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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently I received an email from a member expressing his deep appreciation to Gold Coast for allowing him to improve his bonsai skills since joining our club. This person apologized for not always being able to attend every meeting because of obligations, but when able to attend our programs took full advantage of those learning opportunities, grabbing every tidbit of information given by our speakers and trying to apply them to his trees. This person listened carefully at every critique, attended the Bring Your Own Tree programs because hands-on is the ultimate test and took advantage of the advice given by our highly knowledgeable bonsai members. It was a beautiful email. It did my heart good to know that our program chairman's labors

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

had not gone to waste nor had the skills of our own teachers. This person had benefited!

This is not the first time beginners in bonsai climbed the ladder of learning rung by rung by taking advantage of the incredible talent Gold Coast has to offer in so many fields. You never stop learning, honing your skills, experimenting with new techniques learned from a visiting teacher or an in-house bonsai artist who is willing to share his or her knowledge. But you've got to be there. You've got to attend as often as possible. You've got to practice, practice, practice. Make mistakes. Lose some trees. Listen, listen, listen. Try, try, try.

Gold Coast has great teachers and has brought in great teachers, and we have a

terrific teacher coming in August: Toby Diaz. Just to be able to acquire Toby with his busy schedule is amazing—and Ed was able to pull off this feat of magic for us. This will be a workshop and you will bring your own tree to work on. Some spots have already been filled. This is your special opportunity to continue to learn, to grow in the art of bonsai. But if you don't attend, if you don't grab a vacant spot, if you continue to avoid working on your trees, you will lose so much valuable knowledge and time. So don't procrastinate, secure your seat.
Anita Lorenz, President

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

If we are to abide by our By-Laws this year and vote on schedule, a Nominating Committee must be in place in August to put together next year's Board to be voted on in November. And so, I am asking for volunteers to come forward. Three people would be great. This is an important issue and I hope you will take it seriously and become involved and not wait for someone else. Get in touch with Anita as soon as possible catsai@att.net. Being on the committee does not mean that you cannot personally take a position on the Board. Thank you.

RAFFLE EQUALS TREASURY:

We have not had a Raffle in the last two months and so no new money has flowed into our treasury. At this point in time we need every member to bring in a raffle prize so it can be raffled off. I keep seeing empty hands come through the doors. We cannot sustain our organization without a

healthy treasury. So I am asking all our members to bring something to the table. As you've been told, garden and/or bonsai items are acceptable.



Anita Lorenz

AUGUST PROGRAM

By Ed Trout

August brings us the very talented bonsai artist, Toby Diaz. Between business and bonsai he is a world traveler, and we are fortunate to get him during the brief period he is in our area. Mark your schedule and don't miss out. Come ready to listen and learn and improve your skills. This is a **bring your own tree** workshop.



Hiram, Ed, Carlos and Toby
Toby's BIO follows:

Born in Puerto Rico in the mid 60's, Toby has lived in South Florida since 1987. While studying architecture in Miami he established a successful luxury yacht detailing and maintenance service company. Going on to work in various capacities in the construction industry and currently as District Manager with an international plumbing and heating systems manufacturer.

His journey into the art of Bonsai began when he picked up a copy of "Tropical Bonsai Magazine" at a local store. The publication sparked his curiosity and led him to purchase a small tree from Mary Miller's store "Bonsai Bench". This encouraged Toby to take the next step as he began learning the art under the tutelage of Carlos Consuegra, Lui Rayon & Mary Madison. During a two year period Toby participated in intense weekend work sessions or as he calls it, "bootcamp", in order to develop his mastery of the art.

His mentor Lui Rayon, would have Toby wire trees up to seven times in order to hone his skills, demanding perfection while he practiced the appropriate bending angles and wire positioning that would have Toby achieve a dramatic and unique styling known now as the "Puerto Rican top" or "the fold over apex".

Toby's skills have gained him two BSF tree of the year awards. He has exhibited in numerous shows and has participated as a headliner in four state conventions. Always ready to share his

love and knowledge of Bonsai, Toby offers his unique presentation skills to state clubs and study groups. With his ability to make a tree look old in a single wiring session he has become a popular and beloved local artist in the Florida Bonsai scene. All the while finding time to serve as Vice-President and President of the Bonsai Society of Miami.

But what Toby enjoys the most is the camaraderie experienced with friends such as Ed Trout, Allen Carver, Hiram Macias, Aaron Buchler and Mike Cartrett, when they share their enthusiasm and love for Bonsai in a deep and serious manner but with a unique casual style.

Toby has a passion for Tropicals, Mame, Shohins and a good eye for detail and ramification.

His philosophy in Bonsai is simple... as he is often heard to say, "let your trees and work speak for you".

JULY PHOTOS

Sorry None Available



PRIVATE SESSIONS

Mike Cartrett 561-586-2541

Mike Sullivan 954-432-1418

Ed Trout 954-432-8208

(Fourth Wednesday of Month)

Bonsai Society of Miami

Pinecrest Gardens (formerly Parrot Jungle).
11000 Red Rd. Pinecrest, FL 33156 .

www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Saturday – August 16th- 9:00 AM

(Third Saturday of Month)

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

Saturday – August 23rd– 9:30 AM

(Fourth Saturday of Month)

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

www.lighthousebonsai.com

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AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS*

*** ALL DATES AND TIMES STANDARD SCHEDULE
PLEASE VERIFY AS CHANGES MAY OCCUR**



Tuesday – August 5th– 7:00 PM

(First Tuesday of Month)

Society of the Palm Beaches

Mount's Botanical Garden Auditorium
West Palm Beach, Florida

www.bonsai-bsf.com/clubs/sites/bspb/

Saturday August 16th – 11:30 AM

(Third Saturday of Month)

Broward Bonsai Society,

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie
Classroom in rear.

www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday – August 9th – 9:00 AM

(Second Saturday of Month)

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Wednesday – August 27th– 7:30 PM

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Bonsai Clubs International www.bonsai-bci.com

The American Bonsai Society www.absbonsai.org

The National Bonsai Foundation www.bonsai-nbf.org

