

Inland Empire Bonsai Society

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2007

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, September 16, in the Manito Park Meeting Room.

II. Open issues

- a) **Annual Picnic:** Members reported on the activities from the annual August picnic, which took place at Ron Bauer's home in Priest River, Idaho on August 19. It was a rainy day but there was a good turnout and we had a good party. People enjoyed the bonsai conversation, good food, and seeing Ron's trees and growing areas.
- b) **Annual Show and Sale:** The IEBS annual show and sale took place on July 15, and was open to the public from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Attendance was good. The club retained 10%, or \$159.00, of the proceeds from the sale items. The high quality of trees in the exhibit showed that many members are succeeding in improving the styling and display of their trees.
- c) **Spokane Interstate Fair:** The IEBS exhibit at the Spokane Interstate Fair, September 7 - 9, was well received by the public. Thanks are extended to the IEBS volunteers who helped with the exhibit.
- d) **PNBCA 2007 Convention:** The 2007 Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association annual convention, sponsored by The Bonsai Society of Portland, will take place September 21 – 23. The IEBS will compose a display featuring trees by Wendy Peden and Roger Snipes to represent our club in the convention exhibit room. The convention exhibit will also include two additional trees by Roger. During the convention we will be handing out brochures and accepting early registration for the 2008 convention which we will host in Spokane.
- e) **Workshop:** Bonsai artist David Rowe of Victoria British Columbia will conduct two workshops in Spokane on October 27. The morning session will use shohin Japanese Black Pine trees provided by IEBS and included in the workshop fee. The afternoon session will use trees of any species provided by the workshop participant.
- f) **Free Trees:** Marty and Hal brought a selection of trees for new members.

III. New business

- a) **Bonsai soil display:** IEBS member Hal Allert has constructed an excellent educational display of bonsai soils, and donated it to the club. The display is a freestanding display case, easily transportable, and shows samples of various bonsai soils and soil components as well as descriptions and explanations. It is sure to aid our club's efforts toward public bonsai education as we use it at our many public bonsai displays.
- b) **2008 Program:** We are now forming a committee to plan the 2008 IEBS program of events and activities.
- c) **Election of IEBS officers for 2008:** Nominations for IEBS officers for 2008 will be accepted at the October meeting. A nominating committee was formed. The election will be conducted at the November meeting.

IV. Adjournment

The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 12:45 P.M. After the business meeting Roger Snipes conducted a bonsai styling workshop with tress brought by club members. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: John Kittel, IEBS Secretary

Minutes approved by: Wendy Peden, IEBS President