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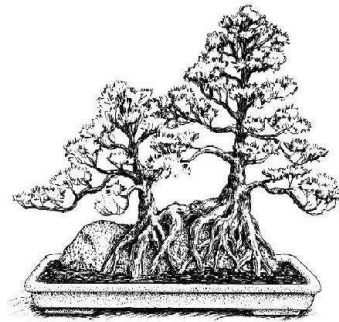
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November Program

Reg. Meeting: Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: SPALC Building, 6281 Metro Plantation Rd.

Program: On November 21, Ed Trout will join our club for a day of bonsai activities. Ed will bring a tree of his choosing for a demonstration in the morning. The tree will be raffled after the demonstration! The demonstration will be followed by a pot luck lunch. Everyone is to bring a dish to share with the group. The club will provide the paper goods and the drinks.

Following the lunch, we will have a workshop for 10 lucky people. Bring your own tree plus tools, wire, turntable, etc. The workshop costs \$20. After today's meeting, the 10 slots have been filled and paid for BUT I know Ed will take up to 12 people; we may just be there a little longer. This should be great fun! For those of you who do not know Ed, go to www.bonsai-bsf.com and click on RESOURCES. On the new part under Florida Speakers you will find Ed's name listed. Click on his name, and it will take you to a wonderful biography of Ed.

See you there.

Last minute reminders for our Bell Tower Exhibition on November 7

- Be sure to water your tree well before you bring it to the show.
- Identify your tree by writing your name on a piece of tape and fastening it to the bottom of the pot.
- If you need help getting your tree to the show, call or email Phil Krieg at 482-4761 (office); 489-3238 (home) phil@bhpka.com (email).
- Wear your Club shirt to the show for easy identification.
- Bring a plant cart/wagon if you have one.
- Deliver the trees before 9:00 AM

Message from the Prez:

Time is growing short until our Annual Show. The last time I talked to Phil, there were some 40 trees entered. That would average out to less than half a tree per member. We do have a section for "Trees in Training." Your almost-ready tree could go there. Some of you, like me, just don't have a tree that is ready for display. (I am caught there this year because of the move and cleaning out two houses.) I felt that I couldn't just not show anything, so that is where my tree will be. No excuses for next year though, not from me and not from you. Our trees will be one year older and one year better then.

Even though you don't have a tree in the exhibit, you can help to make the show a success. Some of you are signed up as Greeters or Security; but even if you're not signed up for a particular duty, we can find a place where you will be of help. It never hurts to just be around to explain or discuss the trees on display. There are two demo's and five vendors where you can spend some time. Bell Tower Shops is sponsoring this event in hopes of bringing people into their mall, so invite your friends or, better yet, bring your friends. As a club we are awfully proud of our accomplishments.

Please, Please, Please plan to attend our next regular meeting in November. ED TROUT will be our guest speaker and workshop leader. Many of you know Ed and have seen his demonstrations. He is most generous with his time and talent when it comes to our club. I could write pages about his accomplishments in the bonsai world; but enough said, to say that you will have missed the BEST if you miss this one.

Prez Jim

Minutes of the Meeting of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida

MINUTES - BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA MEETING

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2009

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: SPALC Building, 6281 Metro Plantation Road

PRESENT: See Attendance Roster (24 Members attended)

OLD BUSINESS: President Jim Gehring called the meeting to order at 9:37 A.M. Becky Bodnar read the Minutes of the previous meeting on September 19. The Minutes were approved as read. Sandra Bishop gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the Club Treasury is \$10,589.54. Possible changes to the Club web site, making it more interactive, will be discussed at the Board Meeting. New officer elections for 2010 will take place in November. The slate of officers that the Nominations Committee compiled is as follows:

President-Phil Krieg; Vice President-Jim Gehring; Secretary-Becky Bodnar; Treasurer-Sandra Bishop. Board members: Virginia Boka, David Hamera, Greg Lignelli, Celestine Luke, Doug Suitor, and Past-President Ernie Fernandez. Nominations may also be taken from the floor before the election on November 21.

Greg Lignelli called for volunteers for security and other jobs at the Annual Show. Members can indicate on sign-up sheets the hours they are available for various jobs, such as at the Welcome Table. Ernie Fernandez will do the morning demo, and Gail Gehring said that 11:00 AM would be a better time to start the demo than at 10:00 AM because there would be more people at the mall. Erik Wigert will do the afternoon demo at 2:00 PM. Phil Krieg called for more trees, and Jim will call those who haven't yet committed to bringing a tree to the show. Any member who will have difficulty getting their tree to the show should call Phil Krieg. Craig Brown and Doug Suitor are available to help them out. There will be five tents for vendors. Jim wants the Club to decide on a chair for the 2010 annual show before the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS: Martha Goff said that Ed Trout will be at the November 21 meeting. He will do a demo in the morning and a workshop in the afternoon. The workshop will be a bring-your-own-tree workshop and will cost \$20. per person. There will be a pot luck lunch, so members are asked to bring a dish to share. A website of interest to Club members is: www.knowledgeofbonsai.com, and "Show and Tell" on this site is recommended. Club membership dues for 2010 are now being collected. The deadline to pay dues is December 10. Ernie Fernandez and Dorothy Schmitz hold a meeting of the Naples Bonsai Club on the first Saturday of the month. It is not necessary to be a member of that club to attend the meeting and get help with a tree. Thanks to the following members who contributed raffle items: Becky, John and Sandra Bishop, and Judy Gore. The meeting ended at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Bodnar, Secretary, BSSWF

MINUTES - 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - BSSWF

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2009

TIME: 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: SPALC BUILDING, 6281 Metro Plantation Road

PRESENT: JOHN BISHOP, SANDRA BISHOP, BECKY BODNAR, JIM GEHRING, MARTHA GOFF, PHIL KRIEG, CEL LUKE,

ABSENT: GINNY BOKA, BOB SCHNEIDER, ERIK WIGERT

President Jim Gehring convened the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board discussed updating the website to be more interactive. One advantage is that authorized members may post information without having to first submit it to Chad Beatty, the web master, so the information will be available more quickly to members. The cost of labor on the website may also be reduced. An advantage to members is that the site may be used as a bulletin board to post items of interest. The one-time setup would cost \$200. The Board is unable to vote on this matter until it has been determined how much money has already been spent without prior Club approval.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim would like to have two double-sided, weatherproof signs made to put outside as a guide to the location of Club meetings. Ernie Fernandez will make them and send the Club a bill. Phil Krieg will arrange pickups for those members who can't bring their trees to the show by themselves. Phil would like members who have tree carts or wagons to bring them to the show. Phil is meeting with the Bell Tower management at 11 AM on October 20 to discuss security for the show. He will try to find out what to do if someone is caught in the act of stealing a tree. Members should wear Club shirts so that they may be easily identified. Ernie will make the artistic decisions on tree placement. Members should identify their trees by putting masking tape with their names on the bottom of the pot. They should also water their trees well before they come to the show.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Bodnar, Secretary, BSSWF

Membership renewal for 2010

It's that time again--time to renew your membership in the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida as well as in the state organization, the Bonsai Societies of Florida. There will be membership applications at the November meeting, and you can also download an application form from our website, www.thebonsaisswfl.com Click on "Contact." Yearly dues are \$45.00 (\$55 for two members in the same household). In order for you to receive the first issue of the BSF quarterly magazine in 2010, your dues must be received by December 10.

Christmas party

This year our Christmas party will be at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 5, at Anne Miller's home at 1781 Whitecap Circle in North Fort Myers. We will have our traditional gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift in the \$10-15 range. The gift can be related to bonsai, gardening, or Oriental art. If you would like to come, there is no cost--just bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Give Cel Luke a call at 472-9281 if you would like more information about what to bring. There will be directions to Anne's house in the December newsletter.

Elections of club officers for 2010

We will be voting on officers for the coming year at the November meeting. Following is the slate of officers submitted by the Nominations Committee. Members may also make nominations from the floor at the meeting.

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Past president: Ernie Fernandez

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