

BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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April 2016

Club meeting location:

Whispering Pines City Park
Inverness, FL

March 26, 2016

Start time: 9:33 AM 12 members, 1 guest in attendance

Rosemary will purchase a MR. COFFEE pot for our meetings. For today, we thanked Duane and Sheila for providing the coffee and donuts.

April 9th is our bonsai show at the mall. Clay made a large sign with logo for our display there. Members should bring in their trees in all stages of development. Also, any member who wishes to work on their bonsai or have help with their bonsai are encouraged to do so at the show. To make our display more interesting to all who come to our tables, bring your trees both finished and trees in progress. Please label your trees as most visitors will be asking what kind of tree is it. Bring your tools and plan on working on your tree. That's the best way for visitors to see and understand the art of bonsai. Setup is at 9:00 am. and we will stay until 4:00 pm. Unloading at Dock C (North side of old Belks) will be available to us. Club flyers with the club info will be available. Hopefully we will get some interest in bonsai and our Club. Bring snack foods for enjoying while manning the tables. The more Club members work on their bonsai during the show the more interest we could generate.

President Jim is going to send out a letter of greeting and reminder of our activity to all members. Hopefully the letters may bring back some members who haven't attended in some time.

Shelley is still working on updating our website.

Our guest presenter for the April 23rd Club meeting will Mary Madison. Mary is well known for her work with Buttonwoods having provided workshops and demonstrations all over the United States. This is going to be an exciting Club meeting so plan on attending. Mary will bring a few Buttonwood trees for purchase.

Bob will try to contact Ed Trout as future speaker.

Jim Stephens will provide refreshments for the April meeting.

Color Country approached Rosemary about possibly donating tree material to our club. President Jim will call to follow up.

Treasury Report: \$1,500.25.

After coffee and the raffle, Clay did a show and tell regarding his bougainvillea. Then Bob trimmed a visitor's ficus and we had an auction of a juniper Bob brought in. Dwayne was the high bidder. Bob will bring Dwayne's juniper to the April 9 show and will carve on the deadwood during the Crystal River Mall show.

The March program featured Bob Eskeitz who showed us the bonsai soil making process and we were able to purchase the soil. He also did a demonstrated on how to anchor and repot a juniper.

RAFFLE TABLE

One of the special activities the Club does and a way for the Club to make a few extra dollars is the raffle table. Please bring in bonsai related items (plants, pots, material, books, tools, etc.) as a donation. If you are donating a plant, please identify the plant that you are donating. During the meeting we will be raffling off the donated items. Previous donations have been greatly appreciated and you are asked to continue to donate worthy items. Please remember that the club benefits 100% for each donation provided.

SHOW AND TELL TABLE

Show and tell gives Club members an opportunity to showcase bonsai they are working on. It's also a great opportunity to get advice. Please bring in some finished bonsai or something that you are working on so that it can be shared with everyone. Some that are in different states of being a finished bonsai can be a good work tool for everyone.

ADDITIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

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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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.