



# JULY NEWSLETTER

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## NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Saturday, July 12, 2008  
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept  
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL  
954-572-2287

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our last meeting was like candy to the eyes! Great bonsai, beautiful stands, neat companion plants and figures, and someone to explain how to show them together. I was really disappointed at the turnout for such a learning experience. For those that came, the morning was well worth it. Mike Sullivan has not only acquired the knowledge of bonsai, he has more importantly acquired the "feel" of the proper display. Thank you Mike...I had a great morning!

I just returned from Texas, where I was honored to be asked to teach at the American Bonsai Societies Learning Seminars for 2008 in San Antonio. I saw some old friends, met some new ones, saw some wonderful bonsai, and learned a few things t! I was also

honored to see Vlad Foursa win the ABS new talent contest for 2008. He did a great job on his tree, and brought the trophy back to Florida for the second time in the contest. I was really honored to be at the banquet when they announced him as the winner. Way to go Vlad!!

Please try to make this month's meeting. Charles Michaelson knows the raintree, and this promises to be another "must see" meeting.

See you there,

Ed

## **PROGRAM:**

July Program

By: Ben Liss

### **BRAZILIAN RAINTREE**

This month's program will be given by Charlie Michelson. Charlie will do a demonstration on a Brazilian Raintree. Charlie has many Brazilian Raintree's and has become our local "Raintree expert". This promises to be an informative program and as always we invite you to bring in your Raintree if you have one, and if not feel free to bring in any tree you have a question on.

They even have raintrees in TEXAS!



**Yvonne Padillia's raintree.**



**Vlad's winning tree, BEFORE.**



**Vlad's winning tree AFTER.**

## **BONSAI NEWS**

### **WORTH A MENTION:**

(This area is available for information that you would like to pass along to the members. Send an e-mail to Tina at [figuslover@aol.com](mailto:figuslover@aol.com) . Make sure that you put Gold Coast Newsletter in the subject area. We will print your message in the next issue. We must limit selections to space available.)

### **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

#### **Second Sunday Bonsai Group**

We invite you to join us to enjoy BONSAI on the second Sunday of each month. You can bring something to work on and/or get opinions as to what to do with it. We also have plenty of pre-bonsai material you can work on and learn with. This is a good time to work on your ideas and get feedback from other bonsai enthusiasts, so feel free to jump into the middle of it all and learn more. We would love to have you share your talents (in bonsai.....) with the rest of us too. No purchase necessary.

Time: 10-1 at  
Dragon Tree Bonsai Nursery,  
3663 SW Honey Terrace, Palm City,  
34990.

If you're interested, let me hear from you (772)-418-7079 or email [dragontree@bellsouth.net](mailto:dragontree@bellsouth.net) We're looking forward to seeing you.

Feel free to tell your friends! If a friend of yours would like to receive our monthly meeting notice, please send

their email address to Joyce at [jpcs41@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpcs41@bellsouth.net)

or me at the above address.

Robert  
Dragontree Bonsai Nursery  
Palm City, FL 34990

### **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Guess who is going to **Japan** ,  
for **FREE**???

**VLAD !!!**

**YEAH !!!**

**Congratulations Vlad...**Our very own Vlad Foursa won the Joshura Roth New Talent Contest at the ABS Learning Seminars 2008 in San Antonio, Texas which was held June 19<sup>th</sup> thru June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. The event was hosted by Lone Star Bonsai Federation, San Antonio Bonsai Society and Austin Bonsai Society in conjunction with ABS.

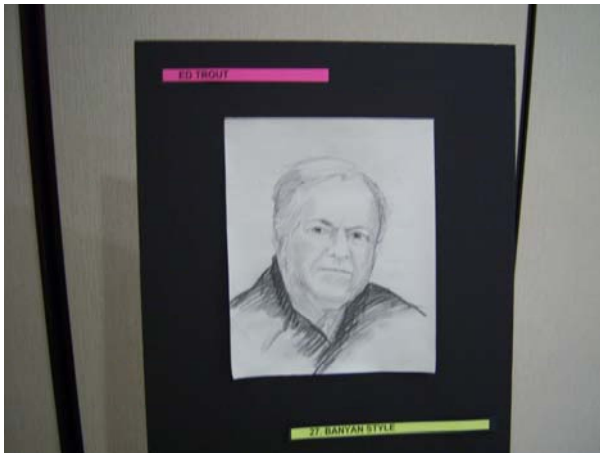
We know this because our President, Ed Trout was there. Ed was asked to be one of the Bonsai Teaching Masters giving seminars over the four day event

at the Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel billed as, “Featuring These 9 Exceptional Bonsai Instructors: Guy Guidry-Mike Hanson-Hal Mahoney-Ted Matson-Jerry Meislik-Michel Phaneuf-Martin Schmalenberg-Sean Smith –Ed Trout.”

Sketches of each Master were posted outside their “classroom”...nice touch. Ed said everyone had a great time. The food was Tex-Mex but delicious, very HOT,HOT,HOT, along with the weather at 105 degrees. No one seemed to notice though as there were so many things being offered to do for the registrants. Here are a few photos he brought back to share:



## The Alamo!



## **CLUB BUSINESS:**

**PLEASE MAKE IT YOUR BUSINESS !!**

### Planning Club Programs:

One of the main vehicles to educating ourselves as a club is to utilize the FREE knowledge we have with-in our own membership. The Individual member that agrees to do a demonstration, for the benefit of the club members, puts a lot of thought and effort into their programs. Let them know that their effort is appreciated by attending.

As a club we cannot afford to bring in National Masters 12 times a year nor can we bring in instructors from around the state. We are extremely fortunate to have many talented bonsai artists in our own tri-county area and so we utilize them when possible during the remaining year to provide programs we feel are interesting and informative to the group as a whole. If anyone has any suggestions for a program they would like to see, or arrange themselves, demonstration, Power Point, lecture, DVD, field trip, please contact me for scheduling. Remember, support your club members with your presents when they are so generous of themselves.

Ben Liss

**Would you like to write an article for the newsletter? Well, we'd love to print it.**

## **CLUB INFORMATION:**

**By: Anita Lorenz**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our membership keeps increasing! Keep spreading the word about our club to other bonsai enthusiasts.

### **BADGES**

I will soon be purchasing name tags for the first group of individuals who have requested them. Their names are: Steve Gale, Robert Norris, Ritz Rosenberg, Philip Goldberg, and R. Wayne Wells. If there are others in the club who need name tags, please contact me as quickly as possible at [rabssec@aol.com](mailto:rabssec@aol.com) and place "Club Badge" in the subject line so your message won't be deleted. The badges cost \$7 each, payable once we receive them back from the manufacturer.



As you should know by now, I'm strongly in favor of all of our

membership wearing their name-tags. We have new members who want to feel comfortable when they approach another member. Wearing your name-tag allows that person to know your name immediately. I took my own advice and keep my badge in the car so I can't forget to put it on when I arrive. I hope all of you will do the same.

### **DISPLAY**

Members should never feel that their tree(s) are not up to standards in order to bring them to our Display Tables. If your tree(s) need help, that's what our club is about, to help you style the best tree possible and enable you to understand what may or may not be wrong. If you don't wish to place your tree(s) on the Display Table because you only want some training suggestions, that's fine as well. We always have enough bonsai teachers at the meeting to evaluate your tree and give you the advice your tree needs. We need to experience all our members trees over the course of the year. And if you wish to display it according to what Michael recently showed and taught us at the June meeting and you're not certain if you are doing it properly, Mike will explain what's proper. That's how we all learn.

### **RAFFLE TABLE AND LIBRARY**

This table is important to our club. Please make every effort to support it by bringing in unwanted bonsai materials. If you won something in a previous raffle and don't want it, don't be ashamed to bring it back for recycling. We need it to be Christmas at every club meeting.

### **June Meeting Photos**

By: Larry Duke



**No mistaking the direction of this tree!**



**Mike Sullivan discusses proper display of bonsai.**



**Mike brought in some wonderful trees and accent plants as well as display stands to show the accepted method or “art”, if you will, of proper display.**



**There were lots of questions from everyone interested in learning proper display technique.**



**Mike discussing members display trees.**



**A really cool miniature display.**



**Mike points out a possible new line for this tree.**

## AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – July 8th, – 7:00 PM

### **Bonsai Society of Miami**

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road,  
Coral Gables

Saturday – July 12th, – 9:00 AM

### **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Department, 6800  
Sunset Strip, Sunrise  
[www.goldcoastbonsai.com](http://www.goldcoastbonsai.com)

Saturday – July 26th, – 9:30 AM

### **Lighthouse Bonsai Society**

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

Saturday – July 28th – 11:30 AM

**Broward Bonsai Society**, will be held at  
Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie  
Classroom in rear. **Marcia discusses Tool Care**  
[www.browardbonsai.com](http://www.browardbonsai.com)

## YOUR GOLD COAST BOARD

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**Ed Trout 954-432-8208**

## 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)