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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008

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6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm writing this month's message sitting in my garden on a cool crisp Sunday morning. Soft music and contemplating my bonsai are a wonderful way to end the week. As I have done every year for the past 30, I've replaced some trees with new challenging ones. I truly believe that for me, the essence of bonsai is the journey of creation. The challenge of creating a tree from stock is what I look forward to, year after year, and this year is no different. Part of that journey is the wonderful fellowship and knowledge shared together in our club. At this time of Thanksgiving, Tina and I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving and a great holiday weekend.

See you at our holiday party,

Ed

December Program

By: Ben Liss

For this month's program, in addition to our annual Christmas party, we will have our yearly visit with a club favorite Mary Miller.

Mary's program this year will be a Critique of club member's trees so we are asking our members to each bring a tree or two.

This program should be a real treat and having someone of Mary's expertise critique one (or more if time allows) of your trees can be a great learning experience. Mary gives one of the best critiques I have heard. Mary tells it like it is, she's honest with a soft comedic touch! She is always informative and very thorough in her critique of a tree. I

recently attended her critique of the exhibit down at Miami Bonsai's October show and was glued to every word. If you missed that, surely you will want to take advantage of this opportunity to hear her and have a fun program.

One additional note, please remember we have moved our annual auction from the Fall Season to the Spring Season and it will now be held in April.

CLUB INFORMATION:

BSF AUCTION 2009

We at GCBS have a great opportunity to grow our treasury at this year's BSF convention in March. Details are included in this newsletter (see following notice).

As a way of "starting" the ball rolling, I will donate :

1 Suiseki from the Harold Harvey collection

1 Suiseki from the Adan Montalvo collection

1 Tokoname Pot

10 DVD programs "At Gardens Gate"

1 Private Session

Ed

Bring whatever you can spare to the next meeting.

David Baruch just e-mailed me with his contribution of:

1 Chinese display stand

1 turntable
and a couple of pots to name a few.

David is busy getting his donation together to bring to the meeting.

BSF thanks you David !

Listen up all club members !!!

Each year clubs around the state are asked to donate but this year we have a unique opportunity to make the club some extra money to spend on visiting artists for 2009 but, we must prepare now.

The committee for the Annual BSF Convention, being held in March 2009 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 club will be rewarded by a percentage of the proceeds for that day.

The board is asking each member to find two or more things they can donate to the raffle between November and February. 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, you get the idea.

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 or one of the board members listed on the newsletter for more information. We will be accepting donations at each club meeting. (You will be given a donation form for your income tax deductions.).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Time is running out for you to renew your membership for 2009. It's not that we won't take it later, but once you miss the December deadline, you will not receive your first 2009 magazine. So, either be prepared to renew at our next meeting, or send your check for either \$25.00 for an individual, or \$30.00 for a family, made out to Gold Coast Bonsai Society. Please include your address, phone number, and e-mail address. Without an accurate e-mail address, we will be unable to notify you when our club's Newsletter is published. Send your checks to: Anita Lorenz, 2774 E. Marina Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312. Please print legibly.

RAFFLE TABLE AND LIBRARY

We did not hold our Raffle last month because everyone was so busy working on their trees. I did take the items on our table home and will bring them back for the December Raffle Table. Please be certain to bring something for this important table. It's the holidays, what better time to come bearing gifts!

Also, don't forget to check out our club's vast Library and video collection, that you will find, listed on our website. Just follow the instructions, and your book or video will be waiting for you at the next club meeting. It's easy! All you need to do is return it to us the next month.

BADGES

If you don't have, or need a new badge, please contact me at rabssec@aol.com and place "Club Badge" in the subject line. The badges-cost \$7 each, payable upon receipt.

We regret we have no photos of last months meeting to share for this newsletter.

AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – Dec. 9th – 7:00 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road,
Coral Gables

Saturday – Dec. 13th, – 9:30 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Department,
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise
www.goldcoastbonsai.com

Saturday – Dec. 19th

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida

St. John The Apostle Church
3049* McGregor Blvd., Ft. Meyers, Florida
Contact Dorothy Schmitz 239-947-3552

Saturday – Dec. 27th – 11:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie
Classroom in rear. www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday – Dec. 27th, – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

(Check with each club before attending as schedules
may have changed due to the holidays.)

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