

SHO FU BONSAI

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Photos by Julie Trigg

Peter boils the blue crabs the night before the big Sho Fu Christmas party.

Sho Fu Christmas Party A Big Success

According to all the response I received during and after this year's party, I guess we can call it a big success. And what a turnout we had!

A big hit to some of the party goers were the blue crabs that Peter cooked the night before the event. In fact, some would have preferred to just "pick crab" the whole night instead of eating all the other delicious dishes that the members brought to the party. But in "hindsight" I think that should have been a separate occasion. Oh well, live and learn. Hopefully!

Everyone raved about Steffony's chicken 'n dumplin's and she cooked for hours not feeling too well. Don't worry, she was

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Club Workshop:

Sat. Jan 7th 10 AM at Tokonoma!

Bring your tree and tools. someone from Sho Fu will be there to help you make that first cut! Or 10th.

From the President

Congratulations and thank you to Joe Moreno and all the officers and directors for a really wonderful year for Sho Fu. We had great demos, programs, workshops, the Selby show, and impressive club representation at both World and State conventions, topped off with our Christmas party at the Trigg's – thank you Julie and Peter. Steffony's chicken and dumplings were a big hit (and hopefully a new annual tradition!).

Our membership increased; and while every member is valuable to a club, Sho Fu is particularly proud to have bragging rights to Mary Madison and Hal Mahoney as members.

We want to continue this momentum into 2006. We need participation from more members – everyone can and should do something: meeting set up and take down, hospitality, exhibit set up, publicity, refreshments, workshops, contribute to the newsletter, there are a myriad of jobs.

Please try to bring at least one guest to a meeting this year. Keep things in mind to donate to the raffle table we will have at several meetings in order to raise a little extra money.

The state convention is Memorial Day weekend in Gainesville. Plan to attend if you can. It is an excellent chance to see world class demos and workshops, as well as the best opportunity for any bonsai purchase, whether pre-bonsai, pots, tools and equipment, etc. Don't miss it! If you are considering submitting a tree for exhibit, that deadline will be in January, so get it camera-ready.

There is a lot of talent in Sho Fu – let's have a good showing! VP and program chairman Erik Wigert has some really great plans for us this year.

Sharpen your tools and help us make Sho Fu a cutting edge club. - John Petterson



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Chef Steffony

Next Meeting Jan. 5th

Program: Hal Mahoney will do rock penjing

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM Waterside
4540 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota

Board meeting Jan. 5th. 6:00 PM



Party time: Everyone had fun and plenty to eat — from blue crabs for appetizers, delicious main courses and yummy deserts all provided by ShoFu members.

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting

November 3, 2005

New Business:

- 1) Joe stated that all announcements would be made after the mid-meeting break.
- 2) Introduction of visitors: Terry from West Palm Beach and Judy Gore, BSF district representative for our area. She is from Fort Myers.
- 3) Carrie reiterated the auction payment rules that all payments must be made by cash or check, and that no money would be accepted until the end of the auction.

Program: With David Ebinger as auctioneer, the main business of the evening got underway, and the plants, pots, and books donated by the members were eagerly bid upon by the members, with everyone getting a bargain.

Mid-Meeting Break / Announcements / New Business:

- 1) Nomination of officers for the coming year: After a call for nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that nominations be closed. The slate proposed by the nominating committee was unanimously elected.
- 2) Club Christmas party: The sign-up sheet and "bring sheets" were passed to the members.
- 3) BSF: Julie presented the club treasury a check for \$859.78, which was the amount earned by ShoFu members who worked very hard at the BSF State Convention.
- 4) Visiting Masters:

A-)Suthin Sukosolvisit will not be able to visit in January. He will be attending the wedding of his son in Thailand.

B-) Ted Matson is scheduled to be in Sarasota on Sunday evening, February 19, 2006. He will do a demo that evening, and hold a workshop on Monday morning, February 20, 2006.

5) Workshops: There will be no club workshop in November, but there will be one in December.

Program: With David as auctioneer, and with Joe labeling each item with the number of the bidder, so that there would be no confusion as to what belonged to whom, the auction resumed with active bidding and more bargains.

Meeting adjourned 10:10PM

Respectfully submitted Thelma Thompson, secretary.





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After a slow start, Isabella (Joe's daughter, above) warmed to the crowd and entertained us all as some members gathered in living room to partake of all the good food.

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past the contagious part.

And Lillian Moore's mashed potatoes were unbelievable. I'm glad I dished up early and got some of those. And, of course, Gloria's Asian noodle dish proved to be as good as her other dishes that we have sampled over the past year. And Lisa, your cookies were fantastic. All the dishes were wonderful and way too many to mention individually. Maybe we should have a raffle on some of those recipes!

Everyone who brought a gift had fun selecting a present from under the tree. I was fortunate enough to get a great book "The Meaning of Trees" that Cathie Janssen brought. Looks like some didn't take the hint in the newsletter about bringing an "inexpensive present." Also someone forget to take their unwrapped present home. So If you identify it I will give it to you at the next meeting. What? Well, maybe.

Even though we had a large turnout, we missed the ones who couldn't make it. I ran into Roberto the other day and he said a friend had an automobile accident on the way to his house and he had to drive a long way to meet them, so he couldn't come.

Happy New Year to all! - Julie Trigg

Bonsai Calendar for January - Zone 9

■ Weather Protection and Location

All tropicals should be protected.

■ Watering

Trees should be well watered if frost or freezing weather is expected. Check everyday to see if trees need watering, especially if it is windy. Never let the soil get dry or allow the tree to stay soggy.

■ Feeding

At this time, feed with a low nitrogen fertilizer (4-12-12). May add only one drop of Superthrive per gallon of fertilizer water when watering.

■ Styling

Evergreens can be pruned, wired and styled, especially pines. Established bald cypress can be wired & pruned but after it has lost all its leaves.

■ Repotting

Deciduous trees, conifers and non-tropicals NOW IS THE BEST TIME to repot if they have lost all leaves.

■ Pest control

Dormant spray, if used, should be applied. Lime-sulfur/fungicide spray for pines.

■ Collecting

Ideal time for everything except tropicals.

■ Special Notes

The best time for hardwood cuttings and grafting. Major pruning & styling on pines now.

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Some preferred to pick crab out back (above) and others enjoyed relaxing on the front porch before diggin' in to the food.

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