



Green Country Bonsai

December 2008 Newsletter

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November Meeting Notes

Marcus Bush called the meeting to order. Guests were Roy & Fran Danner, who joined us as members. Welcome to the club! (Roy did the recent workshop.)

Old Business:

Showmaster, Tom Howard thanked those 7 members who brought 47 trees to the recent Fall Show. Tom also thanked those who helped with setup, demos and public greeting. **See next page for the trees that won awards.**

A final quote from Tom's report: "I do wish, however, that more members would exhibit their trees. Our club has many talented members, and they should all take the opportunity to participate in exhibitions."

The club thanks Donna Hardin for the great Taco Soup she furnished for lunch at the Workshop. Thanks also to Jo Kohn for the Pumpkin Cake.

New Business:

Donna Hardin questioned the 20% commission paid to the club by members who sell personal items at our events. After some discussion, Marcus tabled the question for review by the Board.

A signup sheet for the December Pot-Luck Dinner was made available. Even if you didn't get a chance to sign up, plan to attend and bring a dish. This is always a fun meeting.

Also at the December meeting we will elect officers for next year. Marcus appointed a Nominating Committee, and if you are approached, please consider accepting a nomination.

Show and Tell:

Mike Flanagan brought a Witch Hazel / Low-bush Blueberry planting, a Japanese Chrysanthemum and a Burning Bush.

Tom Howard brought a cascade Chrysanthemum.

Raffle:

Mike brought a Jade, a Mum and a "Too-Little" variety Ficus. Andre Chenault brought a Juniper. Lindsay Shiba donated an apron and a book from his recent convention in Mexico. Frank Kohn provided a disk copy of his slideshow of the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection.

(If anyone is interested in a copy of the slideshow, a CD that is playable on your computer is available for the cost of \$1... payable to the club. Contact Frank)

Program:

Frank Kohn (with technical help from Mike Blake) had a slideshow of Seattle area bonsai gardens.

Officers:

Marcus Bush, President
Mike Flanagan, Vice Pres.
Donna Hardin, Treasurer
Lisa Martin, Secretary

Board Members:

Tom Howard, 3 year
David Parham, 2 year
Steve Sanders, 1 year
Michelle Gray, Ex Officio
Mike Blake, Webmaster
Frank Kohn, Newsletter Ed.

December Meeting:

Monday December 1, 2008,
7:00 pm,

Tulsa Garden Center,
2435 S. Peoria

December Program:

Election of Officers
&
Pot Luck Dinner

G. C. B. Fall Show



People's Choice - Tom Howard's Juniper Saikei



Showmaster's Award - Mike Flanagan's Crepe Myrtle

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----- Oklahoma Chainsaw Massacre (or... Let the sun shine in) -----

Lindsay
Shiba
Workshop

===== HAIRCUTS =====



Before



After



Just a *little* off the top, please



NOW the birds can fly thru

A Thank You note from Lindsay Shiba:

"Thank you very much for the opportunity to visit and hopefully help your trees (or improve your trees).
It was nice seeing you all again --- the trees are improving, Maybe we can put together a session on formal display of trees in a show setting. Just a thought.
Please thank Mike Flanagan for allowing me to visit his home, and for the beautiful pot he gave me. (Mike should enter his pots in some bonsai pottery competition). They are great!
Thanks for everything!
Sincerely,
Lindsay"