

SHO FU BONSAI

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Busy Times Ahead

Well, here we are . . . “another year older and deeper in debt . . . “ I mean, another year older and . . . er’ . . . wiser. We’ve had some good talent come to our club this past year and in a couple of weeks we will have two days of workshops with one of “the wisest” . . . Florida’s own, Mary Miller.

Mary Miller Workshops

As you know, due to four hurricanes in six weeks, we had to cancel Mary out for her September appearance. She is so busy that we were lucky to snare her for November 13 and 14. She only had two free weekends the rest of this year! So if you haven’t already signed up for Saturday or Sunday, call or send me an email (355-9186 or julie.trigg@verizon.net).

Slate of New Officers

We have a lot to do and think about before, and during, our next meeting.

We will have to elect new officers at the beginning of the meeting. And luckily, we have a great new slate of dedicated, enthusiastic members that we will be voting on.

For president we have Joe Moreno, John Petterson for vice president, Thelma Thompson has agreed to throw her hat back into the ring for secretary (and what a great job she did this past year) and Cindy Petterson for Treasurer. Treva has done a splendid job this past year but she wants

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Photos by Peter Trigg

Joe Moreno worked hard mixing up several batches of cement. Another photo on page 2.

Slab Building Workshop Produced Awesome Slabs

The slab building workshop really went well this past weekend. Six members came out and made some awesome slabs and two came to observe and help. Joe Moreno made a monster one and Lisa made one a little larger than she had planned and when it came time to take the slabs home (she and Steffony came together), they wouldn’t fit in her car. Carol transferred her clay

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Mary Miller Workshops/Demo

Saturday, Nov. 13th 9:00AM

ficus Nerifolia (Willowleaf) workshop

Sunday Nov. 14th 9:00AM

bring your own tree workshop

Sunday 1:PM Triangularis Demo

Next Meeting Nov. 4th **Program: Annual Auction** **and Election**

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

Board meeting Nov., 4th. 6:00 PM



Julie helps Carol finesse the edge of her cement slab.

Awesome Slabs

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expertise into cement expertise and Gloria entertained us all with her enthusiasm while making her slab. David came to observe but decided he couldn't resist the fun and made a small one, even decorated the top with texture. Carrie took photos and Jeff came to help clean up.

This turned out to be a fun workshop. Now all you have to do is put feet on them! As Scarlett said, "we'll think about that tomorrow."

No, call me and I'll tell you how to do that. Or, maybe we'll have a "feet building workshop."

Christmas Party!

The Christmas party will be at Julie & Peter's house on **Sunday, December 12th starting at 6 PM**. Club will furnish turkey, ham, soft drinks & mixers (BYOB for anything harder). Please feel free to bring a yummy side dish for others to share. RSVP 355-9186 (kids are invited)!

Bring a small, wrapped gift for exchange. Does not have to be bonsai related.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

October 7, 2004 Call to Order: 7:30 PM

Secretary's report: Accepted as printed in the September newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Accepted as read, and greeted with applause.

Vice President's report: In Walter's absence, Julie gave the report. All the club members seem to have survived the hurricanes without major damage except for Maureen Morgan whose house was destroyed in a fire. Maureen and her family are now living in their time-share, and Lois Bennett has a number where Maureen can be reached.

New Business:

1.) Traveling Masters: State has notified us that the traveling master for January will be Ben Oki. The list of other choices they provided included Suthin S., Roy Nagatoshi, Jim Doyle, and Arthur Skolnick. It was moved and seconded that we invite Jim Doyle and Arthur Skolnick as our selection for visiting masters.

2.) Nominating Committee: The committee submitted the following slate of officers for the following year, elections to be held at the next meeting.

President: Joe Moreno. - Vice President: John Petterson. - Secretary: Thelma Thompson. Treasurer: Cindy Petterson.

Note: At the time of the meeting it was not known if Cindy Petterson would be able to accept the treasurer's position, and Treva Kurtz graciously agreed to continue in the office until Cindy could be contacted.

3.) Christmas Party: Moved, seconded and approved that the club have a Christmas party which will be held at Julie's house on Sunday, December 12.

4.) Auction: David Ebinger notified the club about the rules and regulations for the annual auction which will be held next month.

5.) Workshop and Demo: Mary Miller will be doing the demo and workshop on Ficus Nerifolia which was delayed because of Hurricane Francis in September on Saturday and Sunday, November 13 and 14, at Julie's home.

Program: Julie presented a demonstration on building a slab planter using wire lath or steel needles, and patching cement. (Quikrete Patcher)

Raffle: The Jaboticaba done by Erik Wigert at the March meeting was auctioned off, and Thelma Thompson was the lucky winner.

Adjourned: 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted – Thelma Thompson, Secretary.

Addendum: Julie was able to reach Cindy Petterson after the meeting, and she agreed to serve as treasurer if elected.



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David Ebinger entertains the crowd as he hawks the assembled items at last year's auction. This year's auction will surely be just as great.

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to spend more time with that new granddaughter. And who can blame her!

This being said, if anyone else in the club would like to run for any of these offices, just yell, and we'll add your name to the list to be voted on. Maybe we could have a face-off debate before the election? No, bad idea. I think we're all tired of watching debates.

Editor for the Newsletter

Then, YAHOOOOO, Steffony Wells has volunteered to do the newsletter for next year! Thank you Steffony! What a great club we have!

Dues are due

Also I need to remind everyone that dues are due by the end of the year. Since this is the last meeting for this calendar year (we don't have a meeting in December), it would greatly be appreciated if you could bring an extra check to the November meeting because Carrie just reminded me that she doesn't like to have people mix the auction paying with the dues paying.

Or if you don't want to do that, then

please mail it to our treasurer before the end of the year.

Club Auction

Now on the news of the upcoming auction. This is one of our most fun and anticipated events of the year. As usual, David Ebinger will keep everyone laughing and enjoying this event. For those of you who are new to the club, we have a club auction every year in November. Any, or all of the members bring trees, pots or anything bonsai-related to be auctioned off that night. The club keeps 15 percent of the final sale price. You can usually pick up some really great buys.

If you are bringing items to be auctioned off, be sure you have your name on each item and if you have a minimum asking price be sure to indicate that also, or otherwise it will go for whatever is the highest bid.

I find that chalk is a good way to write your name, etc., on many of the items. It works especially well with pots.

If you have items to donate to the club please indicate that on the item also. If

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Bonsai Calendar for Nov. - Zone 9

■ **Weather Protection and Location**

Now is the time to prepare for winter protection for plants that need it, if not done last month.

■ **Watering**

Probably will not have to water as much, but do not let plants get dry. Watch out for dryness on windy days.

■ **Feeding**

Continue low-nitrogen fertilizer.

■ **Styling**

Low-nitrogen fertilizer should slow growth, so little or no pruning should be needed. Watch for wire damage. Styling and wiring can be done.

■ **Repotting**

Can repot junipers if they do not need to have severe root pruning. Others are podocarpus and boxwood.

■ **Pest control**

Watch for borers and other insects - spray as needed.

■ **Special Notes**

Another good month for preparing soil, cleaning and sharpening tools and cleaning used bonsai pots to be used in the spring.

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MEMBERS CORNER

■ I guess by now, all of you know that Maureen Morgan's four-bedroom (mortgage free/no insurance) home was severely damaged during one of the four hurricanes, due to a fire. Maureen and her four children made it out of the house, but were not able to save anything. Maureen got some burns on her hand trying to save an 80 year-old bonsai tree that she acquired about seven years ago . . . but she reports that it ended up dying anyway.

Her car was parked next to the house and suffered quite a bit of damage. So if anyone has a car they don't need, it would be greatly appreciated. She can use just about anything, including bonsai tools. But at this point, she has a problem of hauling things around until she gets her house rebuilt. We hope to set up a workday to help, so if you feel you can help out in any way, please give Julie a call.

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items are not marked, it will be assumed that they are a donation to the club.

Don't forget, we will start this meeting at 7PM so we can get you out at a decent hour.

Traveling Masters in January

The traveling master for January will be Ben Oki. The new officers will let you know time, place & material, etc. I plan to be in on that one. I am always interested in taking a workshop with Ben Oki! He has an awful lot of bonsai knowledge.

Hope to see everyone on the 4th. Julie Trigg

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