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Presidents Message

by Carlos Bras

Wow! What great spring show!!

A special thanks to those who arrived early to help with set up, many hands make light work and we need all hands we could get with the new rules from Parks and Rec. Thanks as well to members who had the courage and pride to put their shoes into the show after all that's why we call it a show.

We had over 370 attendees and about 70 guests with free tickets over the two days and this one of the highest turnouts in a few years. All the feedback was very positive and we couldn't ask for better weather.

Saturday night we had an evening social, which is something that we haven't done in some time. The TBS Show social is a great opportunity to mingle, meet new members and talk about the show trees with other members. But this one was an important one because as most of you may know by now we are celebrating the clubs 50th anniversary. In the last 50 years we have had 26 presidents and I had the privilege of presenting some of those presidents with an award of service. Below is the list of our past presidents and I would like to thank them again for making our club the wonderful club that it is.

1964- Mamoru Nishi -passed away
1966- Ray Avery
1967- Wilma Swain -passed away
1968- Dr. Jan Blumenstein
1969- Betsy Armstrong
1970-72-Jim Campbell -passed away
1972-73-Gordon Scott
1974-76-Norman Haddrick
1976-78-George Reichert -passed away
1978-80-John Walton
1980-82-Jane Donnelly -passed away
1982-84-Maggie Snell
1984-86-Enoch Gray
1986-88-Gisela Reichert
1988-90- Arthur Hewitt
1993-94- John Biel
1994-96-Bev Hall
1996-2002-David Rowe/Dick Morton
2002-2004-Bob Wilcox
2004-2005-John Ambrose/Bob Wilcox
2005-2007-David Johnson
2007-2009-Mike McCallion
2009-2011-Mike Roussel
2011-2013-Keith Oliver
2013-2015-Carlos Brás

Cover: David Johnson's "show stopping" Wisteria in full bloom at the last TBS show.

Saturday night social and presentation.



Current president Carlos Bras addressing the crowd

Some of the recipients



Norman Haddrick receiving his award



Keith Oliver



John Biel

Bev Hall

Dick Morton

David Johnson

Mike McCallion

Mike Roussel

One of our great displays at our last Show



Backyard workshops/garden parties:

Please email ahead for directions and to confirm your attendance.

Wednesday June 18th 7pm: Davis Johnson daviddjohnson@rogers.com

Wednesday June 25th 7pm: Reiner Goebel rgoebel@interlog.com

Wednesday July 2th 7pm: Mike Roussel mike.roussel@sympatico.ca

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Wednesday July 23th 7pm: Dan Monroe dan@monroe-design.com

Wednesday August 13th 7pm: Kem Shaw kemshaw@rogers.com

Outside the club:

The Bonsai Society at the Royal Botanical Gardens invites everyone to an Exhibition of Bonsai, marking the 25th Anniversary of the Twin Cities Program between Burlington and Itabashi Japan, and on the occasion of the official visit from Itabashi City.

The show is open to the public 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, in the main building of the Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Rd West, Burlington Ontario.

Regular TBS meetings

Meetings take place on the second Monday of every month, except July and August, at the TBG (Toronto Botanical Gardens) located at 777 Lawrence Avenue East, at Leslie Street, in the auditorium on the west side of the building at 7:30 pm. The general meetings frequently include: demonstrations of bonsai techniques, critiques of bonsai trees, and workshops, in which each participant styles a tree with the help of an experienced member. These meetings are preceded at 6:30 pm. by the Beginner sessions, held upstairs.

A small fee is charged for workshops, and a tree, wire and instructor are provided. To participate in workshops, it is necessary to register in advance of the meeting so that materials can be provided.

Members are encouraged to bring in bonsai to show and work on during the meetings. Wire is provided at no charge. Non-members may attend a meeting at no charge to see if the club is of interest to them.

Library hours and policy

The library is open to members at the beginning of our regular meetings. Members may borrow books free of charge for one month. Late returns cost \$2 per month with a minimum charge of \$2. Please return all materials the next month, and before summer.

Membership desk

The membership desk will be open at all meetings. The opening time may be extended for the first fall meeting to assist with renewals. You may also register for workshops there.

Tools & supplies

Tools and supplies are sold by the club at most meetings. It is a good idea to contact the executive member in advance of the meeting for specific tools and supplies.

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