



Green Country Bonsai

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Editors note: My apologies for a late and abbreviated Newsletter. I just returned home from a week in the hospital, and wanted to get this out ASAP.

Officers:

Justin Lovelace, President
Mike Flanagan, Vice Pres.
Donna Hardin, Treasurer
Lisa Martin, Secretary

Board Members:

Ken Cole, 3 year
Tom Howard, 2 year
David Parham, 1 year
Marcus Bush, Ex Officio
Mike Blake, Webmaster
Frank Kohn, Newsletter Ed.

October Meeting:

Monday Oct. 5, 2009,
7:00 pm,
Tulsa Garden Center,
2435 S. Peoria

October Program:

Members' Swap Meet
Bring your stuff to sell or trade.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH DEPT.

Per G.C.B. By-laws.....

Article III Gifts

All individuals who sell personal plants or bonsai materials at GREEN COUNTRY BONSAI SOCIETY events will be expected to give twenty percent (20%) of gross sales to GREEN COUNTRY BONSAI SOCIETY.

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The only exclusion to this has been where members bring stuff to the Swap Meet for sale or trade to other members.

September Meeting Notes

Pres. Justin Lovelace called the meeting to order, and we had a bunch of guests. Tim & Sara Kilpatrick, Joshua & Melanie Pierce, Pat Crabtree and Ben Renshaw. We are pleased to have Pat and Tim & Sara join us as members. Welcome.

Old Business:

The show at the Jenks Aquarium on Sept. 19th is in need of workers and display trees. Tom Howard & Mike Blake will be working on flyers for this show.

Donna Hardin reports a \$1586 balance in our account.

Jim Doyle has been confirmed for our March 2010 Master's Workshop.

New Business:

Neil Dellinger has a teacher who can do a weekend workshop for \$500 + travel. A discussion followed on questions of if and when. Exec. Board will consider this.

Show and Tell:

We had the usual nice selection of trees and stones.

Raffle:

Again, a good selection of items were donated by various members. These raffles are a great opportunity to acquire trees, pots, etc. for our hobby, and they definitely aid our Treasury.

IT'S SHOW TIME

October 3rd & 4th from 10 - 4 is our Fall Bonsai Show.

Neil Dellinger will be Showmaster, and he expects great support from the membership. Setup will be on Saturday morning before show time as this saves us Garden Center charges for a Friday night setup.

Don't be bashful folks. If you have a tree in a bonsai pot, bring it to the show. Share it with the visitors and fellow members. Let's have a good representation of our membership's efforts. Don't sweat comparisons between members who are new to this art, and those who have been doing it for years... there are bound to be differences. Consider the show as a way to gain experience in the techniques of displaying your trees. [Refer to Steve Sander's article in the last newsletter.]
The more you practice, the better you will get !!!

Program:

Donna Hardin did her usual great job with the Hands-On Pot Making program.

She provided the clay, tools and expertise, and the eager members are ready to get their hands dirty.

Maybe we can get a picture of the end results after they are fired, and put it in a future Newsletter.



Bonsai Show at the Oklahoma Aquarium



Thanks to Tom Howard for these shots of the great display we had at the Aquarium on Sept. 19th.

I haven't heard any details on crowd numbers and interest, so we will have to wait for the next meeting. Thanks to those who worked and those who brought trees.

