

BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB NEWSLETTER

July 2019

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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 a.m.

The June meeting had 18 members and 4 guests. Two of our guests were former members. Hopefully they will consider joining again.

There were a **LOT** of good raffle items. I did not get the official dollar amount of raffle ticket sales but, tickets were going fast. Treasurer reported the Club has \$2,180.00.

The June program was potting the junipers we all worked on at the April meeting. Bob explained how to trim the root system and then pot the tree. There seemed to be a lot of enthusiasm during the program. Bob wasn't sure if he was going to have enough time but we finished early and I did not see any trees left on the floor. All junipers must have gotten potted.

The July 27 program is all about Air Layering. Toriki is the Japanese word for propagating bonsai trees. We call it air layering. The concept of layering is to force a tree or branch to form new roots at a certain point by interrupting the stream of nutrients from the existing root system. This means you can use air layering for several purposes; reducing the length of a trunk, growing a better Nebari (root flare or surface roots) or selecting a branch to be grown as a separate tree. Michael will be presenting July's program. It should be very informative.

What's your opinion? If a new member joins our club later in the year say after September, should they pay full membership price for the remainder of the year? We'll discuss at the July meetings. If you want to send me your opinion via email, I would be glad to get it.

2019 Club program schedule.

- August 24 - Bonsai tree care – 8 tips for beginners. **Bob**
- September 28 - How to trim a tree (tips, tricks and secrets) **Bob**
- October 26 - Problem tree workshop **Bob**
- November 23 - Tree groupings **Bob**
- December 28 - Junipers & Christmas Party (**need someone**)

Here are the other possible programs I've heard about. Let Bob know if there are other programs you would like to hear.

Pruning & branching	Tree styles	How to address tree wounds
Care and feeding of bonsai trees	Wiring	Dividing junipers (workshop)
Bonsai tree care – 8 tips for beginners		Deciduous tree care during the winter months
Potting and re-potting workshop	Root in/over rock	Variegated Jade as a bonsai
Jin or Shari	How to make bonsai leaves smaller	

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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

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