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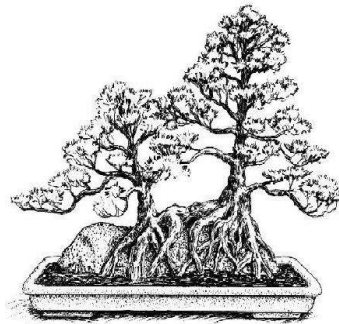
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Mike Cartrett Demonstration

Regular meeting date: June 20, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: SPALC Building, 6281 Metro Plantation Road (off Metro Parkway between Daniels Parkway and Colonial Boulevard)

Program: Mike Cartrett, Free Raintree Demonstration

9:00 to 12:00, and the demo will be raffled. The demo will be followed by a pot-luck luncheon so bring a dish to share.

Workshop: After the luncheon, Mike will conduct a workshop with a cost of \$10, and slots are still available. Contact John Bishop at JohnAB@embarqmail.com to register. You can bring your own tree or purchase a raintree from Mike.

Message from the Prez:

Get ready for a busy month. On June 9th, an afternoon workshop with Lance Laney (filled) and a demo in the evening (hopefully we can raffle the demo tree that evening). Then on our regular meeting day, June 20, Mike Cartrett will do a demo, and following a pot-luck luncheon, a \$10 workshop. Check with John Bishop to find out if there are slots open. I do know it's a bring-your-own tree or buy raintrees from Mike for a forest planting. The \$10 is a real bargain for a workshop that doesn't cover the cost, but it gives the club member a break to help with styling a difficult plant, or maybe a new start with a raintree forest.

Wonderful, wonderful, rain. With the warm weather and all the rain, my trees have just popped. Now I need to be aware how much that rain water will leach the fertilizer out of the soil. Pay close attention to your plants fertilization, too. Vic and I finished installing a drip system for the plants that I have at Al's. The very next day it started to rain and it hasn't missed a day since. I love this system just the same. Vic tells me that there is a rain-monitoring device that I can add, so that it won't water on the days it rains. What will they think of next!!

A couple of things not too far back in my mind: the Annual Show, a chairperson for it, a place for it, a nominating committee for next years officers, the Christmas party, and did the new members get a mentor.

Prez Jim

Minutes of the 2009 Board Directors Meeting of the Bosai Society of Southwest Florida:

MINUTES - 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - BSSWF

DATE: May 16, 2009

TIME: 12:30 P.M.

LOCATION: SPALC BUILDING, 6281 Metro Plantation Road

PRESENT: JOHN BISHOP, RENEE BEDDOUK, SANDRA BISHOP, BECKY BODNAR, GINNY BOKA, JIM GEHRING, MARTHA GOFF, PHIL KRIEG, CEL LUKE, ERIK WIGERT

ABSENT: ERNIE FERNANDEZ, BOB SCHNEIDER

President Jim Gehring convened the meeting at 12:30 P.M. and called for approval of the agenda. (See Attachment I) Becky Bodnar summarized the Minutes of the last regular Board Meeting on January 17, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

Phil Krieg will formulate a budget for the BSSWF display area at the Garden Council Building. The display will consist of large, stacked rocks with a root-over-rock tree. The cost of the tree will be around \$100. and will be styled by Erik Wigert.

The Board has proposed creating a "Member Emeritus" award for a member who has made a lifelong contribution to the club. The member will be nominated for the award, and the Club and will pay the member's BSF dues. This proposal is an addition to the Standing Rules, so it must be presented to the membership a month prior to being voted on and must be approved by a 2/3 vote. The announcement will be in the June newsletter and the membership will vote on the proposal at the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Lance Laney will be at Erik's on Sunday and Monday, June 7 and 8, and Jim will pick him up for the Tuesday workshop session at 1:00 P.M. with the Club on June 9. Jim and any other interested members will take Lance out for dinner between sessions. The evening demo will begin at 6:00

P.M. Jim will transport Lance to a meeting place with someone from an East coast club. The Board decided that Sean Smith will not be invited for a presentation with our Club.

No one has been designated as chair for the Annual Show. Becky will send members an email asking for a volunteer to take this position. The church rental for Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, would cost \$2,000. Jim said that the Shriner's Auditorium is available on Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15, for \$900. per day, with a setup on Friday for \$125., and \$85. per day for custodial services. Martha Goff suggested that we have the show at Erik's nursery. She will make a presentation at the next Club meeting explaining how this would be done and how much it would cost. As in the past, proceeds of the auction at the picnic go toward defraying the cost of the Annual Show.

In order to assist mentors, it was suggested that newcomers form a mentored group or a beginners' workshop that would meet right after the regular meeting. In response to a letter from Mitzi Marckesano, Becky will send information for a Master Calendar for the Garden Council's web site. (See Attachment II) The information requested is about the President, the Club's web site, upcoming events, and our 3 delegates. We aren't sure about the 3 delegates, but Judy Gore is one, and maybe Anne Miller will agree to be another. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Bodnar, Secretary, BSSWF

Mminutes - Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida Meeting

DATE: May 16, 2009

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: SPALC Building, 6281 Metro Plantation Road

PRESENT: See Attendance Roster (32 Members attended)

President Jim Gehring called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Sandra Bishop gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the Club Treasury is \$10,417.31 as of May 15, 2009. Jim announced the names of members who have recently joined the Club: Craig Brown, Andrew and Teresa Kontos, Bob Petersen, Nicolas Tabares, and Robert Visconti. Jim recommended that newcomers be mentioned in the Club newsletter. Jim Bremer volunteered to be the new Club Librarian. At its Board Meeting in March, 2009, BSF officers approved a rewrite of the bylaws, which needed updating. The revised bylaws must be approved by the membership. In a message to our Club, Glenn Partelow indicated that the changes are by and large a formality and concern the daily operation of BSF. Greg Lignelli moved that our Club accept the revision of the BSF bylaws. Jim Bremer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Members must sign up and pay \$35 for the Lance Laney workshop. There is presently one opening. The presentation will be at the Garden Council Building, 2166-72 Virginia Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901 on June 9. The workshop will be at 1:00 PM and the demo will be at 6:00 P.M. Mike Cartrett will be at our regular meeting on June 20. He will give a demo in the morning and a workshop in the afternoon. The cost for the workshop will be \$10.00, and members may bring their own tree or buy a raintree from Mike for the workshop. Members will provide a Pot Luck lunch. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Bodnar, Secretary BSSWF

New Proposal:

The Board of Directors has proposed creating a "Member Emeritus" award for a member who has made a lifelong contribution to our Club. The member may be nominated by anyone in the Club. The member will have honorary membership in our Club, and the dues for membership in BSF will be paid by the Club.

This proposal is a change in the Standing Rules, so it must be presented to Club members a month prior to being voted on. This change will appear in the June newsletter and be announced at the June meeting as well. It will be voted on at the July meeting and must receive a 2/3 vote to become part of the Standing Rules.

Dr. Herb Granger, a longstanding member of our Club, is an outstanding bonsai artist and mentor as well. Herb is no longer able to participate in the Club, but he will not soon be forgotten for the contributions he made while he was active in our Club. He will be the first member to be considered for this award.

Newcomers' Corner:

The following people all joined the Club in March and April of this year:

Craig Brown, from Bokeelia
Andrew and Teresa Kontos, from Estero
Bob Petersen, from Naples
Nicolas Tabares, from Fort Myers
Robert Visconti, from North Fort Myers.

Bonsai Artist Presentation:

On June 9, the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida will present an afternoon bonsai workshop and evening demonstration by Lance Laney, a visiting master from Hawaii. Lance was born in Los Angeles and moved to Hawaii in mid-1960 as a young surfer. His interest in bonsai began as a young adult when he first witnessed a Japanese gentleman working on a bonsai tree. He joined the local bonsai club and continued to increase his knowledge of the art.. He has studied bonsai under various masters in Japan and, as an accomplished bonsai artist, has conducted workshops and demonstrations in the U.S. Bonsai, to be successful, must result in an illusion of a large, aged tree in nature. To accomplish this, the artist must follow the basic artistic principles of balance and unity. Lance's demonstration will consider the above principles, taking an untrained basic tree and forming it into an outstanding piece of living art. The Lance Laney presentation will take place at the Garden Council Building, 2166 Virginia Avenue, Fort Myers, 33901. The workshop will take place at 1:00 P.M. and the demonstration will begin at 6:00 P.M. The demonstration is free, and I believe open to the public, but the workshop is not. The workshop slot is \$35 for a Bring Your Own Tree. There are only 2 slots left, so get in touch with John Bishop at JohnAB@embarqmail.com. Also, the tree will be raffled off after the demonstration. For more information on the presentation, call 463-4102 or go to the Bonsai Society web site www.thebonsaisswfl.com.

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