

# BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB

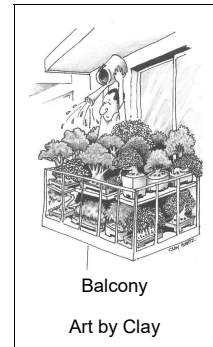
## NEWSLETTER

March 2018

[www.buttonwoodbonsai.us](http://www.buttonwoodbonsai.us)

Find us on Facebook at: [buttonwood bonsai club - inverness, fl](#)

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



We had 20 members and one guest at the February meeting. No current bank balance was available for the meeting. The February raffle brought in \$27.00 and one shirt was sold for \$12.00.

The Club's lapel pins were handed out to all Club members. If you did not get yours, catch me at the next meeting.

Annual dues were to be paid in January. Dues are \$20.00 for an individual or \$25.00 for a family. If you did not pay Rosemary (Treasurer) at the January meeting you can pay her via mail. Send Rosemary an email or give her a call and make arrangements to pay your dues.

Clay gave an update on our Facebook site. The address is above. He said we are getting more Facebook members but not from the Club. We even have a member from China. Take a look at our Facebook site and consider becoming a member. All pictures from our Club's meeting as well as the monthly newsletter are posted there. If you are a member consider posting to the site. We would like to see your bonsai trees or interesting comments.

For our February meeting Bob talked about getting prepared for the upcoming growing season. Actually the growing season is already here. Trees are growing so trim, fertilize or repot now!

Jeanette volunteered to be responsible for the after March cleanup.

April 14 is our annual showing at the Crystal River mall. We will be showing in the section of the mall with the Farmers' Market. People traffic is far greater there than what we see in the mall's food court section. In the past Club member participation hasn't been great. Please plan on coming and bring a tree or two to show. People are really interested and like to see what we do. In addition to the show, we will have a table where members can sell their bonsai related items. Tom Brantley will have a table at the Farmers' Market and is willing to let Club members (selling their trees at the Market) use his credit card machine. Please contact Tom and make arrangements to use it. Bob and Tom will have tables as well as the Club. We'll talk more about the show at the March meeting.

Here is a list of the programs for 2018. Some changes have been made. I still need someone (*need person*) to lead three programs and we need ideas for programs for September and October. If you have a topic you would like presented/discussed let me know and we can set up a program. If you have an idea for a program or really want to know something specific about Bonsai, let me know. I really want to provide programs that are of great interest to Club members.

**NOTE:** March meeting is Saturday 24. There are five Saturdays in March so don't show up on the fifth Saturday, no one will be there. The March program is air layering. Bob will be presenting the program and is asking if anyone has a tree they would like air layered. A maple tree would be ideal. If you have a tree, send Bob an email and let him know so he can be prepared for the meeting.

Mar 24 Air layering – *Bob*  
Apr 28 Repotting – *Duane*  
May 26 Miniatures - *Clay*  
Jun 23 Raft styling trees - *Bob*  
Jul 28 *Workshop topic TBD*  
Aug 25 Defoliate trees – *need person*  
Sept 22 *need program*  
Oct 27 *need program*  
Nov 24 Preparing for the winter months – *need person*  
Dec 22 Christmas party – *need person*

The July meeting will be a workshop. I encourage everyone to participate. I hope to finalize the workshop outline prior to the April Club meeting.

This may not be the Auction Tom was talked about at our February meeting, but this is the only one I could find.

**Lighthouse Bonsai Society** – 3rd Annual Auction March 24, 2018 (unfortunately the same day as our Club meeting)

Held at the Boca Raton Community Center

The website say Trees, Pots, Tools, Asian Art and more will be for sale. They holding a silent auction and will have some vendors there. Free Bonsai Clinic for beginners (after auction). For questions please call Lea 561-350-5971, Arleen 561-843-7650 or Pat 561-315-9926. There website is:

<http://bonsai-bsf.com/?event-venue=boca-raton-community-center>

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

I would really like to include more info in our Newsletter. Write me (Jim Meister)

#### **Officers for 2018**

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#### **Classifieds**

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

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.