



Meeting: Saturday, October 14, 2017 at American Bonsai and Tool, Altamonte Springs, FL

Attendance: 21 members plus 2 guests

Treasurer's report: from Mark Ceskavich. We have \$6563 in the checking account and \$180 in petty cash.

Discussion: President Adam Lavigne was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Jorge Nazario presided in his absence

Vice President's Report: Copies of the new bylaws, hand book and proposed budget were supplied to the members. These will be taken home, read and voted on at the next meeting in November. They are also available on our website.

Jorge explained a new addition to our club, the bi-monthly raffle. We will be asking vendors to donate a bonsai-related item to our club for raffle. Tickets will be sold at each meeting. Tickets are \$5 each, 3 for \$10. The winner will be chosen every other month, next drawing is the December meeting. This raffle will consist of a \$100 gift certificate toward a pottery purchase from American Bonsai and Tools, and a private 2 hour session from Adam Lavigne at his nursery.

Saturday, October 21, will be the first field trip of our new year. We will leave from Adam's house at 9am and caravan to the Penjing bonsai nursery. We will find a place for lunch then continue on to the Brevard bonsai club meeting at 1pm. Mike Rogers will be conducting a workshop on sea hibiscus.

The next workshop will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 10 am. It will be held at the extension office.

On Saturday, November 4, is the Multi club auction held at F. Burton Smith Regional County Park. This is the 4th annual event, which includes a live and silent auction, good food, bonsai fellowship. See our website for further details. Cash/checks only please.

Our next regular meeting will be Saturday November 11. Hiram Macias will be speaking/critiquing neenas. Be sure to bring yours!

We welcomed two new members today, Todd and Karen

Dues are due!!! And don't forget raffle tickets.....

Upcoming dates:

10/21 Field trip

10/28 workshop

11/4 multi-club auction

11/11 club meeting

This meeting we welcomed the Queen of Buttonwoods, Mary Madison. She is always a popular guest artist and this event did not disappoint. Some hints from her talk:

When working a new tree....pick your front, then clean up (remove dead twigs, obviously not needed branches, wire brush the dead wood). Then decide on the direction that the top will take

Mary does not like bright white dead wood. She says to make it appear more natural, apply one coat of Lime Sulfur, let it sink in and dry. You can add highlights with additional lime sulfur.

You cannot over-water a buttonwood. She has left trees in a bucket of water with no harm.

Malathion will kill your buttonwood. The Bayer tree systemic products work well against the rare pest.

Reduce leaves by constant pruning.

Let your buttonwood dry for one or two days before repotting. This will reduce damage to the roots. Protect your buttonwood trees when the temperature dips below 50.

When showing your tree you can apply a small amount of olive oil to the live wood that is bordering the dead wood, to increase the appearance of the contrast.



