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A Few Notes to Those Club Members who have signed up  
to be hosts and those who are bringing trees.

Like realators who stage a house they want to sell, a good  
bonsai show is not only concerned with the appearance of  
the trees but also PRESENTATION. Larger, small trees  
6 in and over should be on a stand. Material under 6 in.  
can be called companion plants and presented on a small  
stand or a mat - i.e. 3" companion could fit on a coaster or  
woven mat; sometimes if you have a very large stand and  
the plant complements a tree that requires only one end  
of a stand a very small plant can go on the other end  
(even nicer if you have a small coaster for it) as long  
as there are a few wicks around each.

Stands can be varied from thick "place mats",  
slabs of wood or fine furniture - whatever you have  
that looks clean and somewhat subdued or whatever  
you borrow (usually from other Club members).

For borrowers: Stands are expensive and hard to find.

Treat them like fine furniture. Never slide the tree.  
Pick it up. Do not over water the tree while on a stand  
and let it drain on the wood. If any water gets on it  
as when lightly spraying moss, mop it up with oily  
rag quickly. Lenders will love you if you cut tiny  
pieces of felt (glue to bottom of feet) under the feet of your  
pot. Feet are usually rough and scratch stands.

Lenders: Clean and oil stands. Wax the top and check

if the stand is sturdy. glue dries fast. esp. cascade stands

fast in our climate, Don't load or use a wobbly stand.

Exhibitors: Prune trees neatly, cut off dead material (except ferns, of course). Pick trash, weeds out of dirt, replace dead moss, no need to cover wall to wall.

Check for Siberian Elm seeds caught in the foliage. (They are everywhere in Albuq. I miss some of them also)

Scrub pots, get as much calcium deposits off the lip as possible (dry wall sand paper or sharp knife) but don't get too upset about it - (this is not international competition)

Soak to saturate. Larger trees should be able to hold for 2 days with occasional spraying the surface.

Kill hiding aphids and any other bugs.

Workers: Bring or know where to find a spray bottle of water and a cloth for spills of any sort. In addition to being as nice as possible to our guests you still have to keep an eye on the trees and companion plants.

Sometimes small things walk out. Evenings workers either take medium trees outside or put them on the floor to water. Water on the floor will dry by morning. Morning volunteers replace them on their stands. Don't leave anything outside. When they finish draining replace them on their stands.

[That's right: you can't leave right at 5 PM. Morning workers who signed up to work at 9 AM get there at 8:30]

tiny trees and companion plants have to be watered all day\*. Hold them in your hand over the floor, people get out of your way - just don't overdo it. Huge trees and too

heavy to lift leave ~~the~~ <sup>where</sup> "daddy" put them. Try to keep the place

\*check first - they should hold for (6 hrs.) clear. **HAVE FUN!!**