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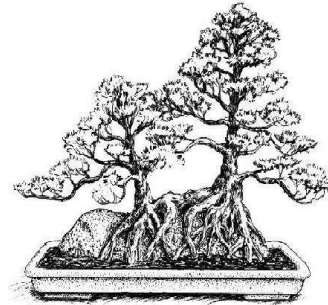
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# Bonsai Clipper

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## December Christmas Party

There will be no meeting of the Society for the month, but we will gather instead for our traditional Christmas party on Saturday, December 10, beginning at 6:30 PM. Anne Miller will host the party at her home. Call Anne at (239-997-5427) for directions. Please bring a covered dish for our pot luck dinner.

If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped present, preferably bonsai related, with a value of about \$15. We will draw numbers and select presents in numerical order. There will be no pre-emptive taking this year.

Ernie Fernandez will unveil the "Christmas Tree," and it will be raffled. We have scheduled some additional entertainment and a presentation or two, so be sure to join us.

***Message From the Vice President:***

Expo Marketing has sent us a schedule of the Home & Garden Shows for the upcoming season. If you wish to help set up and attend to our booth at the shows, please mark these dates on your calendar:

Jim Bremer, Vice President, BSSWF

2012  
January 7 and 8            Harborside Event Center, Ft. Myers  
February TBA            Germain Arena, Estero

***Minutes – Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida, Inc.***

DATE:            NOVEMBER 19, 2011  
TIME:            9:30 AM  
LOCATION:        SPALC BUILDING, 6281 METRO PLANTATION ROAD  
PRESENT:        SEE ATTENDANCE ROSTER (32 MEMBERS ATTENDED)

President Greg Lignelli called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Sandra Bishop gave the Treasurer's report. The balance in the Treasury as of November 11 was \$9491.64. The deadline for paying dues is December 10. The membership list will then be submitted to BSF so that all members will receive the BSF quarterly magazine in 2012.

The Club Christmas party will be at Anne Miller's home on December 10 at 6:30. The party will be outside, so dress accordingly. Directions to Anne's house will be in the December newsletter. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, members should sign up today or call Jim Bremer (482-7543). Gifts should have a value of \$15 or less and be wrapped. If you bring a gift, you will be able to pick one from the collection; we are not doing the Chinese gift exchange this year. The Club Annual Service Award will be given at the Club Christmas party, and there will be no monthly meeting on our regular meeting date in December. Rick Owens polled members on their food preference and will bring his famous sushi to the party. Gail Gehring will take orders for Club shirts. The Annual Show will be on November 17 and 18, 2012, at the Election Center, although two back rooms will not be available at that time.

At the January meeting, there will be a photography setup for bonsai, so bring any trees that you would like to photograph. The BSF photography contest deadline for submissions is May 1. Details are available on the BSF web site. Gail and Sandy Thornburg will once again do the store window display at Bell Tower Mall for the Strolling Flower Show on February 2 and 3, 2012. The Home and Garden Show will be on February 25 and 26, and members are asked to volunteer to man our booth. Jim Bremer, Jim Gehring and Barry Kruger did an outreach program at the Greek Orthodox Church. Anyone else interested in giving presentations should talk to Jim Bremer. The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council is going to arrange a bus trip to Epcot at some time during the International Flower and Garden Festival from March 7-May 20. Bonsai trees are featured on the Japan Pavilion, so our members may be interested in taking this trip. Sandra Bishop recommends taking the "Behind the Scenes" tour at Epcot. BCI is looking for anyone interested in becoming a Director or in other administrative positions. Erik Wigert will be consulted on whether our logo tree might benefit from refinement of its present styling.

Judy Giandelone presented the slate of Club officers for 2012. They are: President, David Hamera; VP, Jim Bremer; Secretary, Judy Giandelone; Treasurer, Hamilton Agnew; and Board Members, Robin Choiniski, Phyllis Contino, Gail Gehring, Sandy Thornburg, and Phil Krieg. As Past President, Greg Lignelli is automatically a Board Member. The slate was elected by acclimation.



***Autumn Haiku:***

Cool days, chilly nights,  
Tree must rest, and I, too, must  
lay down my scissors.

Tree knows, and I know  
warm sun and balmy evenings  
will soon be ending.

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