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NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Saturday, AUGUST 9, 2008
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL
954-572-2287

www.goldcoastbonsai.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, we've had two meetings in a row featuring our own members and their particular expertise in the art of bonsai. I thought Mike Sullivan went "all-out" in his presentation on bonsai display and gave us (and showed us) great technique and great bonsai.

This month Charles Michaelson "kicked it up a notch" with his program on his favorite, the Brazilian Raintree. From his variety of style examples, to his "half pruned" masterpiece, on to his "wild" forest planting pruning, Charles led us all into the techniques for "taming" these beautiful tropicals. He even managed to avoid those really sharp thorns, and showed us how to deal with them. Thanks Charles, I think we all gained some new insights

regarding Brazilian Raintree bonsai. Both of these programs SHOULD have been video taped and put into our library!

Our next program promises to make it a "quinella" with Glenn Hilton from Miami Tropical, treating us to a program. Glenn and the guys from MT are great friends and Glenn has become a consummate artist in his own right. Please plan on attending or you'll miss something special.

Ed

PROGRAM:

August Program

By: Ben Liss

This month's program will be given by Glenn Hilton. Many of you know Glenn and how talented he is. If you are not

familiar with Glenn then you're in for a treat, Glenn is the President of Bonsai Societies of Miami and works at Miami Tropical Bonsai, a local "hang out" for some of us! Glenn is going to do a group/forest planting; hopefully on a slab if he can drum one up, otherwise it will be in a pot, either way it promises to be an entertaining morning and I hope you all can attend.

BONSAI NEWS

WORTH A MENTION:

(This area is available for information that you would like to pass along to the members. Send an e-mail to Tina at figuslover@aol.com . Make sure that you put Gold Coast Newsletter in the subject area. We will print your message in the next issue. We must limit selections to space available.)

The Bonsai Society of the Palm Beaches will hold their "Summer Auction" on August 5,2008. The Bonsai Society of the Palm Beaches meets at The Mounts Botanical Building, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL. The auction will begin at 7:30pm.

CLUB BUSINESS: **PLEASE MAKE IT YOUR BUSINESS !!**

Is there anyone in the club that would like to video our monthly programs? The club will provide the blank tapes if you are interested in doing this. It would be the beginnings of a video library for the club. We have a member who volunteered to transfer video to DVD for us but not able to attend each demonstration or workshop. If you are interested please contact Ed Trout at figus@aol.com.

Would you like to write an article for the newsletter?
Well, we'd love to print it.

This month buzz:

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When Ed Trout learned that Glenn wanted to do a slab planting but was having trouble locating a slab, he offered to donate his large slab for Glenn to use for his demonstration. But wait, it gets better. Then, Glenn graciously said that he would donate the finished group planting to the club.

Hey folks, do we hear
“RAFFLE”???

YES !!!

SO, BRING A FEW BUCKS EXTRA
AND PLAN TO BUY YOUR RAFFLE
TICKETS.

The finished tree grouping on slab promises to be worth many hundreds of dollars. This is the month to make sure you attend ...Maybe you'll be the lucky winner.

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WHO ARE WE ?

We are GoldCoast Bonsai Society. We are a group of individuals brought together to learn and promote the ancient art of bonsai. We are individuals that are advanced in the art, we are individuals who are beginners in the art, and we are individuals who are somewhere in between. We strive to create interest AND participation by ALL of our members, AND to make each meeting enjoyable, and educational to ALL our members. Our programs are meant to inspire, and to provide necessary and useful information to members of all levels of expertise.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEMBERSHIP

Membership continues to grow. Please see if you can find a buddy who would like to come along and join. We are trying to recruit new members and welcome old ones back. This year promises to be our best yet. We have had some wonderful programs with more to come.

BADGES

Hopefully, the badges will be "in" by the meeting date and I will be able to distribute them to all who placed their orders. If there are others in the club who need name tags, please contact me at rabssec@aol.com and place "Club Badge" in the subject line. The badges cost \$7 each, payable upon receipt.

DISPLAY

Have a tree that's looking great? Please, bring it in and put it on the Display Table. It helps everyone to see the progress that is being made on our trees. More importantly, if you've tried something new and want to share that or if you think something is not quite

right and you would like advice, what better way than to bring it to the meeting and let the debates begin. It is a wonderful way for all of us to explore and learn together from one another. After all, this is a club and it won't work unless we everyone participates in the experience. Don't be shy, jump on in.

RAFFLE TABLE AND LIBRARY

Don't forget a little something for the raffle table. The meeting is always more fun when we can make a "find" or pass things along to someone that may be looking for "whatever". So, if it's just hangin' out at your house and you really don't have the need for it...place it on the raffle table and make someone happy.

July Meeting Photos

By: Larry Duke



Charles finishes pruning a masterpiece Raintree.



Charles describes a Literati Raintree



Pruning of the forest continues.....



Charles showing a pruning technique.



Almost finished !!



Raintree forest before.



What a difference !!!

AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – Aug. 5th, – 7:00 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road,
Coral Gables

Saturday – Aug. 9th, – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Department, 6800
Sunset Strip, Sunrise
www.goldcoastbonsai.com
Guest Speaker: Glenn Hilton

Saturday – Aug. 23rd, – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

Saturday – Aug. 23rd, – 9:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie
Classroom in rear. www.browardbonsai.com
Guest Speaker: Tony Diaz...Workshop

Saturday – Sept. 27th – 11:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

ANNUAL TREE AUCTION

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie
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www.absbonsai.org

The National Bonsai Foundation

www.bonsai-nbf.org