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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I had the pleasure of attending the Bonsai Societies of Florida annual convention a couple of weeks ago. My congratulations to the convention committee for staging a really well run event full of great programs and bonsai material that was incredible. I know we have some club members who came back with some great trees. I hope we'll see some of them on our display table in the coming months. And ALL Gold Coast members should be very proud of our showing at the BSF Raffle on that Saturday. We had some wonderful items for raffle, and enough good items to allowed us to hold 3 raffles that day. I believe we (Gold Coast) brought in the most money of the 3 days of raffles! The BSF Bonsai Exhibit was beautifully set up, and full of some masterpiece trees, many

APRIL NEWSLETTER

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THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE

9:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 11, 2009

City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL
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belonged to some of our members. All in all, it was a great weekend. And lastly, congratulations to Charles, who was sworn in as the new President of BSF.

This month is our Auction. Please get there early, have your trees tagged & ready, and your paperwork in order.

Ed

APRIL PROGRAM:

ANNUAL AUCTION



CLUB INFORMATION:

BSF AUCTION 2009

AUCTION NEWS:

Hopefully, you know we are holding our club's **Auction Saturday, April 11th**. And most importantly, I hope the doors will be open early (at 8:00 a.m.) so we can get in and set up without any

craziness and even allow us a few moments to think.

If you are helping me during the Auction, please be on time. (See the list posted at the bottom). I need as many hands as possible to **QUICKLY** set up every table for the Silent Auction area, the Cashier space, the Auctioneer, and the Registration Desk.

Remember, sellers do **NOT** get tables. Everything you are placing up for auction has to sit on the floor. So please bring a tarp, sheet, plastic, etc. to protect the carpet, and make certain your containers are clean and do not have ants, etc. walking or crawling about.

Make certain **ALL** your items are tagged as per the **direction sheet** you received prior to the auction. Don't forget to place your designated **LETTER** on all the **tags** that must be securely attached to your merchandise **as well as** on the **Cashier sheet** that you hand over to our cashiers **PRIOR** to the auction beginning. Be certain to cut the single tag sheet into 3 parts, punch a hole through all three pieces, then securely fasten them to your merchandise with wire or string. Merchandise missing or with incorrect tags will not be auctioned. It is **not** the Auctioneer's job, the cashiers, the holding area person, or me, to figure out what you were thinking.

Also, **no opening bid** will be less than \$5.00. So, if you wish to open with a minimum bid and leave the bidding to

the skill of our auctioneer (and he is good,) you must place an opening bid of at least \$5.00 in the space provided. Of course, if you wish to begin higher, do so.

Most importantly, I need **everyone** to bring at least **one piece of merchandise** for the Silent Auction area. I realize that (hopefully) people have been donating items to Ed for our portion of the BSF convention. But our club's smaller silent auction also needs goods that can be either bonsai or garden related. We get 100% of the monies collected. So, please make every effort to bring at least one item and drop that merchandise off at the Silent Auction Area.

Randy will be our auctioneer that day. Please spread the word about our auction. Hopefully, the newspapers will place our blurb in their garden sections. With papers going out of business or downsizing to little more than flyers, we need all the help we can get.

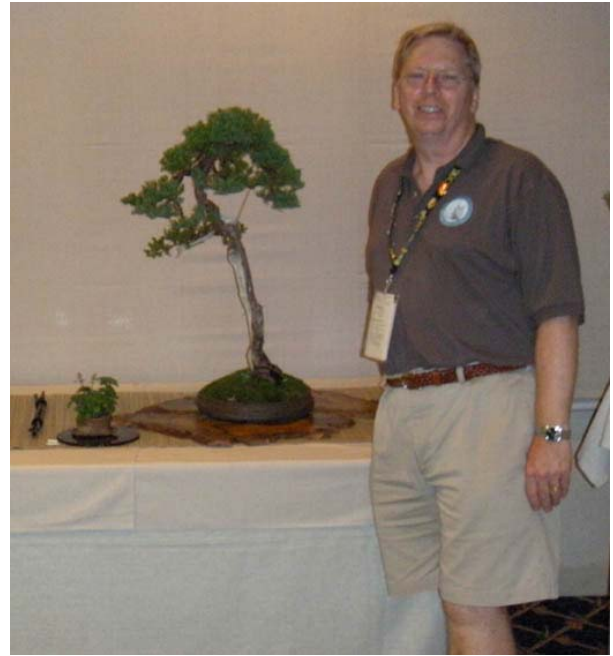
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Charles Michelson
Rita Rosenberg
Norm Mandel
Cynthia and Jim Shannon
David Baruch
Mike Sullivan

**PHOTOS OF LAST
MONTHS PROGRAM**
BY: BEN LISS



PHOTOS
FROM THE BSF CONVENTION
(Trying to find more Convention photos for next month....Anyone?)



EPCOT FLOWER AND GARDEN 2009

Thought you might like to see the Disney Team behind the scenes set up.







AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – April 7th – 7:00 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road,
Coral Gables

Saturday – April 11th, – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

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Saturday – April 18,th

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida

St. John The Apostle Church
3049* McGregor Blvd., Ft. Meyers, Florida
Contact Dorothy Schmitz 239-947-3552

Saturday – April 25th – 11:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie
Classroom in rear. www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday – April 25th, – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

Boca Raton Community Center, 150 N.W. Crawford
Boulevard, Boca Raton

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The American Bonsai Society

www.absbonsai.org

The National Bonsai Foundation

www.bonsai-nbf.org