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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January started quickly for Gold Coast as we had two meetings within the first week and a half of the new year. **Ben Oki** was our first guest bonsai master of 2006 and participated in a very informative workshop for ten lucky club members. The material bought in was quite diverse and Ben ably showed his design ability and extensive knowledge of the specimens. He provided each workshop participant with a drawing of the future tree development that he envisions for their trees. It really is a treat every time he visits our club. We thank him once again.

Our January regularly scheduled meeting was an in-house demonstration by **Mike Sullivan** and **David Baruch** on repotting cypress trees. This is not as easy as it sounds since I find these trees to be delicate during repotting. The club was treated to the proper method and techniques on one of the most important activities which we must perform on our trees for their ongoing health and growth.

I provided a demonstration on a forest planting on a slab, thanks to

the assistance of hurricane Wilma. I hope everyone enjoys these multi-activity meetings which are a little more informal in nature, but provide a lot to see and learn. Please check out the article I wrote for the BSF magazine this month about my experience with Hurricane Wilma.

Ted Matson will be our guest speaker this month and will be doing a demonstration at our club meeting. Ted is new speaker on the State of Florida's speaker's bureau and has an excellent reputation. I look forward to his visit. It's always good to see new people and learn about their bonsai techniques and philosophy.

Plan ahead to attend and participate in our club auction which will be held in April. It is always a fun meeting and a wonderful opportunity to purchase an excellent tree at reasonable prices. This is an important opportunity for many of our new club members. Many of my favorite trees today were trees I bought at auction.

Once again, thank you for your participation and support.

CHARLES MICHELSON

NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2006
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

**TED MATSON
DEMONSTRATION**

DISPLAY TABLES

Members are requested to bring in their bonsai to display for our Display Tables. Remember you can use this forum to get information on trees in question.

JANUARY'S BSF GUEST SPEAKER BEN OKI



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APRIL AUCTION

As you know, on April 8th, Gold Coast will be holding its rescheduled Auction. Everyone who couldn't attend the November Auction will now have another chance to participate. This means that those new individuals will need letter assignments, merchandise identification cards, and auction information. If you plan on auctioning merchandise, you need to contact me or attend a scheduled meeting of Gold Coast to get your auction materials.

We will need volunteer help. We need everyone's help and participation to make this a success. We will need replacements for the

volunteers who have made other arrangements for that day, so please see me at the next meeting and help.

Once again, advertising this Auction is everyone's responsibility. To have a successful auction we need bidders. The only way to be successful is to get the word out about our event. Unfortunately, Sunrise does not allow us to advertise on the street with signage. If you have any ideas please share them with us and help advertise this auction.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest club member: **Suzanne Linden.**

RAFFLE TABLE

The items you have been saving can now be brought in for our monthly raffle in February.

LIBRARY

If you borrowed library books in December, remember to return them, we will all benefit.

NAME BADGES

If you have name badges, please wear them. If you do not have one, see Mike Sullivan. They are for sale for \$6.

PROGRAMS

If you have ideas for a club meeting, don't be shy, let us know. Ideas are always welcomed.

ANITA LORENZ

JANUARY'S GCBS PROGRAM



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GOLD COAST BONSAI SOCIETY

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Saturday – April 8, 2006

Auction Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Preview 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Silent Auction throughout the entire event.

Payment accepted by Cash or check *only*.

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Dept.

6800 Sunset Strip

Sunrise, Florida

For further information contact:

bonsaiauction@aol.com

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

BONSAI SCHEDULE

Tuesday – February 14 – Monthly Meeting – 7:30 PM – TBA
Bonsai Society of Miami
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

Saturday – February 11 – Monthly Meeting – 9:30 AM
Demonstration by visiting BSF speaker Ted Matson
Gold Coast Bonsai Society
City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Department, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise

If you or an affiliated club would like to post announcements
in this column please contact the editor at: jsulliii@aol.com.
Gold Coast is more than pleased to promote other area clubs
and their bonsai functions. The deadline is the 1st of each month.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
TO ALL OF OUR LOVING MEMBERS!**

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