



**Meeting:** December 17, 2017

**Attendance:** 35 members and guests

**Treasurer's report:** checking account \$5897.77 Petty cash \$127.00  
pending deposit \$ 774.00 Total of \$6798.27, not including today's  
raffle/auction intake

**Discussion:** Today is our annual Christmas party, generously hosted by Ben Agresta at his Agresta gardens. An amazing venue/home/bonsai display. Thanks to Ben and his wife for welcoming us. See lots of pictures on our website.

Ronn Miller stated that the annual multi-club auction will be held March 3, 2018, after being postponed due to flooding at the park

Adam announced that the format for the Bonsai Society of Florida's magazine will be changed, and he has been named editor of the magazine, which will probably take on a blog-type style. He welcomes everyone's participation in submitting articles. Also, Jorge Nazario, our vice president was named as the new webmaster for BSF. He is doing a magnificent job as our webmaster and we look forward to him working his magic at BSF.

Because Adam has so much free time, he will be this year's convention chairman. It will be a first—an all Florida artists tribute. Florida has a distinct legacy in the American bonsai scene, and our pioneers and current artists will be featured and honored. You will be able to register for the convention on BSF's website. The raffle again will be managed by our club, in cooperation with the Brevard and Treasure Coast clubs.

**Bi-monthly raffle**, consisting of \$100 gift certificate to American Bonsai and a two hour one-on-one tutoring session was won by Judi H. The next raffle will feature the slab made by Ronn Miller, and a stand made by Jorge Nazario.

**Member tree display:** a very impressive display of trees by our members. Anthon won the award for the best large tree (portulacaria). Adam won the award for the best medium tree (hornbeam). Ben L. won the award for the best small tree (Chinese elm). Alan won the award for people's choice (Ilex).

**Silent and live auction:** this was conducted by our very own auctioneer, Alan. There were lots of winners of prize bonsai material.

**Upcoming dates:**

*Friday, January 12 at 7pm.* This meeting will be held at our old location, The Ag Center. Reggie Perdue will be presenting a demo/lecture/workshop on bald cypress trees. He has loads of information and experience with bald cypress, so this promises to be something special. Bring your trees for advice, etc.

*Saturday, January 27 at 10 am* will be a workshop, held at Agresta Gardens.