Dorothy will work with Chad Beatty to assure the timely publication of information. Justin Michael described a shohin project that he is working on in a class with Boon Manakitivipart. He will keep Club members up to date on the progress of this project. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Bodnar, Secretary, BSSWF

### ***Letters to the Editor***

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