

BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

December Club meeting had 24 in attendance along with two guests. The Treasurer reported that the Club had \$2,401.73 in the treasury and we took in \$25.00 from our meeting's raffle.

Annual 2020 dues are now due. Annual dues are \$20.00 for an individual or \$25.00 for a family membership. You can pay Duane at the Club meeting or contact Duane at the email or phone number listed below. Talking about dues, the Club decided not to discount annual dues for those members who are only in Florida for the winter months.

2020/2021 President is Bob Eskeitz and the vice-President is Vinny Munoz. Thanks for volunteering to accept these positions.

At the Show-and-Tell Michael talked about his Hong Kong Kumquat that had full grown miniature Kumquats on it. If you go to either our webpage of FaceBook (addresses above) you can see Michael's Kumquat bonsai.

At the December meeting Bob trimmed my overgrown bald cypress. I have to admit I've neglected this cypress for the better part of 2019. It does look a lot better. At the end of February I'll be re-potting the cypress into a larger pot. For the January 25th program, Bob is planning on demonstrating how to cut a tall bald cypress down so it can be used as a bald cypress bonsai. This is the time of year to get those bald cypress ready for re-potting around the end of February. It's getting that time to plan for trimming and re-potting your deciduous bonsai trees. With this past fall weather being very unusual, pay close attention to your trees. Cold weather and possible frost can really damage bonsai trees.

The Club has a large library of bonsai related books. Club members can checkout one or more books. Just talk with the Club President. For those who may want to buy a book for their bookshelf, Vinny said a good book is:

✦ ***Bonsai Survival Manual*** by Colin Lewis. I did a quick internet search and this book is available and not very expensive. He said it is a great guide for the person who wants to have lots of details and pictures. Do a search and see if it might be a reference for you.



Last month I talked about Lional, a former member who provided some bonsai pots for our raffle. One of the pots he provided is this large pot. I did not measure it but it's quite large and deep as you can see in relationship to my hand. The plan is to auction it off at either the January or February meeting.

Officers for 2020:

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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. Bob also has 30, 5 gallon bags of potting soil for sale. Please call or email him if you are interested.