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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May was an exciting meeting for all. We were treated to a special workshop by **Mike Cartrett** on some very nice Jabotacaba material. The fact that so many of you participated in the workshop made it that much more informative and entertaining for our club. I know Mike was excited to be here with Gold Coast and enjoyed himself thoroughly with our group. Thanks to all of you for participating because that's the best way to learn bonsai – by doing it with your own hands and tools. Please bring your trees in for display in the future so we can see your plants progressing. I will try to coordinate a “jabotacaba reunion” in the future!

The BSF annual convention has just wrapped up and our club was well represented in Gainesville. The headliners included: **Rodney Clemmons, Colin Lewis, Gary Marchal**, and lifetime Gold Coast member **Mary Miller**. There were many of our Florida favorites as well. The demonstrations were informative and interesting to watch, including those who lasted hours after their scheduled completion as people struggled with

the final solutions. The club night's scholarship competition, in which **Vlad Foursa** and **Mike Sullivan** participated, was a great bonsai event with an excellent critique by the three judges. Disaster bonsai seemed to be a popular theme this year as many trees were stripped, carved, and windswept to catch the attention of the judges in an effort to replicate the look of a Category 12 hurricane. (Category 5 would not do justice to the way those trees were tortured). This convention certainly highlighted the different approaches to bonsai. Our club entry was more traditional in its bonsai approach.

My congratulations to Gold Coast lifetime member **Ed Trout** on winning the BSF President's Award. The award is based on Ed's continuing contribution and talent to the art of bonsai. A wonderful honor, Ed is added to a very distinguished list of recipients. Be sure to read Ed's article in this month's *Bonsai* magazine.

The June meeting will be a simultaneous demonstration forest planting and large Ficus tree replanting. I look forward to seeing you there.

CHARLES MICHELSON

NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY
JUNE 10, 2006

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

**RE-STYLING &
RE-POTTING**

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.

BSF CLUB NIGHT – SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION



The 2006 Bonsai Societies of Florida Scholarship Competition winners.

Left, First place – *Ficus benjamina* by Reggie Purdue;

Center, Second place, an amazing transformation of an inexpensive mass market Juniper, designed by Jason Schley;

Right, Third place – *Ficus nerifolia saikei* by Jim Vanlandingham.



Above Gold Coast member Mike Sullivan with a challenging piece of landscape Juniper purchased from Erik Wigert at Bonai at the Grove event in February.



Above Gold Coast member Vladimir Foursa with a raw stock Podocarpus with an awesome base – a newly designed tree with real potential for the future.

MAY'S PROGRAM – MIKE CARTRETT

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MIKE SULLIVAN



At left, Gold Coast Bonsai Societies' May speaker – Mike Cartrett.

Mike discussed the horticultural needs of this species of bonsai material. He gave us basics of growing Jaboticaba as bonsai material.

Mike informed us of all the horticultural needs of this tree as well as tips for a healthy future.

Shown at right, two of the trees from our member's workshop with



Mike. The trees were done in a variety of styles from weeping (Mike's favorite) to natural tree

form and bunjin. It was a fun event and everyone enjoyed working with Mike on this material. We look forward to his next appearance at our club. Mike is always a very entertaining and engaging speaker. His love of bonsai and dedication to the art form is infectious. Thanks again Mike for a job well done.



CLUB NEWS

DISPLAY TABLES

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

MEMBERSHIP

There were no new members at our last meeting. Gold Coast is always looking for members to help in the running of the society. So, if you have any inclination at all, speak with Charlie at the next meeting. We need your assistance to make this society a success.

RAFFLE TABLE

Please remember to bring in items for our monthly raffle. Your donations help fund the club's activities.

LIBRARY

Any borrowed books should be returned in June. 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 us for a donation.

NAME BADGES

If you have name badges, please wear them. If you'd like to order

one see Mike Sullivan. They are for sale for \$6.

PROGRAMS

If you have ideas for a club meeting, don't be shy, let us know. Ideas are always welcomed.

SPRING HAIKU

Tropical bonsai,
June's full moon perfect timing
for choosing new pot.

BONSAI SCHEDULE

Saturday – June 10 – Repotting/Restyling Demo – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

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

Tuesday – June 13 – 7:30 PM – TBA

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

Saturday – June 24 – TBA – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

Saturday–Sunday – October 14-15 – 20th Annual Show and Sale

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

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