

July 2019

President's Corner:

Welcome to summer, the heat, the rain, and lots of bonsai activities. We had about 20 people at the June picnic. We all "chowed down" on burgers, hot dogs, fried chicken, potato salad, and baked beans, and a ton of great desserts. The weather was warm but we managed to stay somewhat cool under the three pop-up tents! Thanks to everyone that attended and for those that couldn't, you missed a great party!

Our 2nd Annual Show is this coming weekend at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens. We will set up on Thursday beginning at Noon. The show is open from 9 AM to 5 PM on Friday thru Sunday. We have Arthur Joura, Randy Clark, and Creighton Bostrum doing presentations on Saturday. And Randy Clark will be doing a workshop on Hinoki Cypress at 10 AM on Sunday. It will be limited to 12 participants and we have 3 already, so sign up now before it gets filled up. The cost is \$ 90 and will include the instruction, tree, pot, and bonsai soil. Due to the warm weather, we will not be repotting the trees at the workshop, but you will go home with the pot and soil so you can repot it once the weather cools. We will be styling and wiring the trees at the workshop and will be working with 3 gallon size Hinokis.

I will also be teaching a Bonsai 101 class at 9:30 AM on Friday, July 12th. Again, we won't be repotting the trees, but the price will include the pot and soil. You can register for either class on the Daniel Stowe website, or give me a call at (757) 575-9913.

WE NEED YOUR TREES FOR THE SHOW !!! Last year we had 42 trees on display and I am hoping to have at least that many for this year's show. We will again be in the big "Rotunda" and it takes a lot of trees to fill up that large open space. But it is a magnificent room with high ceilings and lots of glass and natural light. We will have covered tables lining the outer walls and can have more tables in the center of the room if we need them. We will display any type or age tree whether you just recently styled it or have had it for many years. It must be in a bonsai pot, so no plants in nursery pots will be allowed. Again, we want to show the public that you can have a nice bonsai without spending thousands of dollars, but that it takes time (and some money) to produce a really "show-quality" specimen. I hope that the members that displayed multiple trees last year will be able to do so again this year. If you want to display trees and cannot be there on Thursday during setup, please give me a call at (757) 575-9913 and I will make arrangements to pick up your trees and take them to the Gardens. Please email me as soon as possible with the following information on the trees that you want to display: Common Name, Scientific Name, Age of Tree, Number of Years in Training, Your Name and City. I will use that information to print up folding tent cards for each tree so I need your information no later than Wednesday, July 10th at 7:00 PM so I will have time to enter the information and print the cards. We will also have an "Items for Sale" area this year. If you wish to sell items, please provide a 3"x5" index card (or similar) with your name, the item name, and the selling price.

We will be paying the Gardens a 15% commission on sales, so price your items accordingly.

Thanks in advance for all of your help and support and please don't hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions.
