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#### NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

##### **NOVEMBER 16, DES MOINES MEETING**

**6:30 PM (note time change)**

Des Moines Botanical Center

##### **Potluck and Annual Meeting**

*Bring a dish to share - drinks, dessert and tableware provided.*

The back door is locked for security reasons. If you can wave to someone to let you in, great. If not, the door to the education wing should be unlocked. As you approach the front entrance turn left and follow around the building to the door.

#### TIMELY TIPS

The time is rapidly approaching to put our trees into winter storage. However, as I write this on Sunday afternoon, the temperature is almost 70 and my trees are still outside soaking up the sun. I have already sprayed them with a combination of fungicide and systemic insecticide. I will spray them one more time if possible before I bring them in. The spray is so smelly I don't use it in the storage area if at all possible.

When you bring in your trees be sure to pick off all the dead leaves and clean up the soil surface. Pests can hide under debris and old moss.

I'm sure you have noticed that the trees are not taking up nearly as much water. Only water when they are dry the depth of the first joint of your finger. The wind can dry out the surface but they can still be plenty moist underneath. When they are in storage they will only need watering infrequently. Just keep them moist.

You can start cleaning up old needles on junipers and plucking old needles on black pines. Late fall is a good time to prune pines and select the buds from the current year you want to keep. It is not a good idea to heavily prune deciduous trees as you may get some dieback just below the cut.

I enjoy going over each tree as I put them away. I make notes of which ones need repotting in the spring and I take photos to compare with the ones I took in the spring. It is fun to see how much they have grown.

*It is not necessarily true that averaging the averages of different populations gives the average of the combined population. (Simpson's Paradox) -Edward H. Simpson, statistician (b. 1922)*

#### MAILING LIST

I hope everyone has gotten the e-mail from the yahoo groups saying you are now a member of the group, i.e. of the bonsai club mailing list. Dave asked me to set it up to send out the newsletter and also so anyone needing to send out an announcement to the members can do so. In the past I have been the only one with the mailing list in my address book so this gives other members (members only) to have it.

All this computer stuff is a complete enigma to me, I just have my small area of competence. Terri Nelson has walked me through the whole process with incredible patience. It was kind of a pain as I had to copy and paste everyone's address into the membership and I could only add 8 or 9 a day for some reason. It took a while. I am planning to send this newsletter via the

group. I have often had trouble sending a group mailing by my miserable satellite server.

I have been assured that this is strictly private and no spam or other obnoxious e-mails should come from it.

*When I was young, I admired clever people.  
Now that I am old, I admire kind people. -  
Abraham Joshua Heschel, theology professor  
(1907-1972)*

### FALL SHOW

Once again Ivan Hanthorn orchestrated an elegant fall show at Rieman Gardens the weekend of October 16-17. The trees were well displayed and there was a table displaying suiseki and kusamono. Max Miller had a very educational display showing the stages of developing cuttings into bonsai. The bazaar table saw a lot of trees, pots etc. change hands and Dave Lowman seemed to be doing a lively business at his booth. I suspect there are a number of dorm rooms decorated with bonsai.

Ivan invited some members of the Japanese American Society to perform a tea ceremony. It was very interesting as each part of the process was explained. A mock up of the tea house they hope to restore at the Botanical Center was also on display.

Here are some photos from the show.



President Dave Lowman called a board meeting on Sunday afternoon during the show. Following are the minutes of the meeting.

### **IBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2010**

In attendance were: Dave Lowman, Helene Magruder, David Richmond, Max Miller, Mike Adams, Chuck Johnson, Ivan Hanthorn, and Ed Pogensee.

David Richmond reported that there is \$3325.59 in the bank account. That does not include the earnings from the bazaar table at the show.

Mike Adams suggested that board members serve a term of two years, alternating half of the board each year. The board agreed that it was a good idea to keep continuity. It will require an amendment to the by-laws.

Chuck Johnson agreed to write the proposed change to the by-laws for the membership to vote on.

Several members agreed to remain on the board. An e-mail will be sent out to the membership to see if anyone would be willing to serve on the board.

The subject of the club meetings was discussed. The current format was felt to be good. Some ideas for meetings were to keep the talks short, keep answers simple, add a "Hot Tips", which will be in the newsletter, where people can share new ideas. The board would like to see three hands-on workshops at meetings during the year. These have been very popular every time they have been done. We also discussed making soil during a meeting. The board thought it would be fun and enlightening for each member to make a CD of photos of their set-up at home and have Ron Heinen make a movie of it. It would be too time consuming and involve a lot of miles for Ron to shoot each members collection.

It was announced that Larry Totten may have a place to collect bonsai material from the wild next year.

Show chairmen for the spring show at the Botanical Center and for the State Fair show are needed. Members will be asked to volunteer at the annual meeting in November. Alan Magruder has offered to coach the State Fair chairman as he has it down to a simple system.

Ivan Hanthorn brought up the subject of the show cards. A number of people wanted to know who owned the trees at the show. It was decided that people could choose to have their name on the card, just have initials or nothing.

Rieman Gardens has requested that they be allowed to conduct a workshop on drawing a bonsai at the fall show next year. They would have a teacher and organize it. The club would provide the trees. It was agreed that it sounded like a great idea.

Mike Adams will contact the Japanese American Society about participating in the spring show.

The meeting was adjourned.

Helene Magruder, Secretary

*This above all: to thine own self be true, / And it must follow, as the night the day, / Thou canst not then be false to any man. -William Shakespeare, poet and dramatist (1564-1616)*