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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sat watching Mary's critique of the display table, my mind traveled back 25 or so years ago, and the trees we brought in back then. The quality of bonsai that you, the Gold Coast Membership are creating and displaying now is incredible. Not only has our expertise in the Art of Bonsai design increased over the years, but also (and most importantly in my opinion) our expertise in the horticulture required to maintain and grow healthy trees has increased dramatically. I believe that we have accomplished this thru the process of sharing knowledge, the key reason that this club exists. We are extremely lucky to have so many talented, generous members and teachers like Mary Miller. Thank you Mary for a great program!

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE

Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL
954-572-2287

New Meeting time: 9:00 A.M.

Please remember to bring whatever items you can to our next meeting for the BSF '09 Raffle. **WE NEED AS MANY RAFFLE ITEMS AS POSSIBLE!!!**

Please try to attend our next meeting, and give Ben Oki a real show of support and gratitude.

Keep in mind the rescheduling of our meeting this coming month and mark January 24 at 9 AM on your calendar.

See you there,

Ed

January Program

By: Ben Liss

BEN OKI

SPECIAL DATE, JANUARY 24TH

We start the New Year with a familiar friend. Ben Oki has been a long time Florida favorite touring speaker. This year we decided to change things up and have Ben do a demonstration. Ed will be acquiring some great material for Ben to work on and we can all sit back and enjoy watching one of the true masters of bonsai perform his craft. Of course some lucky person will be the recipient of the finished tree that will go up on our raffle table. So mark your calendars, you will not want to miss this opportunity.

Please note that we will be meeting on the 24th of January, the fourth weekend of the month.

There will be NO MEETING on our regular day of the 10th of January.

In February we will be having Mike Cartrett do a workshop. Mike says he will be bringing some nice (hand picked by him) Brazilian Rain trees with big trunks. We will announce the price of the workshop in the next meeting or in a separate e-mail flyer. We will take up to 12 participants on a first come, first serve basis. If you want to sign up for this workshop please email me at bonsaibliss13@gmail.com

In March we will have a BYOT program with Ed Trout where you can bring in trees you are thinking of putting in the auction and Ed can help you clean them up so they'll receive top dollar at the bidding.

This brings us to April when we will have our annual Bonsai Auction. Once again it is time to re-evaluate which trees you want to let go in order to make room for some new trees you'll want to buy at the auction. We have more on this in the News Letters to come.

Brett and I hope everyone has a Happy Holiday and Healthy New Year.

THIS CHILLI THIRPS IS HOT, HOT, HOT

By Anita Lorenz

There's a new variety of thrips spreading its malignancy throughout Florida and they are bad news! They were first seen ravishing plumbagos, Indian hawthorn and a few other plants. This relatively easy growing plant was being "smoked."

As Doug Caldwell, Ph.D., received more and more calls about declining plumbagos, a plant known to only have occasional aphid problems, specimens infected plants were overnighted to the Department of Plant Industry for experts to look at. The insect was confirmed to be dreaded chili thrips, *Scirtothrips dorsalis*, also spelled "chilli". They were first reported in Palm Beach County in the fall of 2005, but have since spread, moving throughout the state. This thrips are widespread throughout much of Asia and to a slightly lesser extent in other countries. Besides destroying a large, and

I do mean large, variety of vegetable, nut, and fruit crops in Florida and abroad, they are now invading more and more host plants such as podocarpus, tamarind, acacia, maples, jasmine, ligustrum, pittosporum, viburnum, and the list goes on and on. Severe infestations can result in total defoliation.

Check plants and trees carefully to be certain you are seeing these thrips and not long-tailed mealybugs. If you are not certain of what you are seeing, send specimens to your local horticultural extension service. Adult chilli thrips are very small even for thrips (0.5-1.2 mm long) and pale gray-white. They are considered to be very difficult to recognize but breed rapidly, especially in drier conditions. If this is not bad enough, these thrips have the capacity to spread several other viral diseases, through injection, into their host trees, shrubs, or flowers. Since we have no known natural predators or pathogens here to kill them or keep their number in check and because of their high reproduction rates, action must be taken quickly. A systemic insecticide containing **imidacloprid** will provide the best protection. Doug Caldwell can be contacted at dougbug@ufl.edu, and you can also stay up-to-date on the "chilli" thrips by going to <http://mrec.ifas.ufl.edu/lso/thripslink.htm>.

STONEWALL GARDEN TOUR

By Anita Lorenz

Has anyone ever gone on the Stonewall Garden Tour in and around Wilton Manors? I had never heard of it. Well, it seems that there was one particular Asian-inspired garden of artist Tim McCarron and Chuck Panozzo, bass player and co-founder of the band, Styx. Together they had collected many Asian artifacts and antiques on their travels throughout Southwest Asia and many of these pieces are in this garden. Peace and tranquility are what was wanted and achieved. Besides the Asian planting theme using extensive varieties of bamboo, bonsai are scattered throughout the garden. Most of the bonsai are tropical in nature and average in age from 10 to 20 years old. According to Chuck, maintaining them bring him peace from the hectic outside world. A Torrey gate lets you into the garden itself, and the garden is based on Shinto design. There are numerous fountains and other water features to help create a feng shui feeling. The design features from the pictures that I viewed are beautiful.

If anyone in our club knows Chuck Panozzo or knows someone who knows him, it might be wonderful idea as well as different, if our club could be invited to see his garden and bonsai. If not, maybe we should keep an eye out for the

next Stonewall Garden Tour and find out if this garden is included in the overall tour. Who knows, maybe we could get him involved with our club!?

CLUB INFORMATION:

The Board has decided to start our monthly meeting at 9 A.M. We are paying for the time and should utilize it as some meetings have run over-time.

BSF RAFFLE 2009

Don't forget to bring your donations for the upcoming BSF Convention Raffle that you would like to donate. We will be collecting items for donation thru the March meeting. Please be as generous as you can...each item helps further the education of Bonsai in our state. Thank you,
Ed

Bring whatever you can spare to the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Time has run out for you to renew your membership for 2009 in time to continue your un-interrupted subscription to the BSF magazine. You will not receive your first 2009

magazine. So send your check for either \$25.00 for an individual, or \$30.00 for a family, made out to Gold Coast Bonsai Society. Please include your address, phone number, and e-mail address. Without an accurate e-mail address, we will be unable to notify you when our club's Newsletter is published. Send your checks to: Anita Lorenz, 2774 E. Marina Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312. Please print legibly. We will do our best to have you reinstated as quickly as possible.

RAFFLE TABLE AND LIBRARY

Please bring a contribution for the raffle table for our January meeting...**AND** don't forget to bring spare cash to buy a ticket for the remarkable tree being done by Ben Oki and raffled. This is a perfect chance to own a tree for your collection that has been done by a Master of the Art.

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 and place "Club Badge" in the subject line. The badges-cost \$7 each, payable upon receipt.

December Meeting Photos

By: Larry Duke



David's prize pine.



Mary Miller critiques club trees.



A practiced eye !





Mike Sullivan's beautiful black pine.



Just some of the beautiful trees displayed.



Ben and Mike set-up the display table.



Mike's Shimpaku Juniper



Mike's Procumbens Juniper.



Lest we not forget to celebrate !!!
Happy Holidays to all !!!

AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – Jan. 13th – 7:00 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road,
Coral Gables

Saturday – Jan. 24th, – 9:00 AM

Guest: Ben Oki

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Department,
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise
www.goldcoastbonsai.com

Saturday – Jan. 17th

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida

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

Saturday – Jan. 24th – 11:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie
Classroom in rear. www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday – Jan. 24th, – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

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