



Meeting Date: 09 June 19
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Chico Library
1108 Sherman Ave

Upcoming June Meeting and Review of May Meeting

Attendance

This Mother's Day meeting was attended by 10 members and guests.

Newsletter and Membership

...without our dues paying society members. The current yearly dues this year remain at \$30 individual or \$35 for a member and significant other. As costs increase our dues have remained the same thanks to our members who volunteer their time and join the society. An April newsletter correction. For accounting purposes membership start dates were changed from April [time of our show] to January of each year. Many thanks to our 21 current members.

Contact Leo at our next meeting to help in our societies continued success by continuing with your membership!! Currently over 50 newsletters are emailed every month. We are currently updating our member email and phone number list. Starting next month all current dues paying members will be sent the email newsletter (newsletters will be available for members at meetings who do not have email accounts and guests). Check with Leo Martinez if there is a question about your membership status.

Board Meeting Minutes 12 May Meeting [Notes - Mike Mittia]

Attendee's;

Officers:

- John McDonald, Vice President
- Leo Martinez, Treasurer
- Pat Gilmore, Annual Show Chair
- Steve Liner, CBS Store

Absent:

- Adam Jacobsen, President
- Luke Smith, Secretary

General Members:

- Ruben Rodarte
- Michael Mattia

Meeting called to order at 09:30 hours approximately

Discussion Notes –

- **Silent Auction:** Leo recently acquired some premium bonsai plant material. The board discussed having a silent auction item at the Meetings. Discussion involved how and what to do for it.
 - a. It was decided to auction one valuable item per month
 - b. Auction would be conducted as a “silent” auction.
 - c. John would post the information in the preceding months newsletter.
 - d. Leo to get John pictures to include in newsletter.
 - e. Auction would start with a minimum bid amount, so as to assure an appropriate minimum price was established.
 - f. The minimum bid would be established at the meeting.
 - g. Leo and Ruben had a couple of items they would donate.
- ★ **Proposal was approved by consensus.**
- **Member Name Tags:** Steve led the discussion of member name tags.
 - a. Steve proposed the society have a higher quality name tag [like the engraved plastic name tags] that other organizations use.
 - b. Types and expenses were discussed.
- ★ **There was no general consensus as to what should be done at this time.**
- **Newsletter:** John discussed distribution of the newsletter.
 - a. John estimated that he sends out over 50 to email addresses. He is unsure of who some of them actually are as there are no names associated with emails and certain email addresses are monikers. He feels he currently may be sending out newsletters to folks who are no longer members.
 - b. Leo stated he believes we currently have 31 members but would have to verify with Luke.
 - c. John mentioned the need to streamline the current method of posting to Facebook page [e.g., Chico Bonsai Society]. The process of direct posting to the societies Facebook page is currently not working or understood. An alternate Facebook page could be opened under Chico Bonsai...
 - d. Should the society post the newsletter to Facebook instead of emailing each month? Discussion by members.
- ★ **Consensus – 1. The newsletter will post notice about dues being current to receive the newsletter. 2. John will make a current list of dues paying member names, emails and phone numbers. 3. As many members may not be Facebook literate the newsletter will still be by email. 4. No consensus on Facebook page.**
- **Web Page:** Chuck Coate is currently listed as the web master and the site is in his name. He has also paid the yearly fees for the site. He is currently on sabbatical and will be unable to maintain it.
 - a. Put newsletter on web page and email out.
 - b. The Treasurer stated he has included money in the 2019 Budget (\$300.00) to upgrade the site.
 - c. Attendee’s thought that might not be enough.
 - d. Attendee’s all agreed it was a valuable resource and should be upgraded and maintained, including the Calendar section.
- ★ **Consensus - It was decided that John would contact Chuck Coate to see if he would turn the website over to the society (or a Board designee) so we could upgrade it and then have it kept current.**
- **Budget:** Leo distributed a proposed budget (12 May 2019 revision) for review.
 - a. The proposed budget is based on 2018 income and expenses, less the expenses and income from the annual Society Bonsai Show.
 - b. Attendee’s felt that it looked appropriate at this time.
 - c. There was some discussion as to where we will be budget wise in 2020. Leo stressed we will have a large outlay of money for the 2020 Society Bonsai Show and we need to plan for that.

d. Discussion ensued regarding income from Meeting Raffles and the proposed silent auctions.

★ **As it currently stands, the Society will be \$651.00 in the red at the end of the year unless we can come up with additional income.** [Editor's note: This is profit and loss projection for the 2019 year without the annual show. The society is still in the black.]

• **Society Store:** The Society store was discussed.

a. Leo reported on the existing inventory and their selling prices;

- i. ◦ Society Embroidered Aprons 5 ea. \$20.00 ea. * Non-members \$5 more
- ii. ◦ Society Embroidered Baseball Caps 1 ea. \$15.00 ea. ** Non-members \$5 more
- iii. ◦ Society Metal Pins 53 \$5.00 ea.
- iv. ◦ (Society 25th Anniversary pins) 69 \$5.00 ea.

b. Leo indicated he would be purchasing additional embroidered aprons and caps

c. Leo brought up possibly purchasing some embroidered shirts for sale to members and through the Society store.

d. Through discussion it was thought we should stay away from black or light-colored shirts as they will show dirt.

e. Consensus was a Forest green would be a good color.

f. Leo said he'd look into it.

★ **Consensus was a Forest green would be a good color. Leo will get estimates.**

Meeting adjourned into a minimal Members meeting due to low member attendance.

Notes by CBS Member M. A. Mattia

June Presentation – Bonsai Tools – Leo Martinez



When I first became a member of the CBS, I used tools from my tool box. Cheap, simple and practical I thought. My thoughts have changed over the years. - J.McDonald

Leo Martinez will discuss the different types of bonsai tools, how they are used and the different companies who manufacture bonsai tools. If you are confused about the myriad of choices, Leo's presentation is a must attend. If you feel lost about bonsai tools a supplement [Review of Bonsai Tools] was emailed with this month's newsletter so you

Did you Know?

Magnolia nursery on East Ave. gives a 10% discount to CBS members

Maruyama Bonsai Nursery give a 10% discount to CBS group visits.

Refreshments

Coffee and cream were provided by John McDonald. We will welcome Carol Coljenice from her absence in June.

Agenda for 09 June Meeting

- **Call to Order:** Pres.
- **Introductions:**
- **Business:**
 - **Board Business and announcements:** Pres/VPres/Members.
 - **Secretary's Report:** *Membership Status and Dues, Sec.*
 - **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer
 - **Any Committee Reports:**
- **New Business:** New Web page, New Social Media and Club Store: All
- **Presentation:** Leo Martinez – **All About Bonsai Tools**
- **Open Session:** General session / Introduction of visitors and members/ Q and A about members plants / Show and tell
- **Auction:**
- **Adjourn**

Spring has Sprung!!

Spring has arrived and the seasonal growth period is on us...**Ruben Rodarte** has offered his services to anyone in our society interested in proper feeding and care of bonsai plants. Phone: 530-321-9813 Email: rubenrodarte123@gmail.com

Telephone/Email Member List

We are currently upgrading our telephone/email listing. Anyone else who wishes update their membership information [i.e., address, phone, email] check with John McDonald at the June meeting or email changes to jemcdonald@protonmail.com. The completed listing will be emailed with next month's newsletter.

CBS Classifieds

Anyone wishing to buy, sell or trade bonsai related items please contact John at jemcdonald@protonmail.com. Please be sure all material is camera ready [is edited for corrections and can be copy and pasted to the newsletter].

Silent Auction and Monthly Raffle

In addition to our regular auction, we will be conducting a silent auction of more valuable bonsai plant material. Our regular auction rules will be the same as always [\$1/ticket or \$5 for six tickets]. The silent auction will set a minimum cash offer. Anyone who wants to bid will write down a higher price. At the end of an agreed-on number of minutes, this highest bid will win the auction. Questions will be answered before the auction begins.



June meetings Silent Auction plant material

Root Over Rock – Bob Nottelmann Method

Bob Nottelmann is a longstanding member of the CBS. The following is a summary of his hands-on workshop demonstrating his method of creating a root over rock bonsai.



A. Select bonsai pot and rock, anchor it down with wire [padding is used to avoid cracking of rock against pot.



B. Select a sapling [in this case a trident maple].



C. Bob attaches the sapling with green tree wrap and mud around roots to the rock.



D. View of sapling, tree wrap and mud.



E. Close up of sapling, tree wrap and mud.



F. Bob uses black lava 3/8 in [from Sutherlands Landscape] and Turface in pot. Note larger plastic pot.



G. Fir bark and pumice mix fill larger plastic pot approx. 2/3 full. The bonsai pot and maple are placed on top.



H. Fill around bonsai pot up to a little above base of tree with the fir bark and pumice mix.



I. Bob filling up the pot.



G. Keep thoroughly moist.

As Bob explained, roots will develop both in and around the bonsai pot. This is to establish the tree and maximize growth. At proper time, the surrounding plastic pot will be removed and roots outside the bonsai pot will be trimmed off. Please direct any questions to Bob Nottelmann at

nottelmann@hotmail.com. Many thanks to Bob for sharing his techniques with Chico Bonsai Society members.

