

Pikes Peak Bonsai Society

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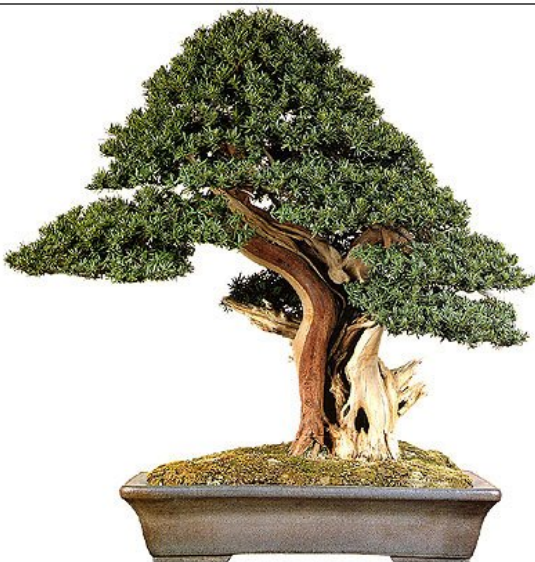
The Newsletter is Back

We have not seen a Club Newsletter in some time. At the suggestion of Steve Alford we are bringing it back. As you can see, it will have a different look than it has had in the past. Steve has volunteered to be the Corresponding Secretary and will be doing the Newsletter.

It will be published in Microsoft Word 2000 (.DOC) and sent to each active member that has an email address. If you have problems viewing this newsletter, not to worry, there will be extra copies at the following meeting. If you do not have an email address let us know and we will try to work something out. It is felt that since most people have email that this is the best method and will cost the Club nothing.

The Newsletter will be printed in black and white so that it does not waste a lot of everyone's' color ink, since we all know how expensive that is!! If the majority would like to see it in color, it can always be changed.

And of course, if anyone has any suggestions for the content of the newsletter, please let me know.



Membership Dues

Cliff Broyles wanted to remind everyone that if they have not yet paid their dues to please try to do so. He will be updating the annual yearbook with information, photos and emails of all the paid members of our club. It is by these updated emails that we will be able to send members the new Newsletter and any other important information. If anyone has some content to offer for the yearbook, see Cliff.

New Monthly Raffle

At the mention of membership dues, the opinion was voiced by our founder, Sonya Alford, that she felt the club dues were getting too high. This brought a suggestion by Steve Alford that we need to do things as a club to raise money instead of depending mostly on what is collected as dues. There was a good lengthy discussion that followed.

Steve's suggestion was to have a monthly raffle of items that members bring to the meeting such as newly propagated trees or maybe even an extra tree in their collection they no longer want. We would use the raffle tickets that we already have and charge \$1 per ticket.

Bill Fox suggested doing this bi-monthly instead of monthly but during further discussion; most felt that monthly was the best option. A vote was held and it was passed that we will be holding our first raffle next month.

So, on Saturday, December 13th, 2008, bring in your "raffle trees" and if all goes well, we should be able to add close to \$50 or more per month to the treasury.

It was also brought up by Robert Baran that it might be nice to have a once-a-year auction where members bring in trees, used or new books, their extra Bonsai tools or anything else that would make a good auction item. This will be discussed further at a future date.

Any other money making ideas are welcome.

Election Time

At November's meeting we held nominations for officers to the Club Board.

For the position of President, Cliff Broyles nominated both Robert Baran and David Conlin. Claudia Eley was nominated by Harve Wolfe, but graciously turned it down.

The person who comes in second place for the vote on President will become the vice president.

The only nomination for Treasurer was by Cliff Boyles for Charlie Richards., Charlie will remain our Treasurer.

There were also no nominations for Communications, so Robert Baran will remain at that post.

Steve Alford volunteered to be our Corresponding Secretary and will be the editor of this Newsletter.

If you plan on participating in the voting of new board members (President and Vice President only) then please make sure you get your vote to Bill Fox at md_bill_fox_1029@q.com by the end of the day on November 17th.

After the elections and possibly during the next meeting of December 13th, the new board will elect members of the club to be active members in committees to be in charge of membership and the annual Bonsai Show.

Upcoming Meetings

Our next meeting will be on December the 13th.

January's will be on the 10th and

February's will be on the 14th.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Miscellaneous Discussions

1. Cliff Broyles will be trying very hard to get the Yearbook out and would appreciate it if there is anyone out there that might have a short article they might like to see in the yearbook; something to do with Bonsai.
2. We need to do all that we can to get the club's name out there. It was discussed that putting up posters telling of our club would be a good idea. Harve Wolfe volunteered to place one at Phalon Gardens. Sonya Alford will put one up at Sunset Greenhouses. Timmie Stewart will put them up at Red Rocks Nursery, and Cliff Broyles will do Spencers in Fountain. Steve Alford has an idea of putting something on craigslist.com.
3. Our treasurer, Charlie Richards, gave us our monthly report. As of 10/31/08, there is \$765.76 in the bank.
4. We would like to remind all members that, as a club, we are here to serve you and give any advice that you need to take care of your trees. Please feel free to bring in any tree you wish, at any meeting, that you might need help with.
5. We had a new member join the ranks as of November. He is Matt McFarland.
6. Charlie Richards Asked if we wanted to renew our subscriptions to Bonsai International and Bonsai Focus. It was decided by all that we would. This brought up the discussion of our lending library. For those that are not aware, we have a fairly extensive library of books and magazines on Bonsai. Please feel free to ask if you can look through them and borrow one. Please remember that it is borrowed and we would like to see it returned by the next meeting so someone else can enjoy it.
7. Charlie will be talking to the people that are in charge of the Senior Center to make sure that we can keep using their facilities for next year's meetings.