



Meeting: April 13, 2018

Attendance: 29 members, one new member

Treasurer's report: Total assets \$6431.00 51 paid members

Discussion: If you are working a shift at Epcot meet and greet, call Adam if you have any parking problems.

The May meeting will go over the convention preparations. We will be responsible for the raffle on Friday. Be sure to fill out the volunteer info on the convention website. Also, if you get it in on time, you will receive one day's free registration if you stay at the hotel.

Vice President's Report:

We are looking for creative ideas for programs for the upcoming year. How about an "ugly tree" workshop? 3 ring circus? Let Jorge know your ideas. We want everyone to be actively involved in the club.

We will be voting for next year's officers at the May meeting

Upcoming dates:

April 28, workshop at Agresta Gardens, 9am

May 11, meeting

May 12, world bonsai day celebration at D&L nursery

May 25-27, BSF convention

Guest artist: Mike Lane

Mike is certainly making a name for himself in the bonsai world. He is a featured instructor at Wigert's, has a tree (Neea) in the upcoming national show, a travelling demo artist and instructor, and generally a great guy.

Mike presented an informative power point on shohin bonsai. He discussed each point and gave examples from his collection. Shohin are typically under 10 inches tall, with mame typically under 4 inches.

Sometimes “lost” in the world of big bonsai, shohin shine when they are focused on seasonal beauty (flowers, fall colors, etc)

There is no need to rush to a bonsai pot, get your branch placement and taper taken care of first. “artists don’t frame their work until it is finished” Mike encourages the use of cut paste and the use of a sand tray to maintain moisture and allow the roots to run into it.