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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Finally, it looks like Spring is upon us! This is my favorite time of the year, Cool mornings, mild days, and the great colors of new growth appearing everywhere. The Florida maple tree in my backyard is full of flowers this year. Usually I'm lucky to have 3 or 4 on the whole tree, but this year it's got hundreds. I guess all that weird cold weather was good for something.

I hope everyone is getting ready for our auction. Anita is working hard at getting it organized, and we appreciate her efforts. Remember, this day is for fun. No stress, just a bunch of us unloading things to each other ! The club will make a few dollars to help us finance additional programs for you. Please try to donate at least one or two items to the club silent auction. It is for a good cause.....

# **APRIL NEWSLETTER**

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**THE NEXT  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
WILL BE  
9:00 A.M.  
Sat. April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Dept  
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL  
954-572-2287

I will also be collecting any items you'd like to donate to the upcoming BSF Raffle at the Convention the end of May. We have this meeting, and the May meeting, so please don't hesitate to load up my van ! And I hope everyone is planning on attending the convention. It promises to be a good one.

SEE YOU at THE AUCTION,

Ed

## **APRIL PROGRAM:**

**BY: BEN LISS**

The April program will be our annual auction. This is always a great opportunity to pick up some great buys and add a few new trees to your collection. It is also a good chance to sell off some of those pots you have been collecting but never seem to use. Have a tree you just don't know what to do with, sell it and let someone else have a go at it. The benefit of selling a tree is you can buy another and the club benefits twice, and that's always a good thing. Come join in the fun, Randy will be our auctioneer this year which always makes for a lively event.

### **ANNUAL BONSAI AUCTION**

**Saturday APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00am**

**CITY OF SUNRISE  
PARKS AND LEISURE  
6800 SUNSET STRIP**

**COME JOIN US IN THE  
BIDDING AND GET A GREAT  
TREE**

**AT A GREAT PRICE**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS**

**WELCOME**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
BRING SOMETHING FOR  
OUR SILENT AUCTION**

**TABLE; ALL PROCEEDS  
WILL GO TO  
GOLD COAST BONSAI  
SOCIETY.**

**IF YOU ARE SELLING  
TREES AND OTHER ITEMS  
AT THE AUCTION BE  
SURE TO  
ARRIVE EARLY AND HAVE  
YOUR PAPERWORK AND  
TAGS ALL FILLED OUT.**

**WE WILL START SET UP  
AT 8:00am PREVIEW AT  
9:00am.**

**THE BIDDING WILL  
START APPROX AT  
9:30am.**

**AUCTION ADDEMDUM  
IF YOU HAVE A FOLDING  
TABLE OF YOUR OWN  
PLEASE BRING IT  
(PUT YOUR NAME ON IT)**

**OR**

**PLEASE BRING A TARP TO  
PUT UNDER YOUR AREA.**

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE  
LETTER(SPACE)  
YET AND WOULD LIKE**

**ONE PLEASE  
CALL ANITA AT  
954-989-4123**

## CLUB INFORMATION:

**April 11, The Second Sunday Study Group** meets at Robert Pinder's Dragon Bonsai Nursery in Hobe Sound. Everyone is welcome, beginner to advanced. Bring your own tree or purchase one there. 10am-2pm

**April 25, Bonsai under the Oaks Study Group** meets Jim Smith's at DuraStone Nursery in Vero Beach. Everyone is welcome, beginner to advanced. Bring your own tree or purchase one there. 10am-2pm.

Have you had a change of heart about one of your bonsai or pre-bonsai that may be sitting around your yard? Perhaps you would like to replace it. There is still time to collect anything of that nature and turn it into some cash and to purchase something new at the auction as well. Come early and bring tool, pots anything bonsai related.

It's bargain time once again at Gold Coast. Don't miss out, you never know what you'll find!

## PHOTOS OF LAST MONTHS PROGRAM

By: Larry Duke





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Tedy Boy  
Bonsai  
  
[www.tedyboybonsai.blogspot.com](http://www.tedyboybonsai.blogspot.com)

The above is a drawing of the tree done from photos (shown) designed and drawn by my friend Tedy Boy of Indonesia, posted on his web site. He is a very talented artist.

## **BSF AUCTION 2010**

Bring whatever you can spare to the next meeting.

For those of you who have not heard, the committee for the Annual BSF Convention, being held in May 2010 in Orlando, has chosen Gold Coast Bonsai Society as one of the four state clubs to run the raffle for one day at the convention.

Each club will have the responsibility of collecting contributions to be raffled off and for running the raffle itself for that day.

The board is asking each member to find two or more things they can donate to the raffle to be collected at our April and May meetings.

If you can get family, friends or businesses to donate as well, that would be wonderful. The items must be bonsai related, Oriental, or garden related. Trees, books, tools, pots, watering cans, etc.

If you are planning to be at the convention and can donate some of your time to the raffle that is a huge contribution.

It is very important that GCBS make a good showing as we have always given great support to the State Club. Let us continue the tradition.

Please contact Ed Trout at 954-432-8208 or e-mail [Ficus@aol.com](mailto:Ficus@aol.com) or one of the board members listed on the newsletter for more information. We will be accepting donations at the next two (2) club meetings prior to the convention.

## **OUR AUCTION**

### **GOLD COAST AUCTION NEWS:**

Hopefully, you know we are holding our club's **Auction Saturday, April 10th**. 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. 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.

## **RAFFLE TABLE**

**Bring something to raffle. Big or small, it all helps the cause.**

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## **BOOK INFORMATION**

**BONSAI CLUB'S INTERNATIONAL  
INSTRUCTOR BOOK IS NOW  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

## AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – April 13th – 7:30 PM

### **Bonsai Society of Miami**

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden,  
Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables  
[www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org](http://www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org)

Saturday – April 17th 9:00 AM

### **Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida**

SPALC Building,  
6281 Metro Plantation Road (Off Metro Parkway between  
Daniels Parkway and Colonial Boulevard),  
Ft. Meyers, Florida  
Contact Dorothy Schmitz 239-947-3552  
[www.thebonsaiswfl.com](http://www.thebonsaiswfl.com)

Saturday – April 17th – 11:30 AM

### **Broward Bonsai Society,**

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie  
Classroom in rear.  
[www.browardbonsai.com](http://www.browardbonsai.com)

Saturday – April 13th – 9:00 AM

### **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**

City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept  
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL  
954-572-2287  
[www.goldcoastbonsai.com](http://www.goldcoastbonsai.com)

Saturday – April 24th, – 9:30 AM

### **Lighthouse Bonsai Society**

Boca Raton Community Center, 150 N.W. Crawford  
Boulevard, Boca Raton  
[www.lighthousebonsai.com](http://www.lighthousebonsai.com)

Tuesday – April 6th, – 7:00 PM

### **Society of the Palm Beaches**

Mount's Botanical Garden Auditorium  
West Palm Beach, Florida  
[www.bonsai-bsf.com/clubs/sites/bspb/](http://www.bonsai-bsf.com/clubs/sites/bspb/)

## YOUR GOLD COAST BOARD

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## STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL BONSAI LINKS

### **Bonsai Societies of Florida**

[www.bonsai-bsf.com](http://www.bonsai-bsf.com)

### **Bonsai Clubs International**

[www.bonsai-bci.com](http://www.bonsai-bci.com)

### **The American Bonsai Society**

[www.absbonsai.org](http://www.absbonsai.org)

### **The National Bonsai Foundation**

[www.bonsai-nbf.org](http://www.bonsai-nbf.org)