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SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 21, DES MOINES MEETING

7 PM, Des Moines Botanical Center

Wintering your Trees, Bob West and Dave Lowman

Tree of the Month- Boxwood

Bring a boxwood or any tree.

OCTOBER 16-17, FALL SHOW,

Rieman Gardens, Ames.

This newsletter is a bit early as we are leaving on a trip and won't get back in time to send it out at the usual time.

EIBA Update and Calendar

Our small club has been busy. We had our annual picnic in July sharing camaraderie while eating and working on trees. In early August we hosted Matt Ouwinga for a workshop and he improved many trees for club members. Matt won a major prize at the recent Chicago show with his beautiful little Trident which he brought to Cedar Rapids with him. It was fun to see the tree before he cleaned it up for the show, compared to its final display form. A couple of club members made it to the Chicago show. (I over spent my budget, but I now have some wonderful Sara Raynor pots.) The show was great and I learned a lot from headliner Michael Hagedorn, especially regarding the judging and display of trees. Our club is currently preparing for our Bruce more show August 28. Our show is part of the Bruce more Garden and Art Show held at Bruce more Mansion. The weather looks good and we should have a good time. We have our annual major workday coming in September making club soil. It is a major task, but rewarding. After that we can relax as a club, going on field trips to the IBA show, possibly to

Anderson Gardens, and we finish with our Holiday party.

August 28 Bruce more Garden and Art Show
9-4 pm

Sept 1 Board Mtg Panera on
Edgewood 6:30

Sept 16 Club Meeting 7 pm Pierson's Flower
Shop Topic: Fall Work Tree: Hornbeams

Sept 18 Soil Making Day at Jim
Vennemen's warehouse

STATE FAIR

The bonsai show at the state fair was, once again, very successful. There was one major catastrophe when Ron Heinen was on his way to the fair in a borrowed truck and the jury rigged cover he had made to protect his trees came loose and really tore up his trees. It made a big hole in the show without his trees but with a bit of adjusting it was still a good show. Dave Lowman filled in for Ron at the program in the afternoon and did a fine job styling a tree while Alan Magruder narrated the program.

The show was very ably judged by Jerry Meislik who also did a workshop for club members the day before.

Here are the ribbon winners from the fair.

Ivan Hanthorn of Ames won Best Overall Bonsai in the Bonsai competition judged Sunday at the 2010 Iowa State Fair.

Bonsai judging is part of the Floriculture exhibit on display in the John Deere Agriculture Building throughout the Fair

Additional results follow:

Novice/Intermediate

- 1) David Richmond, Indianola
- 2) David Richmond, Indianola
- 3) David Richmond, Indianola
- 4) David Richmond, Indianola
- 5) David Richmond, Indianola

Deciduous Trees

- 1) David Lowman, Kelley
- 2) Larry Totton, Granger
- 3) Ivan Hanthorn, Ames
- 4) Larry Totton, Granger

Needled Evergreen Trees

- 1) Helene Magruder, Indianola
- 2) David Lowman, Kelley
- 3) Ivan Hanthorn, Ames
- 4) Fred Truck, West Des Moines
- 5) Fred Truck, West Des Moines

Broadleaf Evergreen Trees

- 1) Helene Magruder, Indianola
- 2) Ivan Hanthorn, Ames
- 3) Fred Truck, West Des Moines

Tropical Trees

- 1) Ivan Hanthorn, Ames
- 2) Ivan Hanthorn, Ames
- 3) David Lowman, Kelley
- 4) David Lowman, Kelley
- 5) Helene Magruder, Indianola

Forest: Landscapes and Rock Plantings

- 1) Larry Totton, Granger
- 2) David Lowman, Kelley
- 3) Ivan Hanthorn, Ames
- 4) Angi Allison, Earlham
- 5) Larry Totton, Granger

Shohin

- 1) David Lowman, Kelley
- 2) David Lowman, Kelley
- 3) Ivan Hanthorn, Ames
- 4) David Lowman, Kelley
- 5) Helene Magruder, Indianola



Best of Show, Ivan Hanthorn



Shohin, Dave Lowman



Novice/Intermediate, David Richmond

The workshop with Jerry Meislik the day before the show was a real treat. Jerry is very proficient working with tropical trees and that is what most of the participants brought. Instead of going around and working with individuals one to one, Jerry had each participant bring his/her tree to him and tell about it. Then the whole group discussed what they thought about what should be done to it and ask questions. Jerry then led us through the process he would do and if the owner of the tree agreed, made the changes. I think we all learned a lot and had a lot of fun.



Don't ask me what that drawing is but I'm sure we all understood at the time.

It has always seemed strange to me that in our endless discussions about education so little stress is laid on the pleasure of becoming an educated person, the enormous interest it adds to life. To be able to be caught up into the world of thought -- that is to be educated. -Edith Hamilton, educator and writer (1867-1963)

