

NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

December 2016

NFBC Officers

Ron Price	President
Open	VicePresident
Bruce Washington	Treasurer
Josh Brown	Secretary



December News

- **Our meeting on Monday, December 12 is at the Mandarin Garden Club 7:00 PM.**
- We have soil! If you need soil contact Mike bettsmike@hotmail.com, and please return your empty buckets.
- 2016 / 2017 membership dues now due. Cost is \$36 for the year. This includes membership in BSF and the BSF electronic magazine.

Joy of Bonsai 2007



Suggested Programs

- December - Plan for 2017 & Xmas get together
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Ron Price:

Program

- Review 2016
- What did you like
- What did you dislike

Plan 2017

- What do you want
- Who do you want

PARTY

- Bring some kind of snack, finger food, desert (club will furnish drinks)
- Put on a Show – Decorate one of your trees in holiday décor and/or just show off the trees you worked on this year.

Business

- Welcome your new officers & Thank the old ones
- Pumice ?
- Requested BSF visiting Artist Ted Matson for March

Reminders – KAWA is hosting Jaun Andreade - He will do a demonstration on a shohin size Juniper Friday Night January 20th & will hold a Workshop on Saturday for KAWA members but observers our welcome. Details are available on their web site

BSF/ABS Convention Memorial day weekend

It is time to consider wintering your plants - although here in North Florida winter has not set in. As you know, it can set in at any time. So, watch the weather reports for frost and freeze warnings. Things you can do to prepare your plants are, of course, place tropicals in a green house. If you do not have a green house, place plants on the ground with a commercially available frost cloth. This will keep the plants approximately 5 to 8 degrees above the ambient

temperature. Keep in mind 28 degrees may be the lower limit for frost blanket protection - especially with sensitive tropicals such as Nea and Black Olives.

Another practice for plant protection is to spray with a dormant oil or a ultra fine horticultural oil. Dyna Grow makes a product called Pro-teckt. These products will help plants during the cold periods by reducing the transpiration and minimizing frost damage. Also keep benches and soil surfaces free from litter. Some may suggest removing any and all weeds (well we should be doing that way) and moss. These are all excellent hiding places for pests over winter. Eliminating the hiding places will help next spring when everything comes alive including the insects.

Also, Watch the watering. Keep the deciduous plants such as elms, hornbeam, Hackberry, Maples, etc. on the dry side (not bone dry). No leaves means no transpiration. Even if the trees have leaves, the leaves are largely non-functional. The moist (wet) cool soil rapidly promotes fungus growth For the tropicals that are not in a green house, you can water late afternoon or early evening on a night that is expected to get cold - perhaps the 30s. This helps to keep the plant slightly warmer than the ambient temperature.

Fertilizing with an 0-10-10 is good at this time of the year. The potassium promotes root health and development.

**NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB
MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 14, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

By Ron Price

- o 13 Member(s) and 0 visitor(s) were present

SECRETARY REPORT

An abbreviated business portion was held
The minutes were not read

TREASURY REPORT

An abbreviated business portion was held
The treasurer's report was not read

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Elections were held and the following individuals will be the 2017 officers
 - o President will be Josh Brown
 - o Vice President position will not be filled
 - o Secretary will be Ron Price
 - o Treasurer will be Bruce Washington
- We have 4 buckets of soil remaining and will need to mix more before winter replanting season
- Paul Katich has pumice available for sale at \$23.36 a bag (cubic foot)

PROGRAM

Guest presentation by artist David Cutchin

Membership List

The following members have paid their 2017 dues

Bal Aguila	Josh Collins	Ron Price
George Armstrong	Gary Hricko	Joe Stumpf
Michael Betts	Linda Kandetski	Bruce Washington
Josh Brown	Anne Karshis	Ron Brown
Cathy Carter	Elaine Mancusi	Tristan Kincaid

Respectfully,
Josh Brown
Secretary