



JUNE NEWSLETTER

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NEW MEETING DATE

NEW VENUE FOR JUNE ONLY

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we roll into Summer, our bonsai grow incredibly fast. And with all this rain, it's very hard to keep up with them. I've fixed a nice spot inside the house where I can work on a tree in comfort. But in reality, I'd much rather be out in the fresh air. These afternoon monsoons promise to bring a healthy batch of mosquitoes, so make sure to protect yourself from these guys.

Many thanks to Bill Storke for a very informative lecture on the care of our bonsai tools. As an excellent wood craftsman, and an accomplished bonsai artist, Bill's tips hit home with many of us. Thank you Bill !

This month's meeting has been changed to Friday evening, the 12th of June to accommodate our guest bonsai artist, Lance Laney, from Hawaii. We have also gotten another meeting room

FRIDAY, June 12, 2009

7:00-10:00 P.M.

FLAMINGO PARK
(NOT GARDENS)!!!

AT:

12855 NW 8 STREET,
Sunrise, FL 33323

SEE MAP INSERTED ON LAST PAGE

at Flamingo Park. It is a very nice park, just west of North Flamingo Road, on NW 8th street, about 2 miles north of I-595. There is plenty of parking. This promises to be a great demonstration by a fellow Tropical Bonsai Artist, who does-beautiful work. We will be raffling off Lance's demo tree, and there will also be some additional very nice items put on the raffle table. This new room is easy to find.....see the map in this newsletter, or simply Google it for directions. Don't miss this special meeting.

See You There !!!!

Ed

JUNE PROGRAM:

BY: BEN LISS

This Month's program will be a demonstration from Lance Laney, one of our three visiting masters on this year's BSF speakers tour. Lance is originally from California but has lived in Hawaii since the mid 60's. With a small spark, an interest in bonsai was born and in the beginning as a young man he experimented on his own for many years. He later joined his local bonsai club in Kauai eager to learn more and now some 30 years later is a nationally, as well as internationally accomplished and well recognized bonsai artist. For more on Lance visit the BSF web site and read his complete bio.

New to the Florida speaker's tour, we are privileged to have Lance visit our club to share with us what he has learned along the way. Lance will be doing a demonstration on a little Olive Tree he has brought with him from Hawaii. As usual we will put the finished tree on the raffle table and some lucky raffle winner will leave with a beautiful Shohin bonsai so don't forget to bring your raffle money!



Lance Laney was born in Los Angeles and moved to Hawaii in mid-1960 as a young surfer. He moved to the island of Kauai soon after. His interest in bonsai began as a young adult when he approached an elder Japanese gentleman who was working on a tree in his yard to ask him some questions. Shocked by Lance's interest, the man spoke with him and invited him to his backyard to look at his bonsai. That encounter sparked his interest and he dabbled in bonsai, experimenting on his own without any formal training for many years. Years later, Lance joined Kauai Bonsai Club, a local club that included both young and old bonsai enthusiasts. As a member he learned as much as possible from other members and collected many trees from the wild. Eager to learn more, he began to attend out-of-state conventions which has led to Lance conducting workshops for Golden State Bonsai

Federation as well as demonstration and workshops for the California Shohin Society. In 2007 Lance studied with Nobuichi Urushibata at Taisho-en in Shizuoka, Japan. At Taisho-en, he was fortunate to also work alongside Mario Komsta, a five-year apprentice of sensei Urushibata-san, from Poland and to observe the work of Tiger Urushibata, sensei's son, who apprenticed under Masahiko Kimura. Hanalei Valley, Kauai has been the Laney home for over thirty years where he has a large collection of various types of trees including olives and ironwood collected from the Kauai uplands and coastal areas. Lance is a drywall and plaster contractor and is a member of Kauai Bonyu Kai.





**THE BONSAI WORLD SAYS GOODBYE
TO A GREAT LADY**

**Jean Carroll Smith
1925 – 2009**

Jean was born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, the only child of Elizabeth Stephenson Carroll and John Phillips Carroll, USMC. She grew up in Independence, Missouri down the street from Bess & Harry Truman. She moved to Ft. Walton Beach, FL in 1955, and knew that she had found heaven on earth. She died on May 15, 2009, at the age of 83.

Jean was a founding member and president of Bonsai Societies of Florida and Bonsai Society of Ft. Walton Beach. Jean was known world wide, for her love of Bonsai. During her term as president of Bonsai Clubs International she was successful in her efforts to make it a truly International organization.

She introduced bonsai into the Florida Prison System at Stark. She was very

proud of the fact that the bonsai program resulted in zero recidivism for those inmates with whom she worked. She had many loyal followers from this ministry. The program continues today, through the efforts of Bonsai Society of Florida.

The National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. dedicated the Chinese Scholar's Studio in the name of Jean C. Smith. She received numerous honors and accolades over the years for her tireless efforts in the bonsai community. Jean was often described as “a force to be reckoned with.”

She is survived by her husband of 54 years Edward J. Smith, daughters Stephanie K. Harrison (husband Dan), Leslie P. Mackinnon (husband Bill), Conni L. Joseph (husband Dan), Vicki L. Kistler (husband Herbie) and son Stephen Smith (wife Robin). She was loved by all her grandchildren, most especially Whitney K. Schiffer (husband Charles), Lee Harrison, Peter Currier (wife Jaime), Keith Francis, Elliot Mackinnon, Annelise Mackinnon, Bronson Kistler, Travis Kistler, Matthew Smith, David Smith (deceased), Ryan Joseph, Brandon Joseph and Tyler Joseph, and great grandchildren, Brittany Schiffer, Chelsea Schiffer and Davis Currier, and her life long friend from the 3rd grade, Harriet Lionberger, and of course, her many friends in the bonsai community.

CLUB INFORMATION:

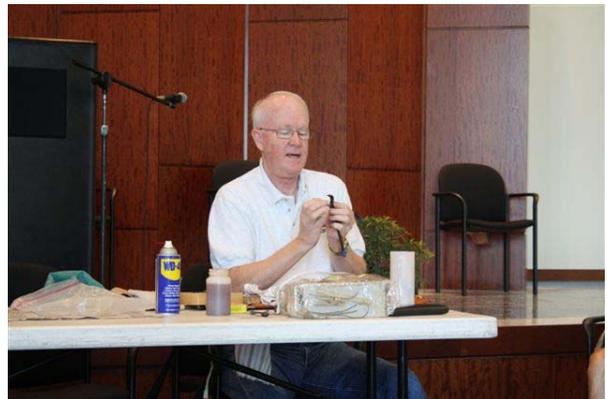
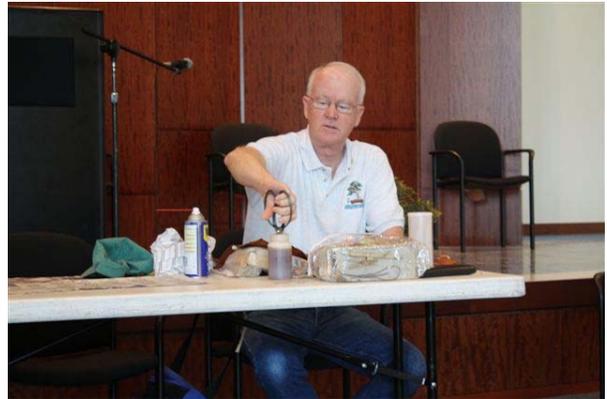
Please remember to bring something for the raffle table and help support the club.

TREAT YOURSELF TO ONE OF OUR DELICIOUS COFFEE SELECTIONS OFFERED AND ENJOY THIS MONTHS PROGRAM BY LANCE LANEY.

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PHOTOS OF LAST MONTHS PROGRAM

BY: Bob Yarling











SOUTH FLORIDA CLUB NEWS

The Bonsai Society of the Palm Beaches will hold its annual Summer Bonsai Auction Tuesday evening, June 2, 2009, at 7:30 PM, with a preview at 7 PM. The open bidding auction as well as a silent auction will be held at their monthly meeting place, Mounts Botanical Gardens Auditorium 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach.

To sell, you do not have to be a member of the Palm Beach club, but you do have to be a member of Bonsai Societies of Florida through a club or study group.

Sellers please arrive early to register, prepare and get a bidding number. You will also receive a designated letter which must be placed on all tags as well as on the Cashier Sheet which you will give to the cashier prior to the auction.

Sellers can auction up to 10 items for open bidding. A grouping can be considered as one item. All opening bids will start at \$10.00. You can sell items of a lesser value in the silent auction.

Auctions are one of the best ways to put money in your pocket. The club funds will be supplemented by getting 15% from all auctioned items. Please donate items to the club so the club can receive 100% of the money from the donations.

For additional information contact John Evans johnevans1111@hotmail.com

We hope to see you at the auction.

**Rita Rosenberg
District 6 Trustee**

AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – June 2nd – 7:00 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road,
Coral Gables

**GOLD COAST BONSAI SOCIETY'S MEETING
DATE & VENUE CHANGED FOR JUNE**

FRIDAY – June 12th, – 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

FLAMINGO PARK

12855 NW 8TH STREET

Sunrise, FL (THIS MONTH ONLY)

www.goldcoastbonsai.com

Saturday – June 20th,

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida

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

Saturday – June 27th – 11:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

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

Saturday – June 27th, – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

Tuesday – June 2nd, – 7:00 PM

Society of the Palm Beaches

Mount's Botanical Garden Auditorium
West Palm Beach, Florida

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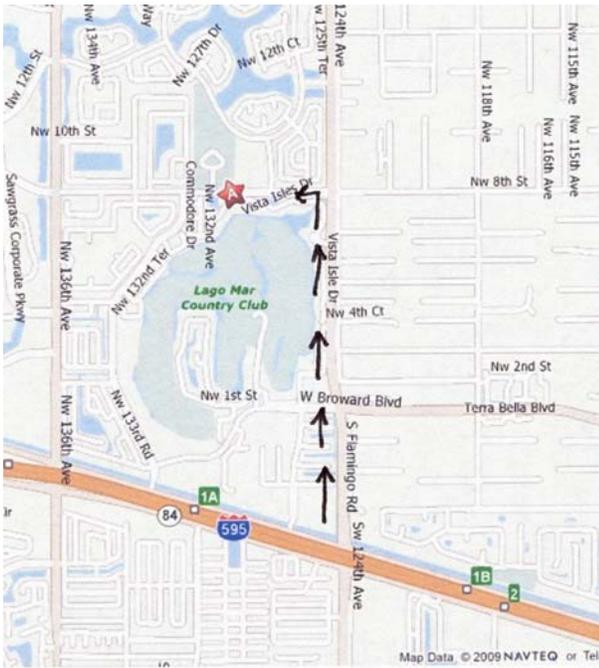
The American Bonsai Society

www.absbonsai.org

The National Bonsai Foundation

www.bonsai-nbf.org

MAP TO GOLD COAST MEETING AT FLAMINGO PARK



Directions to Flamingo Park

Exit I-595 at Flamingo Road (N.W. 124th Avenue). North on Flamingo Road to N. W. 8th Street. West on N. W. 8th Street approx. ½ mile. The Park is on the right hand side, just passed a school. Turn in thru gates, and the meeting room is on your left.