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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that another year has come to an end. I believe it has been a strong year for Gold Coast as we have had many first rate programs and guest speakers; those on tour and the talented individuals that reside in Florida and make up our club. Everyone combined have made strong presentations and participated in wonderful bonsai workshops. Hopefully you have found the activities and speakers as stimulating as I have.

The flow of talent and knowledge has been abundant.

This year has seen many new friends join our club and begin their bonsai experience. We welcome you and encourage you to participate and grow as you become comfortable with this wonderful hobby and explore its potential. Don't get frustrated or believe you can't achieve what you see around you. We have all been in the same position at the beginning. Somehow, participation in our club activities lets knowledge

sink in slowly but surely into each and every one of you until you discover the ability never thought possible. It only gets better as you grow.

Suthin visited our group in November and his workshop was a treat. I look forward to seeing him on each and every visit to Gold Coast. The speaker schedule is starting to firm up for next year and again I believe we are in for an informative and entertaining year of activity. In addition, the

2007 convention will be held in Delray Beach at the Morikami Museum and I hope to see 100 percent participation from our club in experiencing this first class event. Make plans to attend—registration has commenced.

Please bring your 2007 dues to the December meeting. Our traditional December meeting will feature Mary Miller, after which we will have our holiday party.

See you on Saturday the 9th.

CHARLES MICHELSON

NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 9, 2004

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

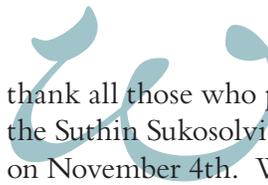
MARY MILLER AND HOLIDAY PARTY

DISPLAY TABLES

Members are invited to bring their bonsai for critique or any tree they wish to discuss. As always, you are encouraged to bring a tree to display.

In honor of the holiday season, we invite you to decorate your trees for our festivities. It is always a hoot. Plant your tongue firmly in your cheek and participate!

SUTHIN SUKOSOLVISIT WORKSHOP

 We want to thank all those who participated in the Suthin Sukosolvisit workshop on November 4th. We know that everyone had a terrific time whether you were working on trees or observing. As usual, the time just flew by way too fast.

Suthin did lose one of his tools, a small cutter. If you were not notified, or even if you were, please take the time to check or recheck your toolbox and see if you have Suthin's cutters. This is a very special piece of equipment for him. It would be very improper for

someone in our club not to return this tool if they had inadvertently placed it among their tools. So please, take the time to check and then notify Mike Sullivan if you do find Suthin's missing cutter. Thank you all for checking.

ANITA LORENZ

DECEMBER MEETING

 Time does fly, and it's already time for our annual December Holiday Party once again. **Mary Miller** has graciously consented to be our guest speaker this holiday, as she has been many times before at this time of the year. She's like our very own Mrs. Santa Claus, only she comes loaded with trees instead of toys. This year, Mary's holiday program will focus on improving your trees, letting go of others, and setting goals for our

next bonsai, whether we buy it or create it. Mary will be bringing examples of each.

For many of us, letting go is extremely difficult. And so, our collections are overwhelmed with too many trees that remain untended while good trees have no goals set for them. They just sit in a bonsai pot, roots circling, branches growing wild, season after season. Setting goals and keeping those goals can be difficult, but it's really necessary. After

all, isn't that why we got into bonsai in the first place? To relax. To forget about our other problems. To make something alive more beautiful. Well, Mary will show us how to make these resolutions and then keep them. She'll also be bringing some of her books for sale...what a great gift idea! If you don't own one, you should.

Don't forget to bring a tree or trees for the display tables. If you have your badge, please wear it.

ANITA LORENZ

GOLD COAST BONSAI SOCIETY CLUB NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

We will be collecting membership dues at our December meeting. If you would like to renew, you can see Mike Sullivan at the December meeting or mail your check to: Gold Coast Bonsai Society, c/o Mike Sullivan, 11721 Spinnaker Way, Cooper City, Florida 33026. The membership dues are: \$25 Individual and \$30 Household. If we do not receive your renewal in time, your first issue of the BSF magazine will be unavailable, there will be no backdated mailings of this publication.

DISPLAY TABLES

Don't forget to bring any trees you may wish to display for our December 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.

RAFFLE TABLE

Please remember to bring in items for our monthly raffle. Your donations help fund our club's monthly activities and visiting speakers programs, so give generously.

LIBRARY

Any borrowed books should be returned in December. 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 a name badge, please wear it, it helps new members. To order a name badge see Mike Sullivan. They are for sale for \$6.

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK



On this page are photos from Joshua Tree National Park in the Mojave Desert in Southern California, one of the most beautiful parks in the national park system. A treat to capture these breathtaking desert views, a welcome change from the lush, green tropics. At left: the beautifully twisted trunk of a classic California Juniper. This tree is a staple of the bonsai community in the west, and, luckily for this specimen, in a protected area. Pictured above, a nearly 900 year-old Joshua tree, *Yucca brevifolia*, a giant member of the lily family. They prove difficult to estimate their age since they do not have growth rings. After their initial burst of several inches of growth in their first five years, the tree's growth slows to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch per year. Below, a grand view from a truly picturesque point, until you realize that the San Andreas fault cuts across the valley (red arrow).



DECEMBER BONSAI SCHEDULE

Saturday – December 9 – Holiday Party &
Special Guest Speaker Mary Miller – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

Estate of Fort Lauderdale, Dania Beach and SE 53rd Street

Tuesday – December 12 – Annual Holiday Auction – 7:00 PM Preview

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

Saturday – December 23 – Hands On Workshop – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

Friday – Sunday – June 8–10 – A Cypress Celebration

Featuring David DeGroot and Guy Guidry

with Toby Diaz, Mike Cartrett, Ernie Fernandez, Dorothy Schmitz, and Reggie Purdue

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Morikami Museum, Jog Road, Delray Beach, Florida

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