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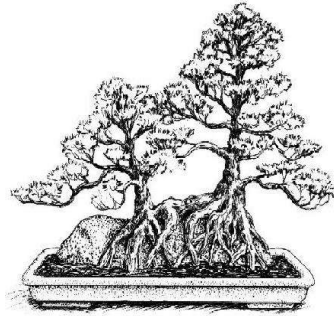
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Bonsai Clipper

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August Program

Reg. Meeting: Saturday, August 21, 2010
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: SPALC Building
6281 Metro Plantation Rd.

The program for August will be an in-house workshop. Bring your problem tree or trees, wire, and tools; and we will work on styling, trimming, potting, and wiring. Martha, Dorothy, Ernie and someone to be announced will be helper guides. This is a great opportunity to receive guidance to improve your plants. In addition to working on your own plant, there is always a chance to learn by watching someone else working on their bonsai.

Note from Jim Gehring: Some people in our club have more advanced training than the majority of members. I'm going to create a new title of "club masters" and then tell you that three or four of these masters are willing to discuss and guide you to make changes to your bonsai. We all have one or two bonsai in our collections that just stump us as to what to do with them next. I am sure that our club masters will not be as strong as visiting master Collin Lewis was when he looked at this member's plant and said, "Throw it away, it will never make a bonsai!" I look forward to a busy, working, learning meeting.

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida Annual Show and Sale

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida welcomes all those interested in bonsai trees to come to its Annual Show and Sale at the Hilton Garden Inn on Saturday and Sunday, November 20 and 21. Exciting features will include a Bonsai Exhibit of beautiful bonsai trees and critiques discussing the way they are styled; a Bazaar area where bonsai trees, pots, and equipment will be sold; ongoing raffles of bonsai trees, bonsai-related items, and Oriental artwork; workshops for participants to style their own trees under the guidance of a bonsai expert; and demonstrations of bonsai tree styling by famous bonsai masters. Bonsai master Ed Trout will be among the talented bonsai artists making presentations at the show. Bonsai artists Mike Cartrett, Ernie Fernandez, and Erik Wigert will give critiques, demos, and workshops for members as well as for the general public. Special features will include a lecture on Japanese Black Pine, a drawing class for bonsai imaging, and a scroll class, with authentic scroll-making materials available on site. The Annual Show and Sale will take place on November 20 and 21, 2010, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday. The Hilton Garden Inn is near the intersection of Ben Hill Griffin Parkway and Alico Road, not far from Exit 128 off I-75. The address is 16410 Corporate Commerce Way, Fort Myers 33913. Tel: 239-210-7200. The Hilton is offering special rates for anyone from out of town who would like to stay for the weekend. **ADMISSION TO THE SHOW IS FREE**, so come for a fun, entertaining, and informative time at the Annual Show. For more information, go to the Bonsai Society web site: www.thebonsaiswfl.com or contact Dorothy Schmitz at (239) 947-3552.

Minutes – Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida:

DATE: JULY 24, 2010

TIME: 9:25 AM

LOCATION: SPALC BUILDING, 6281 METRO PLANTATION ROAD

PRESENT: SEE ATTENDANCE ROSTER (32 MEMBERS ATTENDED)

President Phil Krieg called the meeting to order at 9:25 AM. Becky Bodnar read the Minutes of the June 19 meeting. The Minutes were approved as read. Sandra Bishop gave the Treasurer's report. There is presently \$10,890.60 in the Club treasury. New member Barry Kruger was introduced to the group, and visitors Michael Mariotti and his son Gates were also welcomed to the meeting.

Greg Lignelli reminded members that Suthin Sukosolvisit will be at Wigert's Bonsai Nursery on August 10. Right now there are three places left in the workshop, and there will be a lecture/demo in the afternoon at 2:00 PM, which all may attend. If anyone has

questions, call 239-543-2234.

Judy Gore requested that Annual Show committees submit a budget for their expenses. Martha Goff said that exhibit space will be limited, so each member may have only one tree in the exhibit. At the next meeting, Martha will hand out a form for members to indicate the tree they want to exhibit and the size of the tree so that she can figure out space allotments.

Jim Gehring reported on Club meetings for the rest of the year. At the August meeting, members may bring a tree or trees that they would like advice on styling or on tree care, especially if the tree is not doing well. In September, members will caravan to the homes of five members to view their bonsai collections. Members only may participate in the caravan. In October, members will bring the tree they want to put in the exhibit. The tree will be critiqued, and suggestions will be made on the best way to display the tree. The November meeting is on the same day as the Annual Show, and the Christmas party will be in December.

Phil adjourned the meeting at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Bodnar
Secretary, BSSWF

Library:

The Society library is missing some important materials; please look through your private bonsai library or keep your eyes open for Society materials that got mislaid. The Librarian (and all members) thank you.

Jim Bremer is putting together a directory of local suppliers to help members find bonsai supplies and materials. A notebook will be in the library. Please stop by to read it over and add any of your favorite sources that we are missing. Business cards are most helpful. We hope to put the directory on the website in the future.

Jim Bremer is also collecting catalogs from bonsai suppliers outside the area and will keep them with the library; please bring in any catalogs you think may be of interest to others.

Jim Bremer

Bonsai Buzz:

Mary Miller, a well-known Florida bonsai artist, is going to auction off quite a few pieces of her personal bonsai collection, as well as pots and other bonsai-related items. The auction will be on Sunday, October 17, and we will have more information in the next newsletter. Check out Mary's web site, www.bonsaimary.com and her article, Bald Cypress Bonsai "Knees", in the latest Florida Bonsai magazine.

From the grapevine: Word is that Mica pots will no longer be sold (at least at Eric Wigert's), so if you want to buy what he has left, get out to Eric's.

Last month, Ernie showed us examples of good rocks for “root over rock” and “root on rock” bonsai. **Total Landscape Supply** sells similar rocks (the company calls them “sponge rock”) for 16 cents a pound. It also has lots of other bonsai and landscape stuff. TLS is located on Metro Parkway about a half-block south of Metro Plantation Drive but is only open Monday through Friday.

If you happen to go to Tarpon Springs (the Sponge Docks and Greek community), near the end of Dodecanes Street on the right-hand side is a great little shop selling “mud men,” suiseki, plant stands and display cases. It is **Arts by Hand** at 834 Dodecanes Blvd., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689. Ask for James Ha or contact james@artsbyhand.com for his website.

Some new ... Haiku:

Like librarians

the trees command my silence

as I read their boughs

jb

Raucous outside world -

to silent, motionless grace:

Enter my garden

jb

Withered, gnarled limbs

bear old scars, and fresh, new buds

striving even now

jb

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