**Peggy Snow’s Message on BRBS Dues for 2021**

Hello Everyone,

The pandemic has certainly put a damper on our club's activities, hasn't it? And now, it's time to collect dues for 2021 and I expect that we will continue to be hampered in the ways that we can offer a wide variety of club bonsai programs for the membership. The board is aware of the irony of asking for dues from the membership without being able to offer much back. This feels as frustrating to me as it does to you. Still, our annual dues remain the major funding mechanism for the workshops and room rent that drive the club's activities. Dues are necessary to continue on.

This past Monday, the board met and passed a compromise solution that we hope will work for the benefit of all involved. For 2021, dues will be prorated such that members will pay 50% of the "normal" amount. We do anticipate that in some way we will be able to offer some club activities, but not a full slate. We know that we'll be back up to full speed at some future time.

--The dues for a single membership are now $15.00

--The dues for a family membership are now $17.50

--If you have been seriously affected by the pandemic (lost your job, etc) and paying dues would present a hardship please contact Peggy at peggysnow1@gmail.com so that we may work together.

--If you joined the club after October, 2020, you have already paid your dues for 2021.

--Of course, you may choose to pay the "non-COVID"  full amount of $30 single, $35 family if you wish in order to further support the club.

Please make your check out to BRBS and send to our Treasurer

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Hang in there! It's so hard! Thank you so much for your continuing interest and support in the Blue Ridge Bonsai Society. I value and appreciate each and every one of you.

Peggy Snow, President

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