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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone. The parties are over, the holiday shopping (and returns) are complete, family has come and gone, and hopefully our December expanding waistlines will shrink back to their original size in January. Be honest, you've completely ignored your plants and if you are like me, you are astonished at the propensity of weeds and the density to which they have matured in your absence. Also, your rain trees have grown wild; your ficus are too thick, and its time to thin needles from your pines and pinch the new growth on junipers.

Well its time for a bonsai new year's resolution, to do more with less plants and be proactive with your trees and their maintenance. Since I know you won't be able to do that, how about we agree to show up at this year's Gold Coast meetings!

Our first meeting will be with our friend **Ben Oki** who traditionally visits with us each January. This will be an open session where we invite you to bring trees that need help or the expertise of a master. This meeting will be an informal workshop, and as a holiday



treat, there will be no charge for the session. Depending on how many trees show up, I will organize the meeting accordingly, so as not to overwhelm Ben. Bring your tools as well!!

This year's activities will include visits from masters and demonstrations from local stylists. We have

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NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY
JANUARY 13, 2006
9:30 AM
CITY OF SUNRISE
PARKS & LEISURE DEPT.
6800 Sunset Strip
Sunrise, Florida
954-572-2287

D I R E C T I O N S

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

**Ben Oki
Workshop/Critique**

DISPLAY TABLES

Members are requested to bring in their bonsai to display for our Display Tables. Also if you have a tree that needs some styling or horticultural assistance – bring it in, we are all here to help.

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done these types of meetings in the past and they are well received. The one comment I get consistently is to have more sessions where you work on your own trees in a workshop setting and get the interaction with the experienced members of the club. I have always said the best way to learn and improve in bonsai is to work on trees, so I agree, and will schedule several workshops during the year. Please participate in these events so I can get the feedback I need for planning more successful meetings. Also, any volunteers to help with planning and running the club's activities would be greatly appreciated. I'm in my fifth year as President (three years past what our charter allows) because there has been little interest from our members to participate. Now, before everyone starts running for the exits, I'm just asking that if a few people could just help plan one

meeting each during the year, it would help me out tremendously. Think about it and let me know!

Remember, bonsai is a participation sport. See you Saturday

CHARLES MICHELSON



Wigert's Mango Grove & Nursery invites you to their 3rd annual
"BONSAI AT THE GROVE"
Featuring Bonsai Master Pedro Morales from Puerto Rico
Saturday and Sunday, February 10th and 11th
9:00 AM 'til 4:30 PM each day at:
Wigert's Mango Grove & Nursery
15857 Quail Trail, Bokeelia, FL 33922 • 239-283-2910

Join us for the following:
FREE Demonstrations Saturday and Sunday at 10AM and 12PM
Browse Southwest Florida's only Bonsai Nursery!
Take advantage of special sales!
Other Vendors with a variety of items!
Demo trees raffled Saturday and many more items raffled each day.

Workshop Information: (fee \$150 each)

Saturday 2pm	Sunday 2pm
Green Island Ficus, all have multiple large trunks with good branching and have been root pruned to mica pots.	Limoncillo, or limeberry, is a native to Puerto Rico, each large collected tree has multiple trunks.

To see samples of the workshop trees, visit our website: www.wigertbonsai.com
Workshop Space is limited, so contact us ASAP to sign up. Call 239-283-2910

GOLD COAST BONSAI SOCIETY CLUB NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

We will be collecting membership dues at our January meeting. If you would like to renew, you can see Mike Sullivan at the January meeting or mail your check to: Gold Coast Bonsai Society, c/o Mike Sullivan, 11721 Spinnaker Way, Cooper City, Florida 33026. The membership dues are: \$25 Individual and \$30 Household. Since we have not received your renewal in time, your first issue of the BSF magazine will be unavailable, there will be no backdated mailings of this publication.

DISPLAY TABLES

Don't forget to bring any trees you may wish to display for our January program. If you have trees about which you need information, we will discuss these as well, so bring them. This is a great educational forum, take advantage of the opportunity.

RAFFLE TABLE

Please remember to bring in items for our monthly raffle. Your donations help fund our club's monthly activities and visiting speakers programs, so give generously.

LIBRARY

Any borrowed books should be returned in January. Remember this is a resource for the entire club, so please be prompt with your returns. If you own any bonsai books or CD's or videos you no longer desire, our library may want them. Always consider GCBS for a donation.

NAME BADGES

If you have a name badge, please wear it, it helps new members. To order a name badge see Mike Sullivan. They are for sale for \$6.

GOLD COAST BONSAI SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY

December's Holiday Party was a festival of colorful trees brought in for our annual holiday exhibit, many decked out in flowers to represent holiday decorations. The highlight of the year – our speaker – **Mary Miller**. Mary's presentation this year was on having "a plan" for trees in your collection. We are all so guilty of collecting trees and adding to our collections without a "game plan." The trees grow rampantly on



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MIKE SULLIVAN

our benches leaving us overwhelmed and totally unfocused on just the daily maintenance of our little gems.

Mary stressed the point of finding good material that shows a promising future. Then she recommended making a game plan for that tree. A major factor was to not be afraid to cut. If a branch does not fit into the plan...then by all means cut it off. When you decide on the design your tree, stick with it and do not change plans midcourse, otherwise your tree will never develop to its full potential.

As always, Gold Coast was thrilled to have Mary speak with us again this holiday season. It is always a treat and we all take away so much from her presentations. Thanks Mary, you are the best!

EDITOR

BONSAI SCHEDULE

Tuesday – January 9 – TBA – 7:30 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

Saturday – January 13 – Ben Oki Critique/Workshop – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

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

Saturday – January 20 – TBA – 9:00 AM

Bonsai Society of Broward

Flamingo Gardens, Davie, FL

Saturday – January 27 – Hands On Workshop – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

Friday–Sunday – January 19–21 – JOY OF BONSAI

Featuring Rodney Clemmons, Mike Cartrett, Mike Rogers,
Toby Diaz, Hector Morales and Ktahi Maisano

Kawa Bonsai Society

Flagler County Extension Office, 150 Sawgrass Road, Brunnell, Florida



**Cypress
Celebration
BSF 2007**

JUNE 9–10, 2007

at the

Morikami Museum and Park
Jog Road, Delray Beach

Featuring Guest Speakers:

David DeGroot and Guy Guidry

With Mike Cartrett, Toby Diaz,
Ernie Fernandez and Dorothy Schmitz
Introducing Reggie Purdue
winner of the 2006 Scholarship Competition

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