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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, we are at the halfway point of 2008. The year is flying by! I hope everyone is using this warm weather to work your tropical bonsai and stay on schedule. Creating good bonsai requires a plan and a schedule and the determination to maintain that schedule. That's the fun!

Our last meeting was an enjoyable couple of hours with some members working on their own trees while getting (& giving) advice to others. I saw some really nice bonsai being cared for.

The next GCBS meeting is one you should not miss. Our own Mike Sullivan will discuss the art of displaying our bonsai. This is an art form within the art of bonsai that many

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NEXT MEETING **SCHEDULED:**

Saturday, June 14, 2008

City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept

6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL

954-572-2287

“westerners” do not understand. The elements within a single display tell a story, just as each of the elements alone tell a story.

Mike understands the importance of creating a proper display and will share this knowledge with the club. You need to see this.

See Everyone at the Meeting,
Ed

PROGRAM:

June Program

By: Ben Liss

DISPLAYING BONSAI

After coming back from this year's convention, we all should be newly

inspired to achieve perfection in our Bonsai.

One important aspect of Bonsai is the art of Display. For this month's program we are lucky to have our very own Mike Sullivan do a demonstration on this very subject. We have all seen how "meticulously" Mike displays the trees and accent plants that he brings to our club meeting. We are lucky to have such wonderful talent within our own club and we should take full advantage of them so bring all your questions, they're sure to get answered.

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. 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.)

I checked out the Radisson where the convention is being held and it is really a great spot for a long weekend!! If you wanted to take your family, they would find plenty to do while you indulge your bonsai interest. The pool is wonderful and the restaurant has great food. The rates are "special" for the bonsai convention (so be sure to ask when making reservations). The rooms are lovely and large and some even have small kitchen. The décor is "Caribbean". It is less than a 3 hour drive and therefore sounds like a great

weekend get away. What more could you want than 2 days of bonsai, bonsai, bonsai. If that doesn't work for you, go with a bonsai buddy and split expenses...you know what they say, "where there's a will....."

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

CLUB BUSINESS:
PLEASE MAKE IT YOUR BUSINESS !!

A BIG **THANK YOU** to Jim Shannon for volunteering!! At the May meeting it was discussed and decided that he would bring in a large pump carafe from Duncan Donuts to make coffee available for purchase at each month's meeting. We will also have some type of sweets available to purchase. Hopefully this will save time and money on "our" Saturday morning **and** make a few dollars for the Club. So come hungry and have a light breakfast with bonsai buddies. Help yourself and the club treasury at the same time.

CLUB INFORMATION:
By: Anita Lorenz

MEMBERSHIP

New members continue to join. Our club is growing. We continue to attract people that are interested in learning bonsai! This is great news. With more

members sharing, our knowledge pool grows and the more we learn from each other. Do you know anyone who might like to join our monthly meetings? Try to ask at least one person who shows interest in our hobby if they would like to attend.

PREVIOUS PROGRAM

Our May program was a "Bring Your Own Trees" to work on. When only a few people first showed up, it looked like our meeting was going to be extremely small. But it did not stay that way. Before you knew it, more tables had to be set up as members arrived with their trees. Then, the leaves were flying, the weeds were dying, old soil and soilless mix was lying everywhere, old embedded wire was being cut off and replaced with new wire. and branches were being shorn or completely cut away. Of course, the "Garbage Can" award for the most weeds and most potting material on the floor, went to Charlie. But, his trees looked great by the time he finished, and they did fit easier into his SUV when he packed up.

Everyone went away with better trees and forest groupings as Ed moved around the floor helping individuals, and as other members lent their talents and suggestions.

Ed placed a magnificent Ficus for us to stare at on the display table along with an adorable yellow iris that opened up completely within a half hour of arrival. We all shared in Ed's grief, as well, as

he informed us that the last of his Buttonwoods had been stolen from Epcot—it was six feet long. He said maybe now he'd be left alone since he no longer has any Buttonwoods to steal. Everyone was very sorry to hear of the losses, and we hope everyone will continue to keep their eyes and ears open. For all we know, Ed's trees could be in Dubai by now.

BADGES

New badges can be ordered for \$7.00 if you need one. Let me know at the meeting or contact me at 954-989-4123 if interested.

DISPLAY

Meetings are always more interesting when we can discuss what others are working on. It offers other points of view on your tree or just praise (always nice to hear)...please, share your bonsai for viewing on our monthly display table. It helps us all to learn and grow.

RAFFLE TABLE AND LIBRARY

Raffle Table contributions needed. Don't forget to bring something if you can to donate to the club. The more money we earn the more teachers we can bring in for workshops and demonstrations.

May Meeting Photos

By: Larry Duke



Anita lovingly trims a beautiful little tree



Cynthia and Jim Shannon -- two heads are better than one. This little juniper thinks so.



Charles Michaelson worked hard repotting a terrific Raintree.



Ed wires a cypress as members look on.

AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – June 10th, – 7:00 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Demo By Ed Trout

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road,
Coral Gables

Saturday – June 14th – 9:00 AM

Broward Bonsai Society, will be held at

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie
Classroom in rear. **Subject: Tool Care**

Saturday – June 14th, – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Department, 6800 Sunset
Strip, Sunrise Mike Sullivan on the art of display.

Saturday – June 28th, – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

Friday–Monday – June 6–9

**Bonsai Societies of Florida's Annual
Convention**



Kenneth Blaze busy wiring.



Jim watches as Anita trims roots on her tree

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