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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 4th of July!! I hope you used the day off to catch up on some bonsai-related work and/or possibly some much needed weeding. I personally need about two weeks straight for weeding but it was a good start.

The Bonsai Societies of Florida annual convention took the place of our June club meeting last month. I know many of you attended and I thank you for that. The event was successful with many talented speakers, including: David DeGroot, Guy Guidry and Sean Smith. A great variety of demonstrations, awesome material at the workshops, a tremendous vendors area, and a spectacular cypress exhibit. The Morikami as a venue was something new to try, and now that we tried it, I'm sure next year's convention will be back at a hotel!! It was not the most conducive venue for our event.

My congratulations to Louise Leister, President and Henry Robbins, Treasurer of BSF and everyone who worked on planning this year's convention. My thanks to the many of you from our club who participated in the convention setup and execution.

Remember, all successful bonsai activities require participation even on the smallest scale. Every little bit helps! Remember, like sex, bonsai is an activity best shared with others – as compared to doing it alone! It is usually much more satisfying!

Talking about participation, this December, my five years as president of Gold Coast comes to an end. I have selected Anita Lorenz as chair of the Nomination Committee. Anita's task will be to put together next year's board. Please don't run when you see her coming!! Change is good and obviously I will still be here to help the new leadership in any way possible.

The July meeting will be a work session, so please bring some trees with which you want assistance. If you are like me, the convention sparks that interest in me to go back and spend more time working on my trees!

Some of our members will be in Puerto Rico for the BCI/FELAB Convention in San Juan. Otherwise, see you all on the 14th!

CHARLES MICHELSON

### NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY  
JULY 14, 2007

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.

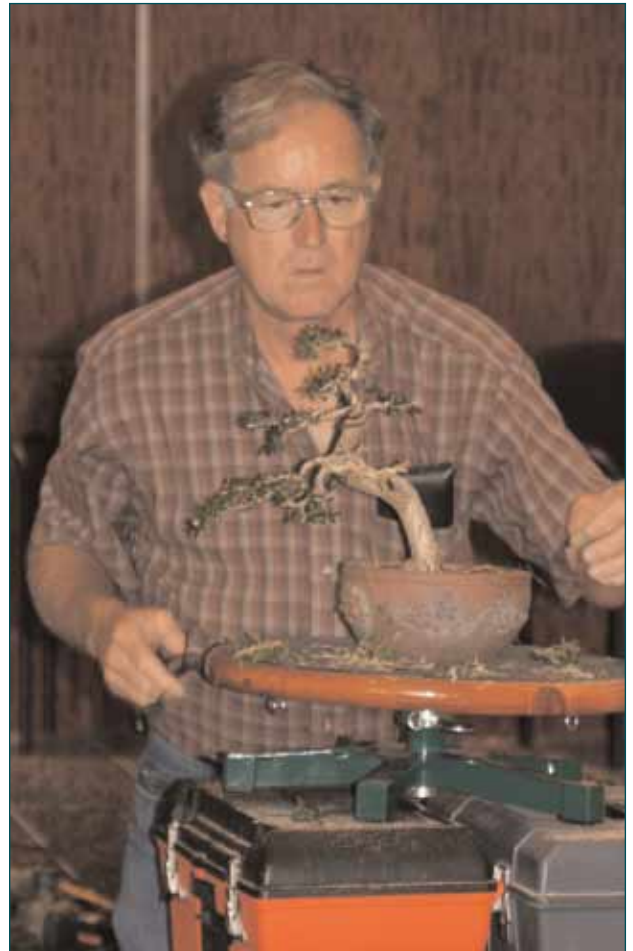
### THE PROGRAM

**Member  
Workshop**

### 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.**

## MAY'S PROGRAM



*In May, we were fortunate to have one of Florida's most talented bonsai artists at Gold Coast. Mike Rogers of Deland, Florida, joined us to do a carving demonstration for the club. As always, it was a treat to watch Mike take some pretty uninteresting subject matter, and with a few minutes of analysis, bring out the interest in the trunks through carving and wiring. Mike brought with him several examples of his carving expertise. One Juniper had a very interesting jin that had been too long and uninteresting as he explained. Mike cut it down and reassembled into a shorter jin. It was difficult to see where he had actually pieced the wood together. Great craftsmanship, Mike!*

## GOLD COAST BONSAI SOCIETY CLUB NEWS

### MEMBERSHIP

We will be collecting membership dues at our July meeting. If you would like to join, you can see Mike Sullivan at the July 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. Your first issue of the BSF magazine will be available with the Autumn issue; there are no back-dated mailings of this publication.

### DISPLAY TABLES

Don't forget to bring any trees you may wish to display for our July 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 July. 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.

## A NEW VP APPOINTED

**I** i everybody! I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself (briefly, I promise) and to thank all those who have graciously accepted me into your wonderful world of Bonsai. Although it has been two years since my very first Gold Coast meeting, I still consider myself a “newbie.” Let’s face it, with work and life, (my partner had two spine-related surgeries this past year), finding time to do Bonsai is usually limited to one or two days a month! And that’s a good month. But now I am up to three weekends a month so I am moving in the right direction.

Here’s the “brief” part. I am originally from the northeast, growing up in Central New Jersey. After living for five years in Manhattan and ten years on the North Shore of Long Island, my partner Brett and I moved to Fort Lauderdale, seven years ago. As far as how I got into Bonsai, well, I have always been a weekend gardener; at one time in our small

Manhattan apartment we had over a hundred potted plants! Hence the eventual move to Long Island and some acreage. Unfortunately, I treated my first few Bonsai as I did my other plants – you know putting them in bigger pots as they continued to grow and then eventually planting them in the ground, right!?!

The first Bonsai tree I bought in Florida was a Brazilian Rain tree, which took two years before anybody could tell me what it was. Fortunately for me, before I could plant my Rain tree in the ground, a friend rescued me. He brought me to the house of an ex-GCBS member who was selling her trees. I bought my first Black Olive and my first Fukien Tea from her, but more importantly she gave me a copy of a Gold Coast newsletter, and a Bonsai enthusiast was germinated. Well I am proud to say, although I have killed many others, I still have all three of the aforementioned trees and they are among my favorites, with the Rain tree leading the Pack.

I can only say that my experience in Gold Coast has been a fun and rewarding one. The workshops, visiting masters and local talent have offered great opportunities for learning. I have made many new friends and have learned plenty in my short time here. I look forward to getting to know all of you better over the next many years. This summer we will attend our first BCI/FELAB convention in Puerto Rico and we look forward to seeing those of you who will be there. One last note, as the new VP for Gold Coast Bonsai Society, one of my duties will be to plan the monthly programs, so if anybody has any suggestions for future programs, please let me know at [bonsaibliss13@aol.com](mailto:bonsaibliss13@aol.com), my mail box is always open.

Again, thanks all.

**BEN LISS**

### EDITOR’S NOTE:

*Ben is also the Bonsai Societies of Florida’s new Trustee for District 8.*



## WHAT EVIL LURKS...

Lifetime member **Ed Trout** struck by the evil lords of the winds – yet again!

A freak storm blew through the western burbs of Pembroke Pines last month. Unfortunately, it took several of Ed’s beautiful bonsai with it and whipped them off their stands. The specimen at left is dear to us all, as it is the Gold Coast logo tree.

Ed has had a particularly bad run of luck with the weather of late. We will need to have a talk with the powers that be on his behalf and see if we can’t settle things down.

## BONSAI SCHEDULE

Saturday – July 14 – Member Workshop – 9:30 AM

### **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**

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

Tuesday – July 10 – TBA – 7:30 PM

### **Bonsai Society of Miami**

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

Saturday – July 21 – TBA – 9:00 AM

### **Bonsai Society of Broward**

Flamingo Gardens, Davie

Saturday – July 28 – Hands On Workshop – 9:30 AM

### **Lighthouse Bonsai Society**

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

Thursday–Sunday – July 11–15 – BCI-FELAB Convention

Guest speakers Shinji Suzuki and Marco Invernizzi, David Benavente, William Valavanis, Suthin Sukosolvisit, Pedro Morales, Sean Smith and more

### **Condado Plaza Hotel & Casino**

San Juan, Puerto Rico

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