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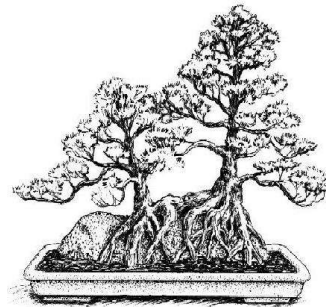
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# Bonsai Clipper

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## November Program

**Date:** Saturday, 19, 2011

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Place:** SPALC Building, 6281 Metro Plantation Road

## Program

The program will feature a demonstration and workshop conducted by Mike Cartrett on Dwarf Calusia, a banyan-style tree. Mike always provides an informative and entertaining demonstration.

There are ten spaces available for the workshop. The cost is \$30, which includes two trees; participants should bring a large oval training pot and soil for repotting their trees. Call Jim Bremer at 482-7543 to register. Mike Cartrett will be bringing some additional trees for sale, including some Jamaican Ebony; come early for best selection.

At 11:00 AM we will be giving a Bonsai Basics talk on horticulture. New members will receive two starter trees at no cost. We hope to see you November 19.

***Message From the President:***

What wonderful temperature and humidity level we had in October. Wow, and a lot lower mosquito population as well. Our trees all looked great for our show, but now we must anticipate the slower growing season. We need to develop the mindset to care for our pines and junipers in the coming months.

Our neighbors at the Sho Fu Bonsai Club will be having an auction and picnic on November 5, and we are all invited. This may be an opportunity to get some nice trees at an affordable price. Wigert's will be having their Annual Open House on the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, which should be lots of fun and very enlightening. Our Club meeting this month promises to be an interesting demonstration by Mike Cartrett. As you are aware, there are many great places to learn and practice Bonsai.

I'm looking forward to the Christmas Party on December 10. Don't forget to sign up for the \$15 or less gift exchange. There will be lots of good food and laughter.

Gregory Lignelli, President, BSSWF

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

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2011

TIME: 9:20 AM

PLACE: SPALC BUILDING, 6281 METRO PLANTATION ROAD

ATTENDING: Attendance roster was not available for this meeting. In addition to club members, 7 guests were present.

President Greg Lignelli called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DECISION/ACTION</b>
Minutes	Minutes not available. They were posted on the web page	Reading of minutes was waived
Treasurer's Report	We began the month with a balance of \$8633.63 and ended the month with a balance of \$8930.39 for a net gain. Income came from Dues - \$375 Raffle last meeting - \$54	Accepted the report  Reminder: Time to pay annual dues.

<p>Show finances</p>	<p>Income included:  Donation basket - \$244  \$1 raffle tickets - \$652  \$5 raffle tickets - \$1130  Expenses included  \$1170.06 advertisement in  News Press  Bottom line: net profit (to date) of \$203.79. This compares very favorably to last year that saw a loss of over \$1700.00. The difference primarily in not needing to bear expense of renting space.</p>	<p>Greg is contacting the Supervisor of Elections about the potential of returning to Election Center next year. This will be complicated because of the election year.</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Welcomed guests  Miami bonsai show is this weekend  Storage of club materials divided between Greg's storage unit, SPALC building, and two members houses.  John Naka Award   Jim Bremer and Jim Gehring will discussing bonsai at the Hellenic Council Meeting  Home and Garden Show   Cape Coral Art Walk   Wigert Nursery Open House November 12 and 13  Christmas Party December 10 hosted by Anne Miller</p>	<p>There is a need to inventory all supplies remaining at SPALC building.</p> <p>There will not be a club entry, but members are encouraged to consider entering and asking others for assistance if needed.</p> <p>We will participate twice a year especially for the show preceding our annual show. We have opportunity to set up a table/display near the Art Walk at no cost</p> <p>Sign up for gift exchange (\$15 approximately)</p>
<p>Club logo tree</p>	<p>It was suggested that the Logo Tree needs to be re-designed and that we ask Eric to take on the assignment.</p>	<p>Decision referred to Executive Committee.</p>

Nominating Committee	Nominating Committee is still recruiting especially for position of Treasurer and Secretary. Volunteers were sought. There was the opinion that the slate of candidates needed to be presented 30 days before the election in November.*	The current list of candidates was read at the meeting. President- David Hamera V Pres – Jim Bremer Secretary – Judy Giandelone Treasurer _____ Members at Large: Phyllis Contino Sandy Thornberg Phil Krieg Robin Choinsky Gail Gehring
Program	Workshop and introduction to Bonsai	

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Giandelone, Acting Secretary

**Library:**

Book review: Recent additions to library

Saikai and P'en Jing are not often discussed or shown by our club members. Here are two interesting books that may change some minds.

*Making Bonsai Landscapes The Art of Saikai* by Herb L. Gustafson

Saikai literally means “planted landscape.” It is a planting that involves rocks as well as plants and creates a scene or landscape. Mr. Gustafson’s book is well written and very well illustrated. The chapters on Depth, Elements of Landscape Style (harmony, consistency, balance, scale, and interest) illustrate principles that are applicable to bonsai as well as saikai. The section on rock styles and arrangement is the heart of the book. Gustafson describes rock styles (there are nine) and the design considerations in placing rocks in the landscape. Each step is illustrated with a photograph and text. A small criticism is that often the photographs and text are not on the same page forcing the reader to flip back and forth. The author includes multiple examples of completed saikai with photographs of raw material as well as the finished landscape. If you are looking for an introductory book to the art of saikai, this is a great place to begin.

*The Chinese Art of Bonsai and Potted Landscapes* by Y.C. Shen, Beulah Kwok Sung, and C. B. Sung. Forward by John Y. Naka

Penzai and Penjing are ancient Chinese art forms and forerunners of Japanese bonsai. This is not a “how to” book, though it does have a section on interesting and different shaping techniques. It is a beautifully illustrated introduction to the aesthetics of penzai and penjing. The penjing artist incorporates the quality of classical Chinese landscape paintings into the planting. Rocks, figures, and under-story plants are used in the design to create miniature landscapes. The opening chapter of the book is a fascinating history of the development of the art forms in China beginning 7000 years ago. The photographs should be savored on a rainy day when it is not possible to work on your own trees. The book is written in English and Chinese but it was not difficult to quickly overlook the Chinese characters.

By Judith Giandelone

**Looking Ahead:**

Saturday, November 5*	Home and Garden Show (Germain Arena)
Sunday, November 6*	Home and Garden Show (Germain Arena)
Saturday, December 10*	BSSWF Christmas party at Anne Miller's home, 1781 Whitecap Circle, North Fort Myers (directions in December's newsletter. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please <u>sign up</u> on the sheet at the November program or call Jim Bremer . 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 stash; we are not doing the "Chinese bandit" method this year. NOTE: There will <u>not</u> be a meeting on third Saturday in December.
Saturday, January 21	In our first meeting in 2012 we will have a presentation on creating landscapes by Hall Mahoney, who is nationally recognized for his bonsai and landscapes.

The 2012 Meeting Schedule is being put together; if you have suggestions for program topics or speakers, please call Jim Bremer (482-7543) or any officer.

Do you have a good way to protect trees from cold? Share it with us at our next meeting or call Bonnie Zeff at 498-6344 or email her at [Zeff63@aol.com](mailto:Zeff63@aol.com) to get it into our next newsletter and website.

\*Items with asterisks, please call Jim Bremer to sign up at 239-482-7543.

**Annual Show:**

Subject: Stolen tree

The tree has been found, is home, and the thief jailed. Hopefully, we won't have a repeat of this.

Now everyone can sit back and realize that we had a really great show.

You all had nice trees for an outstanding exhibit

- The programs were wonderful
- Lots of goodies on the raffles
- Many tempting things in the sales room
- And Cele kept us fed and happy in the break room.
- And the PUBLICITY brought out many, many people to enjoy it with us.
- Thanks and congratulations to all.

**Events at Wigert's Bonsai:**

Friday night, November 11, 2011 – Banquet & Auction Night

- 1) Workshop and Banquet Tickets being sold now. Only 50 tickets will be sold.  
Reserve yours now!
- 2) Cost \$100 per person - Includes catered dinner and drinks by Chef Jason Osborne.
- 3) Bonsai trees on display here at our private collection.
- 4) Special Presentation by featured artist Pedro Morales.  
We finish off the night with a very special Auction.  
Come and bid on specimen bonsai trees, antique pots and scrolls, suiseki and more.

Workshops:

- Brazilian Rain Tree Workshop \$200
- Ilex Shillings Workshop \$250
- Bald Cypress Workshop \$200
- Dwarf Melaleuca (TBA)
- Tintillo

Reserve your workshop space or banquet ticket now.

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