

# **BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB NEWSLETTER**

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January 2016

**Minutes** from our January 23 meeting:

New meeting location: Whispering Pines Park, Inverness FL.

Meeting opened 9:40 AM 16 members in attendance

The meeting was led by Rosemary Anderson in absence of President Bob Eskeitz and VP Isaac Baylon. We began with officer elections for the next 2 year cycle. The results of the vote count taken from the nominations were as follows: President, Jim Meister / Vice President, Bob Eskeitz, / Treasurer, Rosemary Anderson / Secretary, Wendy McCarthy

Treasury Report: \$1,382.77

Dues are due now. Please pay your dues by next meeting in February...\$20.00 per person / \$25.00 per couple

The website name for the club is going to expire soon. Jim Meister is in contact with our new web person "Shelley" and will take care of the transfer. We will have the same URL. Rosemary will send a check to the new webmaster after the site is running. Members will be able to send photos and info for the site to Jim.

Clay will see the Mall people about a club show at the mall on the second Saturday in April. He will request the food court space.

Darwin was our speaker on Bald Cypress. He brought a literati style tree and re-potted it. He trimmed Clay's cypress that was woven through buttonwood dead wood. He also trimmed 2 trees of Virginia's, a Brazilian Rain Tree and a Narrow Leaf Ficus.

We had a raffle and Duane and Sheila Finch donated a Buttonwood from Miami to auction for the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM

Submitted by Wendy McCarthy

## **Planning for 2016**

The President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer will meet February 10 to plan activities for 2016. Let's try to make 2016 an exciting year. Eleven months of exciting demonstrations and Club activities. If you have ideas or just want to learn about a certain aspect of growing or caring for Bonsai, let any of the officers know. We can always make changes to our 2016 activities list.

## **RAFFLE TABLE**

Please bring in unusual or suitable items (plants, pots, material, books, tools, etc.) as a donation. If you are donating a plant, please identify the plant that you are donating. Previous donations have been greatly appreciated and you are asked to continue to donate worthy items. Please remember that the club benefits 100% for each donation provided.

## **SHOW AND TELL TABLE**

Please bring in some finished bonsai or something that you are working on so that it can be shared with everyone. Some that are in different states of being a finished bonsai can be a good work tool for everyone.

## **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.

## **Officers for 2015**

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## **Classifieds**

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

- 1) 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).