

BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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March 2017

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.

Our February meeting was the 25th. As of February we had \$1,693.00 in our checking account. There were 17 members in attendance with 2 guests also attending.

The Treasurer (Rosemary) said we are paid up for the coming 6 months of rent for the community center at Whispering Pines.

We will have our bonsai show in the food court of the Crystal River Mall on March 18th. An arts and crafts festival is also going on that weekend so we should see a lot of traffic. Flyers have been made to pass out around town. Members are encouraged to invite friends, neighbors and relatives to the Saturday show. Consider posting on your Facebook account or other social media account you may have. You might be surprised how far reaching your post may go.

I misspoke during the meeting Saturday. We need to be set up by 10am Saturday morning NOT 9am. Darwin has a large cart he's bringing to load the heavy items. I'm sure if you buy him an ice cream cone he'll let you use it. Wendy has 1 table and Tom is going to provide two. If you have one that's light weight bring it along. We've been told that Dock C, between the main mall entrance and the Rural King on the West side is a good place to unload and bring in your items. Bring your trees. They don't have to be perfect! Actually it would be nice to be able to show spectators the various stages of developing a Bonsai tree including wiring. Trees should be labeled. We'll have some small table tents for labeling. See you 9am on the 18th. Wear your Club shirt if you have one.

During the meeting two people mentioned that when they did a search for our website it did not come up on the first several pages. If you type in the website URL the site will come right up. But that doesn't help when people are looking for us. I talked with the webmaster and he said there is not much that can be done. The more hits a site gets the closer to the front page it appears during a search. We don't get many hits.

The next meeting's program, March 25th will be a workshop. Clay will bring some materials that he got from Al Harnage (former member). We also have the several Ligustrum from Tom to work on. Please bring your soil, wire, tools and pot and the trees will be waiting for you.

I can't encourage enough our SHOW AND TELL segment of the meeting. It's a great opportunity to show off your trees but it's an even better opportunity for Club members to see other trees and get ideas and questions answered. Clay brought in a collection of bougainvillea that had started to flower and Darwin showed a small lantana. Thanks guys, we really appreciate seeing them.

For those of you who were at the meeting where Clay built a tarzan hut scene, I hate to tell you but he took it apart. The Club appreciated learning how to build a scene using Bonsai trees.

The Club has Club T-shirts for sale. They are \$12.00 each and come in all colors and sizes. I also want to mention that the Club has a large library that's available to Club members. Right now it's not organized very well due to the last move. But if you would like to look through the books and find something of interest, I'll open it up after the March meeting has ended.

Saturday's program was presented by Bob who told us how to prepare our trees for the spring growing season. One area he told us not to forget or ignore is cleaning the pots we use. Bob talked about other commonly advised tips for the spring growing season.

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 recently visited a Bonsai garden, or found an exciting website, maybe even had a conversation with another Bonsai enthusiast. This would be interesting to our readers. 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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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.