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SPECIAL

ABS 2013 SEMINARS EDITION

SEPT 12- 15 ABS IN SARATOGA

**SEPT 29 THANK YOU PARTY FOR ALL THE WORK
FOR ABS AT PFM BONSAI**

The seminars are less than 3 weeks away! (The few of you who have not registered may still do so.) *There is a lot of info here...please read it all!!*

We all have been working so hard! Many thanks to all the members of MHBS that have given up hours and hours of work helping to do a long list of tasks for the event.

Want to look like a member of the crew? Our club is providing black Love of Bonsai Logo T shirts to all workers. We would like all club members to wear one on Thursday at set up. All Pauline needs is your size immediately! Email or call her with your size by Sept.3.

Many of you have already signed up for more work at the convention. Now we need the rest of you to step up and fill in the schedule. **I sent the schedule to all of you in a separate email pdf file. Please check it over.** If you have volunteered already check the times and let me know if anything will not work for you. If you still need to sign up, email me with job(s) and times you will work. Even if you are not attending the seminars for the weekend (sigh), you can help us by volunteering to work a day or two. Non bonsai Spouses also welcome to help. Please email Pauline by Sept 3 to volunteer.

On Monday Sept. 9 we will be pricing all donations to the club sales table and collecting donations for the auctions and raffles. Please bring your donations for either to pfm studio by then. If you can join us at 6PM on Sept. 9, please come and help. We also need people to transport boxes of supplies and stands from the studio to the hotel. These may be picked up anytime from Sept. 6-11 at the studio. They needed delivered to the hotel at 8 AM on Sept. 12. Contact Pauline if you can transport stuff please.

We especially need more people to help the vendors move in all day Thursday. Remember the movers will get to see the vendor stuff first!! The reverse will be needed Sunday at 11 AM.

REMEMBER TO BRING THE BONSAI STANDS YOU SPONSORED TO THE HOTEL EARLY ON THURSDAY...BY 9 AM AT THE LATEST. PUT YOUR NAME ON THE TOP THE 6 BY 6 TO IDENTIFY THE STAND AS YOURS.

If you are not attending the seminar and wish to come to the Sat. Dinner (\$40) contact Pauline.

THE GOOD GRIEF, WE DID IT PARTY

On Sept 29, come and enjoy a party with your fellow workers. Bring some trees that are looking good. (We need to choose our bonsai for MABS in April so bring on those great trees.)

MHBS minutes for August 25, 2013

President Tom called the meeting to order

16 members, 4 supporting spouses, and 2 guests were present

Treasurer's report: Molly reported a balance of \$2774.82

Upcoming Events

- **ABS CONVENTION**
- **PLEASE READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT PAULINE IS PROVIDING. Contact her with any questions you may have.**
- **Remember that MHBS is having a sales table in the vendor's area. All donations are greatly appreciated. Each member should price their own donations. Pauline will be available at the Monday 6 P.M. gathering on Sept. 9 to help price any items (rocks, slabs etc.) that you may need help with. The sale price is 100% pure profit for our club and its programs.**

New Business

- Please contact Jon Staples if you have any ideas for speakers, field trips, programs, etc. for next year. All suggestions will be greatly appreciated.
- Instead of box building as a program for the October meeting, the club voted and accepted the idea that the meeting will take place at the home of David and Sue Irvine. David has decided to downsize his collection and sell about one third of his collection and stock. He is giving club members the opportunity to buy some special material at reasonable prices while giving MHBS 20% of the profit. Sue and David have graciously offered to provide us with a special lunch. And, we all know about their gourmet cooking. Directions and more details will follow.

Miscellaneous Announcements

- Welcome to our new members, Cathie and Paul.
- The residents of Granville will be talking among themselves for a long time about the crazy bonsai people that came to collect rocks in the middle of the river! What fun and camaraderie we had! Many thanks to Molly for organizing the event and paving the way for a wonderful day.
- Thanks to all members who have all ready worked so diligently to help prepare for the ABS convention, BUT WE ARE NOT DONE YET! Your participation is essential for the success of this convention. Please contact Pauline if you have not signed up to help. See you there!

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Kiszkiel, secretary - MHBS

BONSAI EVENTS FOR OUR CLUB AND BEYOND

Items in blue are those not sponsored by the club

**PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW
SO YOU DO NOT MISS ANYTHING.**

Sept. 12-15	ABS Learning seminars http://www.loveofbonsai.com/
Sept.29	Thank you party for ABS Seminars
October 27	Bonsai sale at Irvine's
Nov. 24	Winter storage techniques
Dec. 1	Holiday Party and Auction

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