

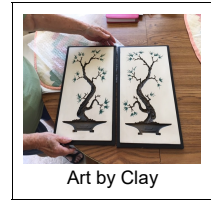
BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

February 2018

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Club meeting location is at the Community building in Whispering Pines Park, Inverness, FL. on the 4th Saturday of every month starting at 9:30 a.m.

We had a great turnout at the January meeting. In addition to regular members, we had three guests and one new member.

Rosemary (Treasurer) reported that as of December 31, 2017 the Club's bank balance was \$1,932.95.

Just received the Club's lapel pins and I'll have them at the next meeting.

What a surprise; Clay brought in three prints of pictures he had drawn (many years ago) and placed them on the raffle table. They went very quickly. Thanks Clay. You may not know this but Clay is a very talented artist. He designed the Club's logo. If you check out our Facebook every now and then Clay will put one of his model creations out there. They are really a work of art.

Annual dues are to be paid in January. Dues are \$20.00 for an individual or \$25.00 for a family. If you did not pay Rosemary (Treasurer) at the January meeting you can either pay via mail or at the February meeting. Send Rosemary an email or give her a call and make arrangements to pay your dues.

Clay gave an update on our Facebook site. The address is above. He said we are getting more Facebook members but not from the Club. We even have a member from China. Take a look at our Facebook site and consider becoming a member. All pictures of our Club's meeting as well as the monthly newsletter are posted there. If you are a member consider posting to the site. We would like to see your bonsai trees or interesting comments.

For our January program Bob made a grouping of five bald cypress. I think many were shocked when Bob cut off the branches, cut the height down and cut off a lot of the roots. He then showed how he wired the trees to the pot. Bob also talked about when to repot and the most important message I took away was DON'T repot if the tree has any green! The best time to report is January into mid February. Bob said he would either bring back the grouping later in the year or show it on our Facebook after it has grown for awhile.

Just a reminder. Bob said during the meeting that he has a few bags of bonsai soil still available. When he sells out he is not going to make anymore. All soils are custom made by him. He can also get members bonsai tools at cost. Just contact him using the information at the end of this newsletter.

The February program will be presented by Bob Eskeitz and the topic is preparing for the 2018 growing season. He will be talking about preparing pots for use, wiring, potting mix, fertilizers, cleaning tools and answering related questions.

February after meeting cleanup is Rita Bosse.

April 14 is our annual showing at the Crystal River mall. We will be showing in the section of the mall with the Farmers' Market. People traffic is far greater there than what we see in the mall's central section. In addition to the show, we will have a table where members can sell their bonsai related items. Clay brought up question relating to the showing. Can the Club accept credit cards. The Club does not have a Credit Card account. Would any of our readers have an idea how our members can accept a credit card as a payment? The Club is not interested in setting up a credit card payment account as we would use it only one time a year and I'm sure the fees would be too costly.

Here is a list of the programs for 2018. Some changes have been made. I still need someone (*need person*) to lead three programs, and ideas for programs for September and October. If you have a topic you would like presented/discussed let me know and we can set up a program. A potential topic I picked up at the meeting was "grafting". Please let me know if you would consider leading a program. I'll be around asking!

Feb 24 How to plan and prepare for the 2018 growing season – *Bob*

Mar 24 Air layering – *Bob*

Apr 28 Repotting – *Duane*

May 26 Miniatures - *Clay*

Jun 23 Raft styling trees - *Bob*

Jul 28 *Workshop topic TBD*

Aug 25 Defoliate trees – *need person*

Sept 22 *need program*

Oct 27 *need program*

Nov 24 Preparing for the winter months – *need person*

Dec 22 Christmas party – *need person*

ADDITIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

I would really like to include more info in our Newsletter. Write me (Jim Meister)

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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.