

# **BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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**Club meeting location is at the Community Center at Whispering Pines Park, Inverness, FL.**

**July 2017**

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

16 people attended the June meeting. We did not have a treasurer's report but I can say we haven't spent any money in the last 30 day.

When we signed up to use the community center at Whispering Pines the only Saturday available to us was the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month. Well this is a problem as three holidays fall on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Our delimina, do we have a meeting on Memorial, Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends? Rather than skip three meeting each year do to the holicays we decided to have meetings. Having said all that, I need two ideas for our November and December meetings. I'm suggesting we have a pot luck carry-in (food) during the December meeting. Email me and let me know if you would like to provide a program for either the November or December meeting or if you would like some type of food carry-in for December.

I am starting to gather ideas for 2018 program year. One idea we discussed at the last meeting was a sale/auction. We've done this before and it seems to be well received. The club gets a small percentage of all sales. We'll talk about this in a future meeting.

Clay said a past member, Al Harnage, wants to donate a group of Serrissa plants to our club. His only request is that we don't raffle them. The Club would probably sell them. We'll talk about this at a future meeting.

I tried something different for the June program. I have to admit it did not turn out as I had hoped. The program was to visualize and draw how a tree would look in 4-5 years. Jim brought in 4 pre-bonsai trees to pass around so members could draw them. The idea was to draw the 4 trees then for the 5<sup>th</sup> tree draw the tree members brought it. As I said above, that didn't go as planned. But that's okay. I hope most of those in attendance got an idea of visualizing a finished tree. I had planned on discussing each of the five drawings wo we could see the different visions members had of the same tree. I'll try to do some of that in the July meeting.

In July we will have a work shop to follow up on the visualization exercise held during the June meeting. Durig the June meeting, if you were able to draw what you want your bonsai to look like bring your drawing, the tree, wire and tools so you can start shaping your tree. If you don't have a drawing, just bring your wire, tools and tree to work on during the meeting. If you don't

have tools or wire, bring in a tree and we'll make sure you can still work on your tree. We have several club members who will be there to assist and answer your questions.

The last couple of meeting got very noisy toward the end of the programs. It's great that we socialize and discuss but, we need to do this in a much less noisy way. Please consider those around you who are trying to hear and learn.

The August program will be a speaker David VanBuskirk from D & L Nursery. He is always very interesting and enjoyable.

The September meeting will be a ficus forest demo by Tom Brantley.

Bob told us about the Bonsai Convention in Orlando that he attended. Members showed interest in finding more local, smaller shows in the area that we could attend. I'll try to search out other shows and get them into the newsletter. Also check the website as there are some shows listed there.

Show and Tell at the June meeting was very interesting. Lyuda brought her Serrissa bonsai grouping for advice on repotting. Clay brought in the top of the ficus tree he air layered and rooted. He donatd it to the raffle table. Clay also talked about the flowering sea grape he brought it. Dwayne showed a double tree bonsai azalea. This was an excellent show and tell and that's what we all want to see.

Here is a link to D&L Nursery's July newsletter. They always have some very good information.  
<https://gem.godaddy.com/s/30916a>

**PLEASE NOTE: NO** raffle at the August meeting. David VanBuskirk will be speaking and we want to give him **LOTS** of time for his preentation.

Programs for the remainder of the year are:

Aug 26, D&L Nursery, Dave VanBuskirk

Sept 23, Tree carving. Bob Eskeitz

Oct 28, Work shop by Tom Brantley

Nov 25 (no topic yet)

Dec 23 (no topic yet, considering a Christmas party)

#### **ADDITIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER**

I would really like to add your information and experiences to our Newsletter. Send me a write up or some notes (maybe even a picture) and I'll include it in the Newsletter. I think it would be great to let the Club members know about what you've been working on. Did you recently visit a Bonsai garden, or found an exciting website, or had a conversation with another Bonsai enthusiast? This would be interesting to our readers. 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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