

# **BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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**October 2016**

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

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

The meeting was held September 24, 2016 starting at 9:35 AM with 12 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Treasurer, Rosemary, announced that member and past president, Jim Stephens, had passed away this month.

President Jim Meister, told us that our 2 cabinets have been condensed to 1 and that the larger cabinet has now been brought to the premises of our meetings at Whispering Pines. Thanks to Darwin for moving the two cabinets from the former meeting location and holding onto them until now. He still has the smaller cabinet. The Club decided to leave it at Darwin's and if we don't claim it in one year, it belongs to Darwin.

Now that we have access to our library, Jim asked for a volunteer librarian. There was none at this meeting but we will take it up again in October. What we need is someone to update the list of books and magazines and be the go to point person when someone wants barrow a book. It's really not a difficult job.

Rita Bosse volunteered to take over the raffle duties at our meetings from Rosemary. Thank you, Rita.

There will not be a December/ holiday meeting. Here's an idea Wendy came up with. Maybe we could call our November meeting our holiday meeting? Members could bring in a covered dish, cold salad, or crock pot. Another option to consider, we could skip the covered dish thing and have finger food/ h'dorderve? To help make it special, I would send out invitations by mail to emphasize what we have going on.

Clay brought in a Fukien Tea for a SHOW AND TELL. The Fukien Tea is a "rooted over rock style" bonsai. He did a great job getting it to root over those rocks. But, the tree was too tall to be realistic. He made two cuts that really balanced the tree with the rocks. Clay explained how, in nature, a tree high up on a rock would be much shorter and perhaps more horizontal. Clay, can you bring that tree back in two years and let us see what it looks like?

September was our workshop. Bob brought Ilex Schilling trees for the workshop. Several

members took advantage of the workshop and had Bob assist in the styling of their tree. The Club provided wire and soil and pots if needed. Workshops like this one are excellent opportunities to learn.

Thank You to Rosemary for refreshments. We are so sorry that the boil water advisory was in effect. Rosemary was so kind as to go to the local gas station and buy bottled water for our coffee. It's just not a meeting without that coffee!

October Meeting Program: Bring your own trees to work on and for demo and discussion. Many Club members seem reluctant to talk about their trees. I'm sure some of you have beautiful trees and we would really like to see them and hear what you did to make them so beautiful. October is the month to shine. Bring in a tree or two and tell us about it. Where did you get it? How old is it? What have you done to it? What are your plans for it? We really want to know. Or, maybe you just need some advise. We can provide that also.

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).

At each of regularly scheduled Club meetings, refreshments are provided by a Club member(s). Following is the remainder of 2016 refreshment schedule.

***October – Wendy McCarthy***

***November – need a volunteer (if holiday idea above doesn't work)***

Something to think about. Should we consider an annual assessment of maybe \$10.00 per Club member for refreshments? Just something to think about.

Sometime in October there will be the 2017 planning session where the Club leadership meets to plan the 2017 meeting activities. We could really use your ideas. What do you want to learn? What kind of workshop(s) would you like? What would you like to see at the meetings? Your input is very helpful. Its very hard for the four of us to come up with twelve ideas. Doesn't seem difficult but believe me it is!

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

### **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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## 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).

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