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Bonsai Nursery Tour, February 27

The annual bonsai tour will be on Saturday, February 27. We will meet at 6 a.m. in the Sam's Club parking lot, 1025 Highway 6 North, Houston.

Please be on time. We will caravan to the Austin area to visit Persimmon Hill Bonsai and Wimberley to stop at Jade Garden Bonsai shops. For all the new members this is a fun day of bonsai. Call with your questions: ph 281-496-6355. --Kenneth

Monthly Meeting: Bylaws, Boxwoods

The next meeting of the Houston Bonsai Society (HBS) will be Wednesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park, 1500 Hermann Drive. Refreshments and Curbside Consultation at 7:00.

The membership will be asked to vote on proposed changes to the HBS bylaws. You should have received a copy of the proposed amendments either by email or U.S. post. If you did not receive a copy, contact Seda Dawson or Alan Raymond.

The program is a workshop on boxwoods. We will have 10-15 trees (Kingsville, Saunders, Morris midget) at \$20-25 each. We will provide the soil. Bring your own bonsai container.

March 20, Saturday Study Group

The HBS study group will meet Saturday March 20 at 9 a.m. at Bayland Center in Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonet (Bissonet at Hillcroft--south of 59 and east of Fondren). We will have an open meeting with a one hour video at 9:15, *The Growing Art of Bonsai*. We will also be wiring, pruning and trimming of trees for bonsai.

2010 LSBF Cowtown Bonsai Convention

by Mark Bynum, Convention Chairman

Your Convention Committee has been working on the 2010 Bonsai Convention for 2 years now and is 90% complete with the preparatory work. We believe that we have put together a convention that you will like with not just 2 artists but 5 artists, a variety of healthy bonsai material from pine to broadleaf evergreen, deciduous to tropical, and a range of workshop levels from beginner to advanced. Costs of the workshops fit all pocketbooks and we added a scroll workshop to give you some variety and range in the bonsai art. Free demonstrations from 2 top artists will be must see as will the exhibit room with premier bonsai trees from all across Texas. Add to this at least 2 new scheduled features and the 2010 Cowtown Bonsai Convention becomes a very inviting event to attend. Satisfied with that? Wait! We have a few more fun tricks up our sleeves that will develop over the next few months.

The Convention Registration Packets will be available for our club members at the January meeting. The packets will be distributed to all the other LSBF clubs during January. Vendors' solicitation letters will also go out in January.

With the convention only 5 ½ months away, read the Registration Packet, decide which workshops interest you, save your money, and sign up as soon as you can. Early registration not only saves you money and insures you a spot in your chosen workshops, but also helps our club finance the convention.

As I said, the committee's pre-convention work is almost complete and now much of the burden will

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Monthly Bonsai Care

by John Miller

John Miller, who writes a monthly column for the Bonsai Society of Dallas and the Fort Worth Bonsai Society, has agreed to share his column with us. We need to make adjustments for our warmer, damper climate, with its early springs, long summers, late falls and erratic winters.

An article I read made me think I should remind you to look at the label on anything you use, for bonsai or personally. There are a number of items that have the same name but have entirely different uses. I have recommended using potassium bicarbonate instead of sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) for fungal control. One brand name is "Remedy." However there is also an herbicide widely marketed under the name "Remedy" -- one good for us, one real bad. Another is tea tree oil. One is from *Melaleuca alternifolia* used in alternative medicine and by some organic gardeners. The other is from *Camellia sinensis* and used in cooking. There are probably others, too.

Some tasks being performed this month are repotting, trimming new growth, and watching for the spring flush of insects. Usually you will be going back and forth between all three. An article like this can only tell you what to do, not give much in the way of how to do it.

The optimum time to repot most outdoor trees is when they are just beginning to grow again as evidenced by the buds starting to swell. As a rule, the elms will be first, maples next, and oaks later. There will always be those exceptions. Cedar elm will hang back and open in the middle of maples. My tridents are usually late. Other species will depend a lot on your own backyard environment. Pines will usually show candles before you can see juniper growth. Things like pomegranate and crape myrtle really depend upon your care. If you are able to take them in and out depending on the weather, you may be able to make them start growth early and beat the rush as I do my shohin. I try to do the broadleaf evergreens, yaupons and other hollies, a little later, maybe into April.

After repotting you must protect the new roots from freezing. Setting them on the ground with some mulch over the pot will offer several degrees of freeze protection, especially if the late freeze doesn't last more than 1 or 2 days. A light-weight row cover (don't use plastic sheeting) will help protect from a light freeze or a frost that you might get especially on a clear night.

Do not fertilize after repotting until the new growth shows some hardening. Then you may apply

some organic balls, sparingly (1 or 2 small balls) at first and then more as the tree slows down.

For bonsai that have required branches and you are developing twigs or maintaining ramification, whether repotted or not, when the new growth starts, you should grab your tweezers or scissors. Ones with a rounded point work best. The technique is different for alternate leafed species ("als") such as elms than for opposite leafed species ("ols") such as maples.

On als let the growth go to 5 new leaves. Then pinch (with the tweezers) back to 2 or 3 leaves depending on the desired direction of the new growth. This controls the length of the internodes and diameter of the twig and could give you up to 64 twigs in a year.

The procedure on ols is more critical. When the two new leaves open, you will see the new growing tip between them. If this tip is allowed to grow, the first internode (from the old twig to the new leaves) will also continue to elongate. You must pluck the new tip immediately. On some trees you may have to manually open the new pair of leaves to get the new tip in time. This procedure makes you work on maples every day in order to have good short internodes and perfect ramification. I also sometimes need to manually open the oak leaf (an als), also.

The worst spring insect seems to be the aphids. The best control is the ladybug which also shows up early. But when they finish their job they have no food so they fly off. I use my organic spray for all insects all summer long. It controls mites, scale, bagworms, anything. Spider mites will also be showing up with warm weather. There can be some caterpillars or small worms, also. You must keep a sharp eye while you are watering.

My organic spray is 1 tablespoon each of liquid seaweed, fish emulsion, molasses, and 5% apple cider vinegar in one gallon water. Spray both top and bottom of the leaves and also the trunk. When using on the tender first growth, cut the vinegar in half. This spray is most effective when used on a regular basis. I try to spray weekly since the life cycle of mites can be as short as 5 days. If you use something else, read the label and follow it. Any insecticide should be applied with a sprayer that makes a fine spray which will coat the leaf evenly. Hose end sprayers are not appropriate for bonsai.

Azaleas should be repotted now also. If there are a lot of buds on the plant, you should pluck some of them so that the remaining buds have space to open fully.

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On those that have not been repotted, apply fertilizer somewhat sparingly at first. You must balance the plant's need for fertilizer for healthy growth with its desire to produce a rampant spring growth. After the initial flush slows, apply more fertilizer until you get the proper amount for good healthy growth. Again, organic fertilizers feed the plant at a more constant rate.

With all this going on, don't forget to plan for obtaining more knowledge about bonsai. Make plans to do hands on things like workshops. Watching the demos and workshops will give you some knowledge but it is the hands on effort that instills it in you so that it will be there when your little tree calls for you.

A real good place to go is the LSBF convention in Ft. Worth June 11-13. Go to www.fwbonsai.com for info.

Also be sure to take advantage of the hard work your officers have done to provide many opportunities locally.

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be passed on to the FWBS members. We will need volunteers for every aspect of the convention and you will probably be approached by a committee member to help somewhere. Please be supportive. Our May meeting will be dedicated to informing you all about the convention, volunteer assignments, and how to be a host to our visitors. The biggest single factor that will help us now is raffle donations. Any profit we make for our club to use for future professional programs comes from the raffles. The more items we have, the bigger the ticket sales, plain and simple. Please look over your bonsai inventory and decide what you can donate. Look for items in garage sales, discount book stores, or estate sales. Perhaps some of your friends have some items to donate or better yet, ask your place of business for a donation. Hold your plant items till the convention, but let us have an idea of what will be donated. Non-plant items, such as books, pots, wire, tools, etc. can be brought to any meeting. Some non-

bonsai-related items, such as recorded books, tea pots, flashlights, dolls, paintings, statuary, etc. can be donated as well.

Remember that all 2010 LSBF Cowtown Bonsai Convention details and registration forms can always be found on our website at www.fwbonsai.com.

HBS Seeks Newsletter Editor

Our newsletter editor is resigning no later than June 1. If you are interested in editing our newsletter, please contact Alan.

Deadline Membership Renewal

The deadline for renewing your HBS membership is April 15. An individual membership is \$25.00; a family membership, \$30.00.

Don't wait. Renew now.

New Board Member for TTSBE

Richard of the San Antonio Bonsai Society has joined the board of The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit. He began service in January.

--Donna, secretary TTSBE

Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection Open Mother's Day Weekend Only

Weyerhaeuser Company's Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection is pleased to announce its re-opening for three days only this May. If you missed viewing the collection before it closed its gates in spring of 2009, then don't miss out on this special opportunity to visit one of the finest collections of bonsai in the United States!

This unique outdoor museum features 60 world class bonsai from six Pacific Rim nations displayed in a beautiful woodland setting. During the festival weekend, visitors can enjoy free guided or self-guided tours and special lecture demonstrations.

Schedule:

Bonsai collection preview, Friday, May 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Collection open May 8 & 9, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Free Bonsai collection admission and parking

For directions and a listing of lectures and demonstration, 253-924-5206 or www.weyerhaeuser.com/bonsai.

For information on the entire Buds & Blooms Festival Mother's Day weekend in Federal Way, Washington, www.visitfw.org

*Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection
 33663 Weyerhaeuser Way South
 Federal Way, WA 98003*

Manakitivipart in Topeka, Kansas

Boon Manakitivipart will be in Topeka, Kansas March 26, 27 and 28 at the Forest Park Conference and Retreat Center.

Things get started Friday night with snacks and a time to meet everyone. Boon will present a demo using a tree of his choice.

Saturday will include one morning and one afternoon workshop. Participants can furnish their own trees, purchase trees from Sonlight Nursery, or select trees from the nursery to work on. A large selection is available.

Sunday will be a half day to work with Boon and finish incomplete projects.

The cost for the weekend is \$150; workshops are an additional \$50 per session. Sunday is no cost for those that have paid for a workshop on Saturday. Cost includes meals and lodging at Forest Park.

Registration and fees are due no later than March 12. Contact me for details regarding payment and lodging at Forest Park or for local motels.

To register, or if you have any questions, call 785- 633- 8169 or email fkroeker@yahoo.com. You can find more at [Bonsai Retreat](#) on Facebook and <http://forestparkretreat.com>.

Hope to see you all there.

*Frank Kroeker
Sonlight Nursery*

2nd US National Bonsai Exhibition

The 2nd U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition will be held on June 12-13, 2010, at the Monroe Community Hospital Auditorium, Rochester, New York.

The deadline for submitting photographs of your trees for display is April 15. For information, see the February issue of The Bonsai News of Houston or contact Bill at 585-334-2595 or

WNV@internationalbonsai.com or visit <http://www.internationalbonsai.com/>, the web site for The International Bonsai Arboretum.

To learn more about Bill Valavanis, the founder of the exhibit, see below.

William N. Valavanis

William N. Valavanis is the proprietor of The International Bonsai Arboretum, in Rochester, New York.

Bill graduated from the State University of New York at Farmingdale, majoring in ornamental horticulture, and from Cornell University, majoring in floriculture and ornamental horticulture.

In 1970, Bill went to Japan to study bonsai with Kyuzo Murata at Kyuka-en Bonsai Garden in Omiya,

Japan. He also began studying saikei with Toshio Kawamoto at the Nippon Bonsai-Saikei Institute in Tokyo.



From 1971 to 1972 Bill studied with Kakutaro Komuro at Shoto-en Bonsai Garden in Omiya, Japan. He continued his studies with Toshio Kawamoto and took classes on bonsai chrysanthemums with Tameji Nakajima. To learn more about Japanese design and line, he studied the "Shofu School" of Ikebana receiving a master's teaching certificate.

He has studied and taught bonsai courses with Yuji Yoshimura at the Yoshimura School of Bonsai in Briarcliff Manor, New York. In 1978, he was editor for one year of *The Bonsai Bulletin*, published by The Bonsai Society of Greater New York, as well as a director of the organization.

In 1979, he began publishing *International BONSAI*, now reaching fifty-two countries. His magazine sponsors an annual symposium, now in its 32th year (125 issues!), in Rochester, which attracts people from around the world and is highly respected for its outstanding instructors and organization. He has authored many articles which have been printed in English, Japanese and European publications in addition to *The Encyclopedia of Classical Bonsai Art, Volumes I & II*, which are now out of print. He has made TV appearances in North America, Japan, Korea, Italy and Australia.

Bill has made over 50 trips to Japan to study and lead bonsai tours. His teaching travels have covered England, South America, China, Indonesia, Japan, Taiwan, Belgium, Italy, Australia as well as North America. In April 2006 the Chinese government invited him, a Greek American to travel to China to

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teach Japanese bonsai art, which the Chinese invented!

He assisted in establishing The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York in the Rochester area which still remains one of the most active and distinguished organizations on the east coast. Recently the organization celebrated its 30th anniversary and presented Bill with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his 40 years of dedication to the art of bonsai. In 2003 the officers and directors of the American Bonsai Society also presented him with its "Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award."

He continues to share his knowledge with non-profit organizations and is a director of the National Bonsai Foundation.

In 2008 he organized the First US National Bonsai Exhibition to showcase quality bonsai from across the United States. This successful historic event displayed for the first time 192 bonsai from 23 states and drew visitors from around the globe.

This article is adapted from a profile of Bill Valavanis and used by permission. Thanks to Carmen for obtaining the information and permissions.

Bonsai Introductory Course

A bonsai introductory course will be held three Saturdays, April 17 & 24 and May 8, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Mercer Arboretum. The fee is \$125.00 (\$100 for members), plus optional cost for tools and/or materials. The fee includes membership in HBS for 2010 for nonmembers. Lunch is on your own.

The text and course material were prepared by the American Bonsai Society and is being offered by the HBS locally. The fee includes a syllabus, instructions and visual presentations. The educational material, methods and techniques are extensive and cover the information needed to get a great start on a fun and enjoyable activity, the art of bonsai.

Mercer Arboretum is located at 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd in Humble TX. Seating is limited so the course fee is due at time of registering. The deadline for registration is April 10, 2010. Questions about the course can be made via e-mail to education@houstonbonsai.com.

Registration can be made by mail or at the HBS monthly meeting. The HBS meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at the Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park at 7:30. Checks should be made payable to HBS and mailed to: Houston Bonsai Society, P.O. Box 540727, Houston, Texas 77254-0727. Please include a phone number, e-mail address and/or mailing address.

Calendar of Events

The HBS meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park, 1500 Hermann Drive, next to the rose garden. Refreshments and Curbside Consultation at 7:00 p.m.

- Mar. 3 Monthly meeting of the HBS, Hermann Park. vote on amendments to bylaws, boxwood workshop.
- Mar. 13 Large podocarpus workshop 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Timeless Trees Bonsai, <http://www.timeless-trees.com/>
- Mar 20 Saturday Study Group, Bayland Park, 9 a.m.
- Mar. 20 Montezuma cypress forest workshop, Timeless Trees Bonsai, www.timeless-trees.com
- Mar. 27 Bald cypress workshop, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Timeless Trees Bonsai, www.timeless-trees.com
- April 10 – 11. HBS spring show & Japan festival, Hermann Park, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.
- April 15 Photo deadline for National Bonsai Exhibition. For information, 585-334-2595 or <http://www.internationalbonsai.com/>
- May 1- 2 Chinese Bonsai Society show, Chinese Cultural Center, 10303 Westoffice Dr. 10 to 5 Saturday and 10 to 4 Sunday
- May 7,8,9 Open 3 days only, Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection 33663 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way, WA 98003, www.weyerhaeuser.com/bonsai or call 253-924-5206
- May 22-24 Rendezvous, Brussel's Bonsai Nursery, Olive Branch, MS, Memorial weekend, May 22, 23, 24. For information, http://www.brusselsbonsai.com/about_us/rendezvous09.shtml or call 1-800-582-2593.
- June 11-13 LSBF Convention, Fort Worth. Peter Warren, Guy Guidry, Matt Ouwinga, Estella Flather and Alisan Clarke, www.fwbonsai.com**
- June 12-13 2nd U. S. National Bonsai Exhibition, Rochester, NY. contact Bill Valavanis at 585-334-2595 or WNV@internationalbonsai.com or visit <http://www.internationalbonsai.com/>
- Sept 30- Oct. 12 BCI China tour and convention, http://www.bonsai-bci.com/BCI_2010/China_10.html

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes - February 3rd, 2010 Houston Garden Center

I. Call to order

Alan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: Alan, Michael, JoAnn, Seda, Phillip, Dean, Donald, Buddy, Carmen.

Quorum present? : Yes

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes –

Motion was made to approve January 6th, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded, voted, accepted.

Motion was made to approve January 24th Special Board Meeting Minutes, seconded, voted accepted.

IV. Treasurer's Report

JoAnn submitted February 3rd Treasurer's report, itemized budget report for 2007, 2008, 2009, a rough draft of 2010 budget.

V. Expenditures

Expenses paid by others: Motion was made, seconded, voted and accepted by 8 yes.

VI. Unfinished Business

Budget Process –Special Board Meeting is scheduled on February 28th Sunday, 1:00 pm at to debate, improve and approve 2010 budget.

LSBF Progress –After discussing the terms of 2010 LSBF Texas Tour Speaker Roy Nagatoshi, motion was made to schedule 3 events (Friday evening lecture/demo, and 2 workshops on Saturday) with Roy Nagatoshi seconded, voted and accepted by 8 yes.

TTSBE Contribution- After a discussing the request of contribution to TTSBE, motion was made to donate to TTSBE, seconded, voted and accepted by 8 yes.

LSBF Meeting Minutes- Carmen reported that electronic version of LSBF newsletter and meeting minutes (3 times a year) will be posted on HBS website.

Approval of Bylaws updates to be presented to membership and timing of same

-Addition of "The Nominating Committee may not nominate one of its members as a candidate for an open office." to 5.5 : Motion was made to accept that revision, seconded, voted and accepted by 8 yes.

- Motion was made to add "Each will serve a two-year term and may not serve more than three consecutive terms." to 8.3a, seconded, voted and accepted by 5 yes, 2 no votes.

-Motion was made to add "Except for the Treasurer, each will serve a two-year term and may not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The Treasurer shall serve a four-year term." To 5.4, seconded, voted and accepted by 8 yes votes.

-All expenditures require prior Board approval: Motion was made to add "Any expenditure in excess of \$xxx must be approved by the Board [or Executive Committee] in advance." To 8.4, seconded, voted and accepted.

Progress on Advanced Study Group- Advanced Study Group will have its first meeting on March 13th at 1:00 pm at Timeless Trees Bonsai Nursery.

Joint activity/show Houston and Chinese Bonsai Society-

Fall Show: Chinese Bonsai Society will join HBS Fall Show

Meeting at a Bonsai Nursery: Chinese Bonsai Society and HBS members could meet at a bonsai nursery for a joint activity.

Article Exchange: Members of Chinese Bonsai Society and HBS could write articles about effect of cold weather and exchange these articles.

VII. New Business

Bonsai Tour Plans –Annual Bonsai Tour will be on February 27th to Persimmon Hill Bonsai Nursery in Austin and Jade Garden Bonsai in Wimberley. Attendees will meet at 6:00 am at Sam's Club parking lot on 1025 Highway 6 North.

VIII. Routine Business

Demos to Outside Organizations- Warrens Southern Garden- May 1st- Alan will be presenting. Sugarland Garden Center –February 16th at 9:30- Phil will be presenting.

Education Programs- Hurley said there will be a boxwood workshop at March meeting.

January Internet Hit Report- 477 visitors to the website and 208 visitors to the newsletter.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.
Minutes submitted by Seda Dawson

Lone Star Bonsai Federation Meeting Minutes, January 16th, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 12:58 PM by President, Buddy. Buddy introduced Carmen, the new alternate delegate for Houston.

Buddy called for any changes to the minutes of the last meeting. There being no changes, a motion was made by Pat and seconded by Jay to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Pat reported on the LSBF balance as of December 31, 2009. Pat noted that we came in under budget this year and that the cost of our insurance increased this past year. She also noted that we paid seed money for both the 2009 and 2010 LSBF conventions in the 2010 fiscal year.

Pat presented the projected budget for 2010.

Also included in the Treasurer's report was a breakdown of services received by each club in relation to dues paid.

John made a motion to approve the proposed budget for next year. The motion was seconded by Yvonne and passed.

Old Business

Conventions

2010 – Steven discussed the upcoming convention in Fort Worth. All of the materials are in hand except for one demo tree. The convention dates will be June 11, 12, and 13. The web site is up for the convention and can be accessed through the Fort Worth Bonsai Society web page. (fwbonsai.com) Copies of the registration form were passed out to the delegates to be distributed to their respective clubs.

2011 – Yvonne discussed the 2011 convention which will be hosted by the Corpus Christie Bonsai Society. She pointed out that the hotel will be on the waterfront so “bring your bathing suit”. The guest artists will be Ed Trout, Bill Valavanis, and Shaun Smith. Shaun is a “rock” man and will be conducting a dai-making workshop. All the workshop trees are in-hand and include Ficus, Weeping Chinese elm, Natal plum, Jade, Bahama black olive, and Montezuma cypress.

2012 – John indicated that Dallas would be hosting in 2012 and general outlines are currently in discussion.

LSBF Speaker Tour

2009 – Verise received complements from the delegates on the Roberto Martinez tour in 2009.

2010 – Carl reported on the 2010 tour. He will be sending out a confirming email to Roy Nagatoshi on February 1st. Roy has agreed to the terms of the tour. The tour will take place in September of 2010.

2011 – Carl volunteered to head the LSBF Visiting Artist Tour in 2011. Yvonne reiterated her suggestion that for future tours we should consider looking for less expensive, lesser known artists, both within and outside the state. Pat suggested Cheryl Manning.

New Business

Contact List

Carmen passed out some forms for the delegates to fill out in order to update the contact information with the local clubs.

Steven suggested that each club make a point of reporting to their memberships what goes on at the LSBF meetings so as to raise awareness of what LSBF does and how the individual clubs benefit. Buddy indicated that he publishes the entire minutes in the Houston newsletter. Carl pointed out that the minutes are in each LSBF newsletter.

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Photographs of Nagatoshi Houston

Here is the album featuring Roy Nagatoshi's demonstration at the Houston Garden Center: [Roy Nagatoshi Houston Jan2010](#)

--Carmen

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LSBF Newsletter

Carl passed out copies of the winter 2010 newsletter to the delegates for distribution within their respective clubs. He requested that delegates send him photos from their own club shows and any original articles for inclusion in the newsletter. He stressed that any photos must have the photographer's consent in writing before he can use them. In keeping with Buddy's suggestion that newsletter include a Member's Forum, the next newsletter will include an article about the Corpus Christi club to be submitted by the Corpus Christi delegate (or alternate).

Miscellaneous

Meeting Location

Pat indicated that the LCRA meeting room will now be charging rent for each meeting. She volunteered to host a future meeting at her nursery, Jade Gardens, in Wimberley. Ells also volunteered to host a meeting in her home which is located very close to the LCRA building.

Buddy indicated that he had contacted Mark, convention chair for the LSBF convention and asked for room to host the LSBF June meeting. Mark indicated that the FWBS hospitality room at the hotel was amiable on Thursday evening before the convention. The delegates agreed to hold the next meeting at the Convention in Fort Worth on June 10th. The October 9th meeting will be held at Jade Gardens in Wimberley.

A motion was made by Carl and seconded by Els to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM.

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