

Inland Empire Bonsai Society

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2007

I. Call to order

Wendy Peden called to order the regular meeting of the Inland Empire Bonsai Society at 12:00 PM on April 15, 2007 in the Manito Park Meeting Room.

II. Old Business

- a) **Workshop with Walter Pall:** We have scheduled an all-day workshop on June 24 with Walter Pall. The workshop will be limited to 10 people. There are still several spaces available.
- b) **Workshop with Hans van Meer:** Members were informed that the board of directors discussed the possibility of holding a workshop with Hans van Meer, of Holland, some time in the summer or fall. It was decided not to explore this opportunity further because of the already full schedule and limited interest of members for another workshop during this time.
- c) **Japan Order:** Our order of bonsai supplies from Japan is expected to arrive the week of April 23rd or thereabout.
- d) **Japan Week:** Spokane's 13th annual Japan Week celebration occurs this year April 17 – 25. IEBS is presenting a bonsai exhibit April 23 at Spokane Community College, and a styling demonstration and talk on April 28th in the Manito Park Japanese Garden. IEBS members were requested to submit trees for the exhibit, and volunteer to help with the demonstration and talk.
- e) **Weyerhaeuser Photo Exhibit:** The Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection at the Weyerhaeuser Company is holding another Best of the U.S. bonsai photo exhibit. High-resolution digital images must be submitted by May 15. If we have members with suitable trees to enter, we will pursue a means of obtaining the required images.

III. New business

- a) **ABS convention:** Members were informed that IEBS has been contacted by the American Bonsai Society, ABS, regarding the possibility of hosting the 2012 ABS Convention. After discussion, the IEBS board has decided that we can not make this commitment at this time, due to uncertainties about the availability and resources of our organization at such a distant future date. We have sent a letter to ABS informing them of our decision and offering to reconsider the question in spring of 2009.
- b) **First Night 2007:** The organizers of Spokane's First Night celebration have offered for IEBS to participate again in 2007. The application needs to be submitted in June. A show of hands by members attending the meeting indicated fewer than 10 people currently willing to commit to help with the

display. The question of whether to participate this year will be extended to the entire membership via email and if 10 to 12 people are able to volunteer to help then we will go forward with the application process.

- c) **Program:** A repotting and root pruning workshop followed the business meeting.

IV. Adjournment

Wendy Peden, IEBS President, adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by: John Kittel, IEBS Secretary.