



Meeting: January 12, 2018

Attendance: 20 members, 2 guests

Treasurer's report: total assets: \$6274.00. 42 paid members (10 of which are new), 10 removed from last year's roster

Discussion: next meeting will address grafting/air layering. Still scheduled for a field trip to Dragon Tree nursery on Feb 18. 21 trees will be represented at Epcot flower and garden this year.

Vice President's Report: Report from the BSF meeting: The schedule is out, will be all Florida bonsai artists. Lots of demos, online registration coming soon. Jorge plans to upload past editions of the BSF magazines

Upcoming dates: field trip to Dragon Tree nursery on Feb 18.

Program: This month's program is presented by Reggie Purdue, who started bonsai in 1990. He is presenting a program on bald cypress

After a chop, he recommends leaving one leader at the chop. Let it grow until it is ½ the thickness of the trunk.

When collecting bald cypress, the tools usually needed are a reciprocating saw, sharp edged shovel and gloves. Look for a flared base, then make a perimeter cut. After collecting, keep the root ball wet, leave the existing mud in place. Place in a tub of water to keep it strong and healthy until working on it. You cannot overwater these trees. Use an organic fertilizer when the tree is actively growing.