

Inland Empire Bonsai Society

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2006

I. Call to order

Wendy Peden, IEBS President, called to order the regular meeting of the Inland Empire Bonsai Society at 12:00 on Sunday, October 15, in the Manito Park Meeting Room.

II. Open issues

- a) **Election of IEBS officers for 2007:** Nominations for IEBS officers for 2007 will remain open until the time of the vote at the November monthly meeting. Currently at least one nominee has been identified for each office. The slate of nominees is:

President: Wendy Peden
Vice President: Virginia Czechowski
Secretary: John Kittel
Treasurer: Roger Snipes
Director at Large: Hal Allert

- b) **2007 Program:** A 2007 program committee has been formed. It was decided to hold the first meeting of the committee on October 28, at the home of Wendy Peden. Additional members are invited to participate.
- c) **Bonsai Auction:** Members were informed of the details of the bonsai auction to be sponsored by the Puget Sound Bonsai Society, to be held on November 11.
- d) **First Night:** IEBS will again display an exhibit at Spokane First Night, on New Year's Eve. A sign-up sheet was circulated among meeting attendees to submit trees and to volunteer to mind the exhibit. IEBS members will have the opportunity to purchase discounted First Night admission.

III. New business

- a) **IEBS Workshops for 2007:** Members discussed the subject of sponsoring guest artist workshops in 2007.
- For 2007, workshops will need to be financially self supporting so that funds can be conserved for use towards the 2008 PNBCA convention.
 - It was agreed that one spring workshop and one fall workshop would be desirable, and which artists to contact regarding availability and fees. These workshops should be all day workshops, to provide a more in-depth experience for participants and to avoid the difficulty of attempting to find enough participants for separate morning and afternoon workshops.

- It will be beneficial for the workshops to include provision of the workshop tree for each attendee, due to the difficulty particularly for new or inexperienced members to otherwise obtain proper material.
- One or more experienced members will travel to nearby bonsai nurseries in November to purchase trees for the spring 2007 workshop. These will be purchased with club funds, and then sold to workshop participants who will keep the trees throughout the winter until time for the workshop.
- For the fall workshop the club has surplus black pine trees which will be used, and included in the workshop price.

IV. Adjournment

The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 12:45 P.M. The hands-on program activities were a presentation of information about bonsai winter storage and care, and an open styling workshop and discussion of member's trees. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: John Kittel, IEBS Secretary

Minutes approved by: Wendy Peden, IEBS President