

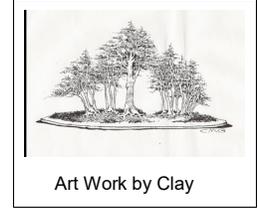
# BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

May 2019

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16 members and 10 guests attended the April meeting. One of the 9 guests joined the Club, welcome Vinny.

We did not have much of a business meeting and no raffle. I wanted to provide as much time as possible for our workshop.

April's program (workshop) was trimming and wiring junipers. Tom provided the junipers for free. Bob and Duane distributed trees during the meeting. Thanks Bob for leading the workshop. Due to Tom's generosity and a couple of absent members, we had junipers for our guests. The club sends a very big THANK YOU to Tom Brantley for providing the junipers. If you worked on a juniper during this meeting, bring it back to the June 22 club meeting where you will pot your juniper. Please bring soil, root trimming scissors, wire and most importantly, a pot. Bob Eskeitz may have some bonsai soil if you don't have any. His contact information is below. If you want a special bonsai pot or maybe you just need a pot, contact Douglas and JoAnn, they are potters and there may still be time to have a pot made by June 22. Call them at 727-465-6744.

One observation that was very evident during this workshop, we just don't provide enough time for workshops. Even though this meeting's business portion was shorter previous meetings and we did not hold the raffle, it was still a rush to get through the workshop. One option would be to have a longer workshop, maybe 3+ hours. I will be checking with Whispering Pines Park to see if there is a time/day we could use. I would like your feedback.

The Club finally has a recording secretary, Virginia Bruce. Thank you Virginia.

I've talked with Whispering Park management and asked them about some changes. Here's what I asked and what they said: 1) I asked if they have an empty cupboard for storage. I hope to have a cupboard by the end of the week. 2) Can the Club change to a different Saturday (same Saturday every month) not the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. The Club has a contract with the Park for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday that expires the end of 2019. In August the Club will get a new contract and at that time, we can ask for a different Saturday. 3) Are there 4 hour time slots available that we could use for workshops? They said yes. Between now and the end of July, we need to talk about these options so when I get the contract we can act quickly. Park management said the building we use (Rec Center) is in great demand. The sooner we return the contract the better chance we have.

May's program will be a different. Members and guests are requested to bring in at least one of their bonsai trees. Some topics you can tell the club; what your tree is, when you got it, what you have done to it so far and any other information you think the club members would like to know. If you want to ask questions or seek advice on your tree this is the opportunity to ask.

The Bonsai Societies of Florida presents their 46th annual convention May 24 – 26 at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center. I checked the website and details are available. Website is: [www.bsfcconvention.com/](http://www.bsfcconvention.com/)

**2019 Club program schedule.**

June 22 - Workshop II – Potting the juniper from workshop I – Bob  
July 27 - Air Layering. Michael  
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)

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.

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
Care and feeding of bonsai trees	How to address tree wounds
Bonsai tree care – 8 tips for beginners	Wiring
Potting and re-potting workshop	Dividing junipers (workshop)
Variegated Jade as a bonsai	Deciduous tree care during the winter months.
Jin or Shari	Root in rock

**ADDITIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER**

I would really like to include more info in our Newsletter. Send me your comments (Jim Meister) at [jms\\_meister@yahoo.com](mailto:jms_meister@yahoo.com).

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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](mailto:bonsaibobs@hotmail.com). Bob also has 30, 5 gallon bags of potting soil for sale. Please call or email him if you are interested.