

BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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November 22, 2016

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.

The meeting was held October 22, 2016 starting at 9:35 AM. 11 Members and 1 guest present.

Thomas Maier was introduced as a guest.

No treasury report available for the meeting.

A discussion about the November meeting was held. Jim asked if the members would like to have a carry-in during the meeting. After some discussion the members decided that they did not want a carry-in. We will have our regular meeting.

Also no one seems to object to dropping the refreshments at every meeting. Two members voiced their opinion that the food and drinks are not important to them. No one spoke in favor of refreshments. So, no party in November and no meeting at all in December. Clay will have our program at the November 26th meeting. He will be talking about how he builds scenes using models and bonsai. You can get a preview by going to the Buttonwood Bonsai Facebook where Clay has posted some of the scenes he has built. Yes, this is two days after Thanksgiving but hopefully you will have recovered from all the turkey and football!

The topic of meeting refreshments was also discussed. A comment had been made that bringing refreshments to each meeting was costly and a burden and that members were hesitant to sign up to bring refreshments. The suggestion was that the Club assess each member annual and use the assessment to buy refreshments each month. After a lot of discussion it was decided to not have refreshments at each Club meeting. This starts in November. NO refreshments in November.

The Club leadership is preparing the programs for 2017 and needs your ideas. President Jim Meister asked that members please let Wendy, Rosemary, Bob or Jim know of topics or ideas for club meetings. We really want interesting and informative programs that help members develop their bonsai growing skills. I'm sure there are topics you would like to have discussed or learn more about. Members shouldn't hesitate to make request or suggestions even during the year. Programs can always be changed. Another question, what don't you want as a program. Have we had a program recently that wasn't of interest? Let us know.

SHOW AND TELL: Clay showed a black bamboo and talked about it's characteristics. It was then auctioned off with all the oney going to the club. Clay also auctioned Evelyn's donated bougainvillea. Thanks Clay. It's always exciting to hear about member's trees.

October's program was a workshop. Members brought in a tree and worked on it. Bob helped each work on their tree.

Keep bringing your Bonsai related items for our meeting raffle table. This is a very good way for the Club to raise money and for Club members to get additional items at a very low cost (if your are lucky).

Buttonwood Bonsai Club information can be viewed on Facebook. Members can sign up for this but you do not have to actually have a Facebook page. Photos, minutes, etc. will appear there.

Website: **GREAT NEWS.** We have a new website. www.buttonwoodbonsai.us Thanks to John Stewart who developed the website. He did an excellent job. We are now in the process of loading photos and past newsletters. If you have articles or other information you would like added to the site, just send them to me.

ADDITIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

I would really like to add your information and experiences to our Newsletter. Send me a write up (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 your activity. Maybe you visited a Bonsai garden, or found an exciting website, maybe even had a conversation with another Bonsai enthusiast. 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.

Green Gate Nursery 6881 W. Mina Lane, Dunnellon, FL 34433 352-563-2202 or Cell 352-220-9713. [facebook.com/greengatenurseryfl](https://www.facebook.com/greengatenurseryfl). Great selection of plants and trees.

Bonsai Trees Evelyn Stonesifer has trees for sale. Evelyn is a long standing member of Buttonwood Bonsai. She can be reached at 352-746-6420.