

# ***Inland Empire Bonsai Society***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

May 20, 2007

### **I. Call to order**

Wendy Peden called to order the regular meeting of the Inland Empire Bonsai Society at 12:00 PM on May 20, 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, and all spots are currently filled. Payment is now due. The workshop will be held at the Japanese Cultural Center at Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute.
- b) **Japan Order:** Our order of bonsai supplies from Japan arrived on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to IEBS members who helped process, check, and distribute the order.
- c) **Japan Week:** Spokane's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Japan Week celebration took place this year April 17 – 25. IEBS presented a bonsai exhibit April 23 at Spokane Community College, and a styling demonstration and talk on April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Manito Park Japanese Garden.
- d) **Bonsai postage stamp:** The United Stage Postal Service is considering the production of a series of postage stamps featuring images of bonsai. They require evidence of sufficient public interest in order to proceed. IEBS received a petition which was signed by members attending the meeting.
- e) **PNBCA Convention 2007:** IEBS members were reminded about and encouraged to attend this year's annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association, to be held in Portland, OR. The convention promotional brochure was circulated among members attending the meeting.

### **III. New business**

- a) **Bonsai Focus Magazine:** The IEBS subscription to Bonsai Today magazine is due to expire. Coincidentally, Bonsai Today is currently merging with Bonsai Europe magazine to become the new publication Bonsai Focus. IEBS members attending the meeting approved by a show of hands subscription for the next year to Bonsai Focus.
- b) **Nice Stone Available:** An IEBS member reported on discovery of a local source with very reasonable prices for attractive stone with natural depressions and cavities suitable for use in root over rock or root on rock bonsai plantings. The stone originates in Utah, and the individual who sells it comes through town periodically. We will determine a rough count of IEBS members who are interested in purchasing this material, and desired quantities, and try to arrange purchase.

- c) **IEBS Annual Show and Sale:** The date of this year's annual show and sale is July 15. Members are reminded to consider submitting trees for the exhibit, as well as items for sale, and to sign up to help out.
- d) **IEBS annual summer picnic:** This year Ron Bauer will again host IEBS annual summer picnic, on August 19.
- e) **Program:** Two activities followed the business meeting. First was a discussion and demonstration of bonsai shaping and maintenance by pinching new growth. Second was a discussion of kusamono, or accent plant, aesthetics, and a workshop in which participants created their own.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

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

Minutes submitted by: John Kittel, IEBS Secretary.