

# **BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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**August 2016**

**Club meeting location is Whispering Pines Park, Inverness, FL.**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month starting at 9:30 a.m.

Currently, no Club meeting is scheduled for November 26 and December 24. Because they are so close to the holidays. I don't know about you but missing two monthly meetings is too much. I'd like to have a meeting in November and then maybe some type of Christmas holiday meeting. We do have the building rented for both dates but having a meeting Christmas eve may not be a good idea. Do you have any ideas? Let me know. I think a regular Club meeting November 26 at Whispering Pines would be a good idea. We'll come up with a program but if you have any ideas let me know.

I missed the July meeting (family reunion in Tawas City, MI) but read the minutes and want to answer some of your questions. I try to prepare a newsletter every month and have it sent out around the first of the month. After I have it ready to go, I then send it to Rosemary Anderson who has the email and mailing list. I'm not posting it to the Buttonwood Bonsai Club Facebook account. Some of you don't use email or the internet so Rosemary is sending the Newsletter via USPS.

That brings me to our website. We've got a problem. Starting in April, the webmaster we were using just stopped loading anything to the website. I've sent her our newsletters and club pictures every month. I tried to contact her for over two months asking why they were not loaded to our website. Finally the last of June I got a hold of her. She did not say she wasn't going to work on our site but she gave me the log in and password for the site. I guess she is DONE! Saved \$25.00 there. So, we need someone to take over our site. Do you know of anyone? We don't need a professional. Just someone who is interested in building and updating a website. Until we can find a new webmaster I'm going to use our Facebook account. You do have to log into Facebook to see the site.

Thanks Clay for the SHOW AND TELL. He gave a short talk on a Bougainvillea that belongs to Evelyn. She is donating it to the club for auction. A big THANK YOU to Evelyn for the Bougainvillea. Clay will keep it until auction time comes. Also thanks to Bob who showed a buttonwood with a lot of carving and bleaching applied. Show and tell gives Club members an opportunity to showcase bonsai they are working on. It's also a great opportunity to get advice. Bring in a bonsai so that it can be shared with everyone.

Members brought their trees in for help and advice.

We had one and a half tables of a good variety of plant material and some pots for the raffle. Thanks to Sheila, we had tickets to draw from a torn up legal pad. She didn't get to focus on the on the demos so we THANK HER. Don't forget the August Club meeting Raffle. Bring your Bonsai related items for our meeting raffle table. This is a very good way for the Club to raise money and for Club members to get additional items at a very low cost (if your are lucky).

At each of regularly scheduled Club meetings refreshments are provided by a Club member(s). Following is the remainder of 2016 refreshment schedule.

August – Bob Eskeitz

September – Rosemary & Andy Anderson

October – Wendy McCarthy

David VanBuskirk of D&L Nursery will be our featured guest. David will be talking about how to make sure your trees survive the summer months. What pruning and shaping can be down now versus the remainder of 2016. What should a person do to their bonsai this coming fall? And maybe some of your insights from the many classes he has conducted. David requested that Club members bring in their trees and he will provide advice or suggestions.

September's Club meeting will be a workshop presented by Bob Eskeitz. Details are being worked on. We will talk about this at the August meeting. The cost will be \$12.00. The Club will provide soil, wire, and trees. Members are to bring their own tools. Our last workshop was about two years ago and as a relatively novice at that time (actually I still am) I learned a lot and I'm happy to say, my tree is still alive.

## **ADDITIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER**

If you have any information or articles that could be of interest to our members, please contact Jim Meister so that he can place them in the newsletter for everyone to read.

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## **Classifieds**

One free ad pertaining to plants, books, bonsai, etc. will be allowed for each active club member per issue. Contact Jim Meister (352) 586-0582.

Bonsai tools for sale; Shears, concave cutters, wire cutters, knob cutters and others.  
Contact Bob Eskeitz for information and prices. (352) 587-4215 or [bonsaibobs@hotmail.com](mailto:bonsaibobs@hotmail.com).

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