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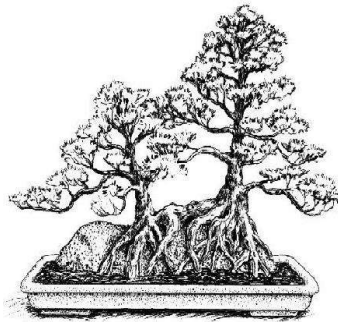
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September Program

Regular Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: SPALC Building
6281 Metro Plantation Rd.

Program: Ernie is working with people on their trees in September. Everyone needs to remember to bring their tree, tools and wire to this meeting.

Message from the Prez:

As I sit down to my computer, it's hard to realize that we are now one month closer to our Annual Show. The wheels of progress had all but stopped. We were looking for a place where we could hold the show--something new and different--but the German Club on Pine Island, too far out; the new hotel on Alico, also too far out of town; the Shrine club on Hanson, too open; Walkahatchee, too out of the way; Bell Tower's Mole Hole, perfect!, but (and you may be among the first to know), it's going to be a Japanese restaurant.

Then, if you were at the last meeting, the idea of a one-day, outside show at Bell Tower was suggested. The idea grew like wild fire. Eleven people volunteered to be on the committee. Greg Lignelli agreed to chair that committee and, with Phil Krieg's help, one meeting has been held. It sort of laid the ground work, and although nothing has been cast in stone to this point, they have been making progress.

Mike Cartrett vends at many shows each year and told me that, as far as he knows, we are the only club that pays for a place to hold our show. Bell Tower is no cost, they will advertise, and are anxious to have us.

We as a club have a reputation of putting on a exhibit that rivals, if not surpasses the state show. People come from the other side of the state to see our show. We are known for our excellence. Are we stepping back this year? I think so, one day, not two, maybe no vendors, but time just caught up to us. I still believe that we can and will put on a terrific show. We have the people and will power to not only succeed but to surpass.

So that we are not caught in a situation like this again, I would propose that the nominating committee be charged with the responsibility of finding a chairperson for the annual show at the same time they search for club officers. Then, if necessary, we have the whole year to find the place and plan next year's show.

Prez Jim

Thanks:

A hardy Thank You to John Bishop, Greg Lignelli, Jim Bremer, Anne Miller, Ginny Boka, and Justin Michael for donations to last month's raffle. Justin wants to let everyone know that he did get additional trays for this month's raffle.

Help Wanted

Needed: a plumber or someone knowledgeable about sprinkler systems. Eric is ready to put the bonsai in place at the Garden Center, but the sprinkler head needs to be changed to a drip system. Is there someone in the club that has that expertise? Talk to Jim, he will be glad to assist.

Book report:

Bonsai: Its Art, Science, History, and Philosophy by Deborah R. Koreshoff

Greg Lignelli returned this book to our Library last month and before our librarian could return it to the stacks--acting on Greg's recommendation--I checked it out. Since its first publication, the book has been reprinted twelve times and is in paperback since 1996. I won't finish reading this book before I have to return it this month, but I am going to the Internet and locating a copy for myself. I believe it ranks right up there with John Naka's books. The illustrations are breathtaking, the information clear and precise. I would highly recommend reading it. It's just one more example of the power packed in our library.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida

DATE: August 15, 2009

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: SPALC Building, 6281 Metro Plantation Road

PRESENT: See Attendance Roster (27 Members attended)

President Jim Gehring called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Becky Bodnar read the Minutes of the previous meeting, written by Judy Gore in Becky's absence. The Minutes were approved as read. Sandra Bishop gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the Club Treasury is \$10,451. Jim welcomed Johnny Schneider, once the Club's youngest member, to the meeting. Johnny is presently in school in Gainesville. Jim requested that overdue library books or magazines be returned and asked for donations of bonsai books to our library. Erik Wigert's nursery will host Suthin Sukosolvisit on September 25, Boon Manakitivipart on December 17, and Guy Guidry on January 29, 2010. The afternoon workshops are sold out, but there is still room in 2 of the morning lecture sessions. The Home and Garden Show will be on September 12 and 13 at Harborside. If you are able to help out with the setup on Friday, September 11, at 1:00 or to man the booth during the show, contact Robin Choinski at 333-8550. Linda Haslow's bonsai collection is for sale. If interested, contact her at 275-3640. The Christmas party will be on December 5 at Anne Miller's home. Raffle tickets for the bougainvillea designed by Erik will be on sale until then. Jim attended the Presidents' Luncheon at the Garden Club. The Garden Club wants member clubs to use the facility. There is additional space for our club in the Garden Club garden, so plans to use the space will be considered. Ginny Boka suggested that in lieu of our regular annual show, the club arrange an exhibit at the Bell Tower Mall. Members welcomed the idea, and a committee to formulate plans was formed. Greg Lignelli is the Chair of the committee, and members are: Ginny Boka, Jim Bremer, Martha Goff, Judy Gore, Phil Krieg, Justin Michael, Anne Miller, Jim Ryan, and Doug Suitor. Club members are welcome to contribute articles or items of bonsai interest to the web site. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Bodnar, Secretary BSSWF

Upcoming events at Wigert's Nursery"

On September 25th, Erik Wigert will host **Suthin Sukosolvisit** of the Royal Bonsai Garden in Stoughton, MA. Suthin is well known for his work with shohin bonsai among other things. There will be a morning lecture and a 10-person, bring-your-own-tree workshop in the afternoon. The lecture will include refreshments and a special raffle ticket for the price of \$10.00. The afternoon workshop is \$65.00. You can bring your own tree or select one from the nursery. The

workshop is sold out, but there is still room in the morning lecture. There is not enough space to allow observers for the workshop.

On December 17th there will be a special 5-person workshop with **Boon Manakitivipart** of northern California. Boon's workshops and intensives are a great way to improve your skill level. The price is \$125.00, but this workshop is sold out. There is no morning session with Boon, and there is not enough space to allow observers for the workshop.

Once again **Guy Guidry** will be at the nursery on January 29, 2010. Guy's program this year focused on repotting and creating taper in cypress and was well attended. Guy is from Bonsai Northshore in Louisiana. If you have not seen him before, Guy's enthusiasm and sense of humor make for a great program. There will be a morning lecture and a 10-person, bring-your-own-tree workshop in the afternoon. The lecture will include refreshments and a special raffle ticket for the price of \$10.00. The afternoon workshop is \$65.00. You can bring your own tree or select one from the nursery. The workshop is sold out, but there is still room in the morning lecture. There is not enough space to allow observers for the workshop.

If you are interested in signing up for any of the above programs, please contact the nursery as soon as possible to ensure your spot. As you can see, the workshops are already sold out. You can sign up via email at wigertsbonsai@embarqmail.com or call 239-543-2234. Address of the nursery: 2930 South Road, North Fort Myers, 33917-6819. It is located off Rte 41, about 3 miles past Pine Island Road. Turn R on Western Acres Road, and R on South Road.

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