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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Suthin **Sukosolvisit** and **Jim Vanlandingham** were our speakers for two great work events in July. Suthin visited with Gold Coast the first weekend to lead a workshop of Gold Coast members. The lucky participants had his full attention on their trees and even had the time to work on several trees. Suthin is a masterful artist and stylist and manages incredible results with trees we might not have given a second look. It is easy to understand why Suthin is one of our favorite guests and I'm happy to say that Suthin will be with us again later in November.

As a point of information, those of you who sign up for a workshop and then simply don't show up are depriving another person from working in your place. In addition, the club ends up paying your participant fee in order to compensate the speaker. In the future, a simple phone call, to let someone know gives us the ability to allow someone to take your place in the workshop and not waste the slot. This is basic courtesy and down right rude behavior. Based upon timing, I will be insisting that all

future workshops are paid in advance to discourage this nonsense.

Jim Vanlandingham was our guest speaker at our monthly club meeting. Jim worked on two ficus trees and true to form by the time he was complete, there was a basic trunk, two or three small starter branches and no leaves left for identification purposes. I will bring them back to the club for auction when they start to break out. Also, a popular part of the meeting was the critique of the display table and I encourage everyone to bring in trees for display and advice at our upcoming meetings. There was a lot of enthusiasm during the critique which I want to continue at all our meetings.

Finally, this month our own **Mike Sullivan** will be doing a program on *Bucida spinosa*. We all know how talented Mike is, since almost everyone in the club asks his opinion at one time or another. It is great for our club to have him work with us throughout the year. I'm looking forward to this program. See you Saturday morning, August 12!

CHARLES MICHELSON

NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY
AUGUST 12, 2006

9:30 AM

CITY OF SUNRISE
PARKS & LEISURE DEPT.

6800 Sunset Strip
Sunrise, Florida
954-572-2287

DIRECTIONS

From I-95, Oakland Park Boulevard or Sunrise Boulevard west to University Drive heading South (Oakland) or North (Sunrise) to Sunset Strip, turn East to 6800.

From Sawgrass Expressway, Sunrise Boulevard exit, then east to University Drive, Left (North) to Sunset Strip), then Right (East) to 6800.

THE PROGRAM

Mike Sullivan
Bucida spinosa

DISPLAY TABLES

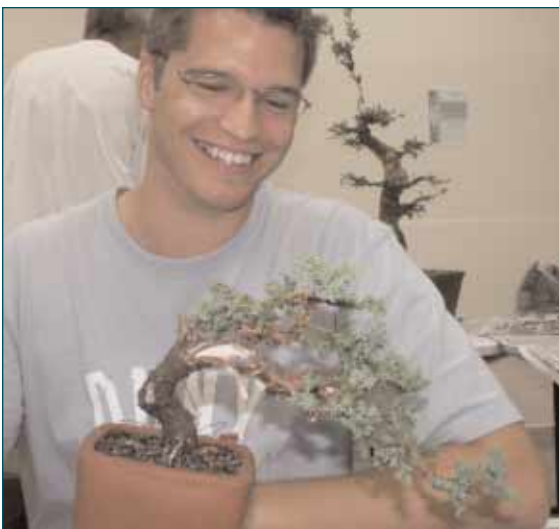
Members are requested to bring in their bonsai to display for our Display Tables. Also if you have a tree that needs some styling or horticultural assistance – bring it in, we are all here to help.

BSF VISITING SPEAKER SUTHIN SUKOSOLVISIT

Suthin Sukosolvisit's July workshop was an exciting event with lots of variety in plant material and techniques. Suthin guided participants through the process of branch selection and wiring, then put his touch on the styling of each

specimen. He also did a great carving job on a very large Chinese elm, as well as an approach graft with his magical electrical tape on another elm to create a new apex. There was a discussion about reducing the size of the tree, but the decision was made to rebuild the top first before such a drastic restyling was undertaken. The participants trees ranged in size from small shohin to large size bonsai.

It's great to see Suthin's technique on each tree. He finds the most remarkable solutions to problems. His solutions often had the observers baffled, but as they watch they saw his vision for the tree. He gently bent and positioned the branches to fit his desired design plan. **MIKE SULLIVAN**



JULY'S PROGRAM – JIM VANLANDINGHAM ON FICUS

At right and below, **Jim Vanlandingham** discussed the styling techniques he has learned while studying with Jim Smith in Vero Beach at his nursery *Durastone*.

As you can see Jim took the two overgrown *Ficus* species and brought them back to the basic line of the tree. He left potential future branches that he deemed worthy and discussed choosing new branching from the buds that emerge in the not too distant future.



Jim discussed the need for “huggy” branches to welcome the viewer into the composition as well as the bowing top that adds to the warm and fuzzy feeling one gets when viewing well designed bonsai. Jim stressed the need for taper in both the trunk and branches to achieve good design.

Jim is a big proponent of clip and grow. He did, however, wire a small shohin that looked like a candy kiss. Jim fashioned the wire to mimic branches and show what the tree would look like with future branching. The winner of this tree was **Henning Glatter-Gotz**. **MIKE SULLIVAN**



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GOLD COAST BONSAI SOCIETY CLUB NEWS

WEBSITE

If you haven't had a chance, now is the time to visit our site. We have a new webmaster – **Henning Glatter-Gotz**. Henning volunteered to take over the job. He has been enhancing our website, and doing a remarkable job. Take a look and let us know what you think. www.goldcoastbonsai.com

DISPLAY TABLES

Don't forget to bring any trees you may wish to display for our June program. If you have trees about

which you need information, we will discuss these as well, so bring them. This is a great educational forum, take advantage of the opportunity.

MEMBERSHIP

There were no new members at our July meeting but nice to see new faces at Suthin's workshop.

RAFFLE TABLE

Please remember to bring in items for our monthly raffle. Your donations help fund the club's activities.

LIBRARY

Any borrowed books should be returned in August. Remember this is a resource for the entire club, so please be prompt with your returns. If you own any bonsai books or CD's or videos you no longer desire, our library may want them. Always consider GCBS for a donation.

NAME BADGES

If you have name badges, please wear them. If you'd like to order one see Mike Sullivan. They are for sale for \$6.

BONSAI SCHEDULE

Saturday – August 12 – Demonstration by Mike Sullivan – 9:00 AM
Gold Coast Bonsai Society

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Department, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise

Tuesday – August 8 – 7:30 PM – Demonstration by Jim Vanlandingham
Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

Saturday – August 26 – TBA – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

Saturday – Sunday – October 7–8 – 20th Annual Bonsai Exhibit and Sale
Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

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