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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month marked another milestone for Gold Coast Bonsai Society. We once again, as we have for many years, began a new year of bonsai with our old & dear friend, Ben Oki. And once again, Ben did not disappoint us ! He did a wonderful job styling a procumbens juniper, charmed the audience, and brought in a nice increase to the treasury when the finished tree went up for auction. AND he celebrated his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday with us. He continues to amaze me ! I am 20 years younger than him, but find it very difficult to keep up with him !! Thank you Sensai Ben, and we'll see you in 2010. Please remember that we really need items for the BSF raffle in March. The club will have the entire day on Saturday, but at this point we do not have sufficient

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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## THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE

**9:00 A.M.**

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009  
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept  
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL  
954-572-2287

items for even ½ a day !! Whatever you have laying around....books, magazines, pots, soil, tools, figurines, etc....we can use them. Bring them to the meeting....we'll do the rest !!!!!

Our next meeting features my favorite lecturer, hands down, Mike Cartrett. If you need info on growing bonsai, Mike is the one to ask. His programs are always filled with knowledge, mixed in with a wonderful humor ! DON'T MISS THIS WORKSHOP ! I've signed up, please join me.

See You at the meeting,  
Ed

## BSF AUCTION 2009

### February Program

By: Ben Liss

After starting the New Year last month with a National favorite Ben Oki, this month we bring you a local favorite with Mike Cartrett.

Mike is a long time well known south Florida Bonsai Artist. Whether he is doing a demonstration or doing a workshop there is always something to learn. This program promises to follow in that vein. Mike has hand selected Brazilian Raintrees for this program and he has assured me they are all great trees. He will have eight inch pots for \$25.00 or ten inch pots for \$50.00.

There is no charge for the workshop. So in addition to getting a quality tree you will get some great instruction and leave the meeting with a styled tree. As we go to print there are still six spaces open. Mike always brings plenty of trees so there should be trees available for purchase as well.

Please be sure to bring your tools and wire and come early so you can select your tree. Remember we start at **9:00am** now this way we can have enough time for Mike to work with everyone. If you wish to sign up for the workshop, please contact me at [bonsaibliss13@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaibliss13@gmail.com).

### CLUB INFORMATION:

Bring whatever you can spare to the next meeting.

For those of you who have not heard, 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 board is asking each member to find two or more things they can donate to the raffle to be collected at our February meeting.

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, etc.

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](mailto: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.).

## **RAFFLE TABLE AND LIBRARY**

Our raffle table has been the source of some great finds. It yields surprising treasures from time to time. What can you donate to keep it fun and interesting?

Please be certain to bring something for this important table. Your trash may be someone else's treasure.

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**

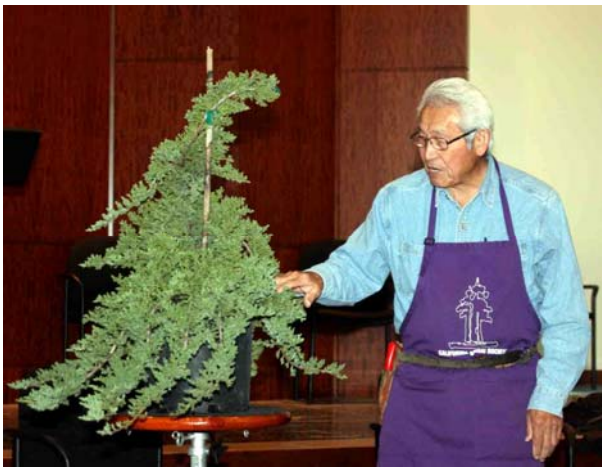
If you don't have, or need a new badge, please contact me at [rabssec@aol.com](mailto:rabssec@aol.com) and place "Club Badge" in the subject line. The badges-cost \$7 each, payable upon receipt.

## **PHOTOS OF LAST MONTHS PROGRAM**

BY: Larry Duke,  
Bob Yahriling and David Mello













**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEN 82**





## AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS



Tuesday – Feb. 10th – 7:00 PM

### **Bonsai Society of Miami**

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road,  
Coral Gables

Saturday – Feb. 14th, – 9:00 AM

### **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Department,  
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise  
Mike Cartrett will do a Raintree workshop  
[www.goldcoastbonsai.com](http://www.goldcoastbonsai.com)

Saturday – Feb. 21<sup>th</sup>

### **Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida**

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

Saturday – Feb. 28th – 11:30 AM

### **Broward Bonsai Society,**

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie  
Classroom in rear. [www.browardbonsai.com](http://www.browardbonsai.com)

Saturday – Feb. 28th, – 9:30 AM

### **Lighthouse Bonsai Society**

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





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## STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL BONSAI LINKS

**Bonsai Societies of Florida**

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

**Bonsai Clubs International**

[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)