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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

February is almost here, and spring is not far behind. I hope everyone is busy repotting those trees that we are able to do now, and getting ready to repot others soon. This is a great time of year in South Florida....mild weather, and the beautiful green of years first buds.

You'll notice a change in the newsletter layout. Mike Sullivan's duties for BSF required that he give up doing the GCBS Newsletter. We owe him a debt of gratitude for doing this all these years for the club. I know we all appreciate it. Thanks Mike !! Tina and I will do the newsletter until someone steps forward to take it over. It's not as attractive as our previous newsletter, but we'll get all the news to the members. If you have something you would like to submit for inclusion, please contact me by e-mail and we will make an effort to include newsworthy contributions from the members.

Time constraints last month pre-empted me from including information on our December program and meeting. I would like to therefore take this opportunity to thank Mary Miller for the great PowerPoint program that she presented. We enjoyed it, and as usual,

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## **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

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### **NEXT MEETING** **SCHEDULED:**

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

### **PROGRAM:**

**Written by Ben Liss**

Our program this month will be presented by our very own esteemed President, Ed Trout. Those of you who are familiar with Ed, know full well what an honor this is and how interesting and informative Ed's programs are. Those of you not fortunate enough to have seen Ed in the past, please take advantage of this great opportunity.

This program should prove to be especially significant to Gold Coast members, because Ed will be discussing the history of the Gold Coast Bonsai Society Logo Tree. Ed will also be doing a demonstration on this tree as well. This promises to be a big treat for new and long time members.

See you all there.

As usual, Mary always finds a way to better teach bonsai. I also enjoyed Mary doing the club tree critique which made our Christmas party extra special...Thank you Mary !

Our last meeting once again was a program by Ben Oki. Ben always starts the year for us. and I know all enjoyed Bens special presence.

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming months. Our club auction will be held at the April meeting. This is a much-needed event for the club, and I hope to see a great turnout. Start getting your trees, pots, and etc ready now. It is a great opportunity to add to your collection of trees, pots and tools and find hidden treasures or pass on those things you are bored with that someone else may find irresistible. In any case, it is a day of fun and camaraderie. Mark your calendar.

The Morikami Hatsume festival will be in February, and of course, everyone should be planning to attend the BSF convention in June.

See you all at the meeting!

Ed

## **CLUB BUSINESS:**

**This will be voted on by the membership at the February meeting.**

### **BY LAWS PROPOSED CHANGE**

The GCBS Board of Directors is recommending the following change to the June 1999 By Laws

#### **AS WRITTEN:**

##### **Section 3. Honorary Members.**

**A) As a manifestation of respect and esteem, The Board of Directors may confer Honorary Membership. Honorary Members shall Not be required to pay dues,**

**shall Not be eligible to vote, and shall Not hold office.**

#### **CHANGE TO:**

##### **Section 3 Honorary and Lifetime Members**

**A) As a manifestation of respect and esteem, The Board of Directors may confer *Lifetime or Honorary Membership*. *Lifetime or Honorary Members shall Not be required to pay dues. Lifetime Members shall be eligible to vote and hold office. Honorary Members shall Not be eligible to vote, and shall Not hold office.***

## **JANUARY PHOTOS:**

Photos by Larry Duke





# **CLUB INFORMATION:**

**By: Anita Lorenz**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

I wish to welcome our newest member, David Mello. Our club had its first ad run in two newspapers and two people did see it and attend our meeting. One person has joined. It's important that our club members also promote Gold Coast. At one time, although up to 23 bonsai clubs operated within the state of Florida, there were few in Broward County. That has changed. And so, we need our members to help advertise our club to prospective bonsai newbies, who are looking for a club so they can become involved.

If you have not paid your dues for 2008, you will not be able to receive the first edition of the BSF magazine. Also, if you wish to sell bonsai material at our Auction, you need to be a member. Not certain you've paid your 2008 dues; call me at 954 989-4123 or e-mail me at [rabssec@aol.com](mailto:rabssec@aol.com), and I can check.

## **AUCTION**

Our Auction takes place Saturday, April 12th. At the February meeting, I will bring the necessary materials. If you picked up materials in 2007, I hope you kept them.

Our club's Auction is exceedingly important and we need everyone's participation, not only in selling bonsai trees or related materials, but every person in our club must bring in something for our Silent Auction—bonsai or garden related. 100% of Silent Auction monies go to our club Treasury. Since it takes time to decide and gather materials, and April will be here before we know it, you had better

begin combing through your bonsai collection and making your selections now. I will also need your participation as volunteers for working the auction. It takes many helping hands to put together a successful auction, and I know I can count on those who have helped in the past. I will begin taking names for the various positions I need filled during our February meeting.

## **BADGES**

I would ask that everyone who owns a club badge to please wear it to our meetings. Leave your badge in the glove compartment of your vehicle so you won't forget it. It makes the atmosphere so much friendlier when someone who doesn't already know you, can address you by your name. If you don't own a badge or have lost it, a new badge can be ordered for \$7.00. At the moment, 2 people have ordered badges. If you wish to add your name to the list, you can call me at 954 989-4123. Once I have a certain number of names, I will send out the order.

## **DISPLAY**

We invite members to bring their trees to our Display tables, even if you have a tree(s) that you're uncertain of and require input. That's what this club is here for, to help expand your bonsai knowledge. No one should ever feel intimidated. Every member in our club started from scratch and learned by asking questions and receiving answers. Each tree's owner will discuss their own tree, and if help is asked for, you will happily receive it. We have so many incredible bonsai artists in Gold Coast, and they are always willing to help.

## RAFFLE TABLE

This is another really important area to be involved with. We have few ways to raise money, and selling raffle tickets is one certain way. Remember, the money we raise comes back to you in the way of speakers and special programs. I know it can be hard to come up with something each month, but make it one of your priorities to contribute. Don't like what you took last month? Bring it back again. We recycle!

## AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – February 12, – 7:30 PM

### **Bonsai Society of Miami**

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

Saturday – February 9, – 9:00 AM

### **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Department, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise

Saturday – February 23 – 9:30 AM

### **Lighthouse Bonsai Society**

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

Saturday-Sunday February 23-24

### **Hatsume Festival**

Morikami Park, Delray Beach

Saturday–Sunday – March 1–2 –

### **Wigert's Mango Grove and Nursery**

#### **4th Annual Bonsai at the Grove**

Guest speaker Pedro Morales, Yrenee Vasquez & Adam Lavigne

15857 Quail Trail, Bokeelia, Florida – For info call: 239.283.2910

## BONSAI EVENTS (Cont.)

Friday–Monday – June 6–9

### **Bonsai Societies of Florida's Annual Convention**

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