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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The holidays are upon us, and winter is setting in. Winter that is, Florida style ! We will have our cold snaps, our trees will slow down, and most are better left alone now. But many of our tropicals will go in & out of “dormancy” as the nights get colder, but the days warm back up quickly. It is very tricky knowing what to do, or not to do, during the next 3 months. But that is the art of bonsai...a chess match with Mother Nature, and that's why I love it ! Last month we had Sean Smith as our guest artist. He brought a youthful passion, learned in Japan as a bonsai apprentice,

# **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

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**THE NEXT  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
WILL BE  
9:00 A.M.  
Sat. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Dept  
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and entertained us with those stories. And he did a great transformation on a Chinese elm demo tree while relating his experience. Thank you Sean, and we hope to have you back next year.

We end the year with our holiday meeting, and our traditional Mary Miller presentation. Don't miss it ! Mary is one of our South Florida treasures, and we always look forward to her words of wisdom.

**See You There !!!!!**

**Ed**

## **DECEMBER PROGRAM:**

**BY: BEN LISS**

**Mary has a unique way of giving an honest commentary, without making anyone feel self-conscious no matter what level of bonsai you are in.**

**Mary is a great educator and we are fortunate to have access to her knowledge of bonsai and plant material.**

**Bring in a tree to get these and many more questions answered by Mary. If you brought a tree in last year for this program bring it in for the display table so we can see the progress.**

### **ATTENTION**

#### **ALL BONSAI ENTHUSIASTS:**

**DECEMBER 8TH, AT 7:00PM**

**THE BONSAI SOCIETY OF MIAMI WILL HOLD IT'S ANNUAL AUCTION.**

**THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD, AS USUAL, AT FAIRCHILD AND**

**RANDY BROOKS WILL BE OUR AUCTIONEER. CHECK IN AND PREVIEWS WILL BEGIN AT 6:00PM, SO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED SHOULD ATTEND.**

### **Bonsai Society of the Palm Beaches - Auction**

The Bonsai Society of the Palm Beaches will hold its annual Holiday Bonsai Auction Tuesday evening, December 1st, 2009, at 7:15 PM, with a preview beginning at 6:30 PM.

The live auction as well as a silent auction will be held at their monthly meeting place, Mounts Botanical Gardens Auditorium 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach.

To sell, you do not have to be a member of the Palm Beach club, but you do have to be a member of Bonsai Societies of Florida through a club or study group.

Sellers please arrive early to register, prepare paper work and receive a designated letter which must be placed on all tags as well as on the Cashier Sheet which you will give to the cashier prior to the auction.

Sellers can auction up to 10 items for open bidding. A grouping can be considered as one item. All opening bids will start at \$10.00. You can sell items of a lesser value in the silent auction.

Auctions are one of the best ways to put money in your pocket. The club funds will be supplemented by getting 15% from all auctioned items. Please donate items to the club so the club can receive 100% of the money from the donations.

For additional information contact John Evans at [johnevans1111@mac.com](mailto:johnevans1111@mac.com)

We hope to see you at the auction.

Rita Rosenberg  
District 6 Trustee

## **CLUB INFORMATION:**

**THIS IS OUR HOLIDAY MEETING AND WE WILL CELEBRATE WITH SANDWICHES, CAKE AND OTHER HOLIDAY GOODIES. BE SURE TO COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN.**

## **BOOK INFORMATION**

**BONSAI CLUB'S  
INTERNATIONAL  
INSTRUCTOR BOOK IS NOW  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

## **PHOTOS OF LAST MONTHS PROGRAM**

**By Ben Liss**

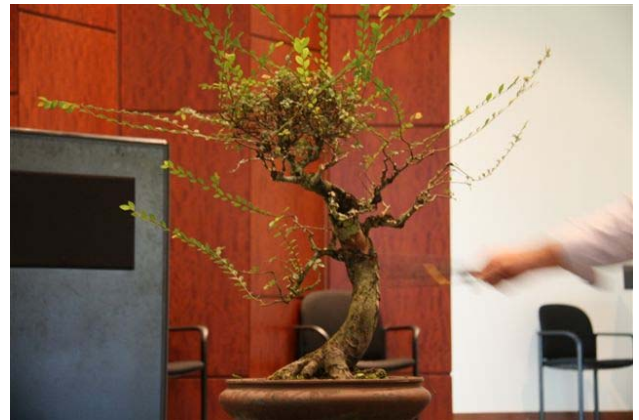




**PHOTOS OF LAST**  
**MONTHS PROGRAM**  
BY: Bob Yarling

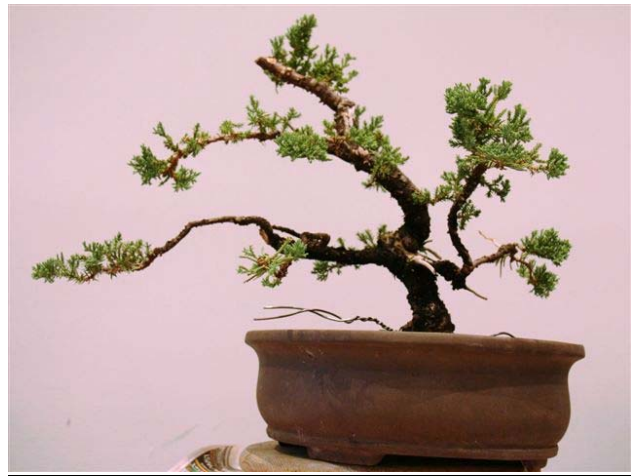












## AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – December 8th – 7:30 PM

### **Bonsai Society of Miami**

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden,  
Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

[www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org](http://www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org)

Saturday – December 19th 9:00 AM

### **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](http://www.thebonsaiswfl.com)

Saturday – December 26th – 11:30 AM

### **Broward Bonsai Society,**

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

[www.browardbonsai.com](http://www.browardbonsai.com)

Saturday – December 12th – 9:00 AM

### **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**

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Saturday – December 26th, – 9:30 AM

### **Lighthouse Bonsai Society**

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

[www.lighthousebonsai.com](http://www.lighthousebonsai.com)

Tuesday – December 1st, – 7:00 PM

### **Society of the Palm Beaches**

Mount's Botanical Garden Auditorium  
West Palm Beach, Florida

[www.bonsai-bsf.com/clubs/sites/bspb/](http://www.bonsai-bsf.com/clubs/sites/bspb/)





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[www.bonsai-bci.com](http://www.bonsai-bci.com)

**The American Bonsai Society**

[www.absbonsai.org](http://www.absbonsai.org)

**The National Bonsai Foundation**

[www.bonsai-nbf.org](http://www.bonsai-nbf.org)