

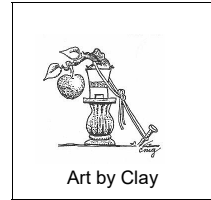
BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

October 2017

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

Our September 23 meeting had 13 members in attendance. Welcome Ken and Galina Ballinger, our newest members.

During the business portion of the meeting Clay talked about the Club, again showing our bonsai trees next spring at the Crystal River Mall. He will talk with the Mall manager about the Club being part of the Farmer's Market. Being part of the Market will draw many more visitors to our display. He's going to ask if we can show without paying a vendor fee. We may be allowed to have some trees for sale. We all agreed that April would be a better month (based on last year) for showier, greener trees. Last year we were there in March and our trees we just starting to come to life.

Tom Brantley will present "groupings" or forrest grouping at the October club meeting. Groupings are a way of growing trees in the same pot. Tom has lots of experience with bonsai trees and should have a very good program.

Everybody, get ready for the November 25 club meeting, its going to be our BIG sale. Its an opportunity for club members to sell or buy bonsai related items. Bring your pots, trees, soil, tools, etc. to the meeting and sell them. Or bring your \$\$ and buy those items you still need for your bonsai inventory. If you are selling, the Club gets 10% of all sales.

At the Spring 2017 Crystal River Mall show, Bob gave a demo on trimming bonsai trees. He used a juniper for that trimming demo. He brought it to the September meeting but we did not raffle it off. We will sell it at the November Club sale. Thanks to Lyuda for holding the tree until the November sale.



For the September program on carving Bob Eskeitz brought power tools to the meeting. We weren't sure what he was going to do with all those tools. We soon learned. Darwin Mounsey brought his Buttonwood and had Bob do some carving on it. Did the dust fly. It cleared out the front row. Darwin's tree really looks great now. Take a look at either Facebook or our website to see the before and after of that tree.

During the meeting we talked about programs for our meetings during the 2018 year. I got a few suggestions. I listed the next 15 months of meeting programs with several topics listed. There are still some open club meeting dates so I can still use your suggestions.

October is the election of officers. Officers hold their offices for two years. We will be nominating and electing a President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. Support our club and consider volunteering for an office.

Programs for the net 15 months are:

Oct 28, Work shop by Tom Brantley
Nov 25 Bonsai related items sale
Dec 23 Sort of a Christmas party
Jan 27 How to plan and prepare for the 2018 growing season
Feb 24 Bald Cypress, trimming and repotting
Mar 24 Defoliate trees
Apr 28 Repotting - Wendy
May 26 Miniatures - Clay
Jun 23 Workshop topic TBD
Jul 28 Raft styling trees - Bob
Aug 25 Air layering
Sept 22
Oct 27
Nov 24
Dec 22 Christmas party

ADDITIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

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

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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.