

Topic Committee 26 Sept 2022 Meeting

Attending: John McDonald Jim Rocca Joel Rainey
Martin Schwabe Brad Jenks [Board Guest]

Absent: Scarlet Rhoads Linda Thomas Carol Crljenica Chris Carrigan

Start Time: 7:02 pm

Agenda: (1) Review/Edit/Finalize 2023 tentative meeting schedule (2) Discuss and make suggestions for workshops 2023. (3) Joel Yamadori, and any new business

(1) Review/Edit/Finalize 2023 tentative meeting schedule.

- a. John: Presented 2023 monthly schedule and opened for comments. Talked about dog day event [like at our Sept meeting].
- b. Joel: Voiced support for a bonsai tour as a consideration. Possible replace for July swap/sale/silent auction social meeting, as it would include a social component. Will keep on back burner as alternate... or as social event outside of meeting.
- c. Joel: Suggested a topic for June; warm weather bonsai care and watering.
- d. Brad: Ask membership at large, have they had success with the summer heat and water issues that they could offer to society. Have a social event / at someone's house and see what they have done.
- e. Joel: [adding to previous] Humidity control, insulate pots etc.
- f. Group: consensus to add summer topic in some form [meeting or visit] to calendar for June.
- g. Martin/Joel/Brad: Discussion...General consensus for November, pruning deciduous trees...Ruben proposed as speaker by Martin and unanimously approved by all members of committee [John to check with Ruben].
- h. John: Tentatively added Joel, Brad volunteered, John also volunteered to help Brad and Joel [Note: *Brad moved into primary position as he volunteered and Joel has set dates for other presentations*].
- i. Martin: Suggested videotaping and posting meetings on web site. Volunteered that he was willing to learn .. and take video.
- j. Brad: Suggested that footage needed to be edited as opposed to raw video. For example, if presenter has a lesson plan to make presentation easier to edit and post.
- k. John: Thought Sal Cordero would be good to start with recording. His presentation was organized and well received earlier this year. Added to list of possibility thinking.

(2) Workshop Discussion

- a. John: Having a workshop 15 Oct for the October Home/Garden Show. Is sending out a reservation list. Opened discussion for Workshops 2023 to the group.
- b. Joel: How did board receive hiring a bonsai professional for a workshop in 2023 [to Brad].
- c. Brad: Thought that was well received. Board may be reluctant to embrace change. He would like to have Mathew Walker of Bochi Bonsai for a workshop. Would like to consider engaging for a presentation. Mentioned that Pat and he was given a tour of his [Mathew's] garden and was a consideration for the Spring Show, but it didn't work out.
- d. Joel: Has worked with Mathew and verified his bonsai credentials [collecting in particular]. [to Brad], do you think there would be opening for this to happen [this or next 2023], in the future?
- e. Joel/Brad: Willing to pay price for Mathew or person of his experience have a workshop in Chico. Both felt it would have positive impact on the society.

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- f. John: Agrees that it is a good idea and be present to board, possibly as a separate workshop that is [self] funded by the members who are willing to pay some or all of cost of the event.
- g. Martin: Feels board may be compelled to consider, he would like to see more money coming into society, would recommend it be done the end of 2023.
- h. Joel: Most of work on bonsai is done at the end of year, and Mathew had a list of events he could talk on at the end of year. This might be better time. Maybe the society would consider a fundraiser. Maybe, [Brainstorming] that a certain percentage of \$\$ at Spring Show be put toward this workshop type of event.
- i. John: How much would it cost for Mathew? Joel: \$400-\$500. John: Twenty people would be \$25 dollars for example.
- j. Joel: However, if the workshop was working on trees, there would be a need to limit how many people would be able to attend. Joel has been to his [Mathews] house and it was 5-7 people. We would need to tailor the workshop to the number people and what they are willing to pay, to what would be presented. Will bring email to next meeting. Jullian Tasi, another presenter mentioned that the more the attendance, the less hands on and more coaching to the attendees who bring trees.
- k. John: Suggested discussing with the board at the next board meeting.
- l. John: Next TC meeting, nail down Workshops.
- m. Brad: Clarification on what you mean please. John: We discussed bringing in a professional for a workshop. Other topics might be for example, in September Joel is doing a nursery to bonsai presentation. This would be a good time to schedule a workshop. [After meeting thought – or Workshop that is a bonsai tour of trees of members].
- n. Brad: Correction of Jan presentation to: Repotting: Top Down Repot

Meeting Adjourned @ End Time: 7:51.51 pm {only 9 seconds left out of 40 min}