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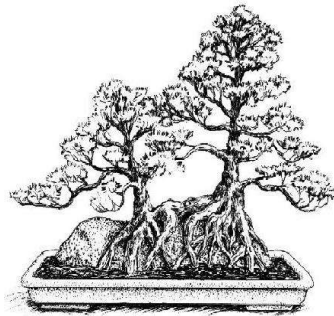
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September Program

Reg. Meeting: Saturday, September 18, 2010
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: SPALC Building
6281 Metro Plantation Rd.

The program for this month will be a car caravan to five members houses. We will have a short business meeting at the SPALC building, and during that time we will organize cars and drivers. If you have a van and car that will hold three or more people, you may be in demand as a driver. I would like to keep the number of vehicles to a minimum as parking at some of the homes could be a problem. The route will be a big circle ending at Judy Gore's. She has promised a picnic lunch, and some of the other ladies are pitching in also. Tight scheduling, travel time, and cooperation will all be important so that we can get the whole trip completed on time. Here is a chance to see not one or two plants of a collection but these members' whole collections. Stops at Ginny Boka's, Jim Gehring's, Phil Kreig's, Jim Bremer's and Judy Gore's homes will encompass a range of older and newer plants. Remember, I have five plants that I would like members to take and style for the raffle table at the Annual Show.

Message from the Prez:

We finally made it to September and still hot and muggy. At least we haven't had a hurricane – yet!

Our little trees just love the rain and sunshine. However, beware of leaf tip burns due to the hot sun. If you have the problem, perhaps you should move them in to a more shady position, especially Jaboticaba.

We are looking forward to the tour of private collections on September 18th. It should be very interesting to view our member's collections, their displays and where they go about the joy of caring for their trees. We hope everyone makes the tour.

Remember, our annual exhibit is on November 20th and 21st. It is time for everyone to select and prepare your tree for the “show”. We hope all will participate in our annual event, which will draw visitors not only from Southwest Florida but around the state. Remember, we hope that all of our members will participate.

Finally, please remember that we are looking for articles to share with our members. We have members who have a vast experience and invite them to share their knowledge with us. Please feel free to contribute your knowledge and experience with our members.

Bonsai is just terrific!

Phil Krieg

Minutes - Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida:

DATE: AUGUST 21, 2010

TIME: 9:30 AM

LOCATION: SPALC BUILDING, 6281 METRO PLANTATION ROAD

PRESENT: SEE ATTENDANCE ROSTER (34 MEMBERS ATTENDED)

President Phil Krieg called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. He announced that the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council has asked for donations of trees to a Habitat for Humanity landscaping project. There will be an education event and garden tour at the Naples Botanical Gardens on September 18. For more information, go to the web site www.naplesgarden.org. Ben Oki will be a BSF visiting artist in January, 2011. Club elections will be in November, so Phil asked for volunteers to be on a Nominations Committee. Gail Gehring, Jim Bremer, and Bonnie Zeff volunteered to be on the committee.

Judy Gore moved that \$25 be donated to the National Arboretum in honor of Herb Granger, who recently passed away. Renee Beddouk seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Herb was a longtime member and supporter of our club. He was also a very talented bonsai artist and a great friend. He is missed by all who knew him. Peter Shawinsky distributed forms to members for their tree submissions to the Annual Show. The form is also on the club web site. Peter urged members to turn in these forms ahead of time so that he could lay out space in the exhibit. Judy asked for donations to the raffle at the Annual Show. Robin Choinski can collect donations if necessary. Jim Gehring has contacted vendors, Mike Cartrett and George Bariff, who will be at the show. Each vendor will have two tables or a 12 foot space at a cost of \$100. David Hamera is contacting additional vendors. Sandra and John Bishop need four donations for door prizes at the Welcome Table. Martha Goff donated one door prize. Ginny Boka will be in charge of the

Service Award, Ernie Fernandez is in charge of signs and banners, and Dorothy Schmitz is scheduling demos and workshops.

Hamilton Agnew, Mike Mariotti, and Gates Mariotti were welcomed as new club members. Sara Vera rejoined the club. Martha's study group is doing the exhibit for the BSF state convention in Orlando from June 9-13. She asked for volunteers to man the reception area outside the exhibit. Jim Bremer needs volunteers for two-hour shifts at the Home and Garden Show at Harborside Convention Center on September 26 and 27. *Greg Lignelli moved that the club buy a turntable for visiting artists to use for demos. The cost is around \$400, and Ernie is in charge of making the purchase. The motion was seconded by Jim Bremer and passed unanimously.*

A visitor, Joey Putzulu, was introduced to the club. He brought with him examples of his woodworking, featuring bonsai trees. He can be contacted at putzulu@yahoo.com or (239) 246-9841. Becky Bodnar read the Minutes from the July 24 meeting. The Minutes were approved as read. Sandra Bishop gave the Treasurer's report. There is presently \$10,349.07 in the Club treasury. Jim Gehring gave information about our next meeting, which will be a caravan to the homes of five members to view their collections. Members should assemble at the SPALC building at 9:45 AM. They will receive directions and maps at that time. The caravan will end at Judy's for a picnic. Phil brought in the demo tree that Michael Hagedorn had done for a demo last year, and encouraged anyone else who had demo trees styled by visiting artists to bring in their trees as well.

Phil adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Bodnar
Secretary, BSSWF

Note from Jim Gehring: WOW! WOW! WOW! What an exciting program at our last meeting. When I took a minute to look around me, I was so impressed. The people who brought problem plants were getting help, from Justin, Judy, Peter, Martha, Dorothy, Vick. Hope I didn't skip anyone, it seemed that there was a helper for everyone who brought a tree. I have always said that we have a strong club, and then to see the people's face's when they looked at their restyled tree as they headed for their cars and home. Hands on is the key, hands down. It is the kind of program that we should repeat sometime soon in our next year. There was lots of help with clean-up too, but Justin and James always end up putting in the finishing touches . Thanks Guys.

Trees for Habitat for Humanity:

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council has requested from its member groups donations of trees for a Habitat for Humanity landscaping project. The Estero Island Garden Club and our Bonsai Club are donating a Golden Rain Tree in a 15-gallon container and sharing the \$80 cost. The landscaping will take place on October 2 on World Habitat Day in Beecher Village.

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.

HAIKU:

Shimmering, cool, brook-
What freedom paths do you take
That I might follow?

Sharon Bushman

In the wake of our passing,
When memories fade-
The small tree remains

Peter Dickason

Leaves jig merrily
On the autumn wind, as they
Cloak the drowsy earth

Peter Dickason

CHINESE PROVERB:

That the birds of worry and care
Fly above your head,
This you cannot change,
But that they build
Nests in your hair,
This you can prevent

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