

BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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June 2017

Club meeting location is Whispering Pines Park, Inverness, FL.

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

7 members and 3 guests attended the May meeting. That's good for a holiday weekend. Guests were Lou, Jenette and Connie. Welcome and we are so glad you attended. Hope to see you again. No treasurer's report was available but our checkbook balance as of the end of March was \$1,971.00. We collected \$15.00 from our raffle.

The Club needs someone to do the November 25th and December 23rd programs. Let me know if you're interested. Maybe December's meeting could be a Christmas carry in. Just need someone to coordinate.

Rosemary Anderson is our treasurer and keeper of the name tags. She is planning on having name tags for members who don't currently have name tags at the June meeting.

I always ask if the Club's programs are ones you really want to know about? I hope they are informative and sometimes educational. Let me know as we can always make changes to our programs. If you volunteer to present a program at a Club meeting, you can pick any topic you want.

It was great to hear about Clay's WATER JASMINE (which was in bloom) and Duane's BRAZILLIAN RAIN TREE. Thanks for bringing in those trees for our show and tell.

May's program was air layering. Clay was on pins and needles as he air layered one of his Ficus trees about three months ago. He unveiled the work at the May Club meeting. He had previously removed a small band of bark and cambium, covered it with sphagnum moss and enclosed the area in a pill bottle. It was a success! The tree grew enough roots so that the top could be cut off and potted to make another tree. Maybe for a future show and tell he can bring in both sections of that tree to show its progress.

The next Club meeting is June 24 and starts at 9:30am. The June program is titled, Visualizing and drawing what a bonsai tree should look like. The July 22 program will be

a workshop on how to make your tree eventually look like your drawing. Start planning now for the June and July programs. For the June program please bring in one of your trees. Preferably one that you haven't done a lot of work on and you are just starting to grow and shape it. Don't bring in your tools, that's for the July meeting. I will provide pencils and paper. The important part of this program is to see what the tree can be and determine the best view after it has grown for a few years. No one will be judged on artistic abilities and you don't have to show your sketch if you don't want to. The idea is to study the tree and find the "front". For the July meeting bring in the drawing you made in June, your tree and tools. We will start trimming the tree to match your drawing.

Found this interesting article from the Central Florida Bonsai Club. It talks about what to do with your bonsai during the months of June through August here in Central Florida. Go to <http://centralfloridabonsaiclub.com/bonsai-care/june-august-care/> to read about bonsai tree care.

Programs for the remainder of the year are:

June 24, Visualizing and draw what a tree should look like
July 22, Workshop. Bring in the June's drawing and the tree
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)

Upcoming events: The US National Shoshin Bonsai Exhibition will be held June 23 – 25 at the beautiful North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis, North Carolina. This is a short 30 mile drive north of Charlotte, North Carolina (and a long drive from Citrus County). It is sponsored by the International Bonsai organization and more information can be found at: <http://www.internationalbonsai.com/page/493925678>

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 visited 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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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.