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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

This space is usually given over to the President's review of the previous months program. However since I gave the demonstration, I will write from the "presenters" point of view.

I would like to let you know that although I give bonsai lectures all over the country and as a guest speaker have been to many other countries, this program was by far the closest to my heart.

When my tree was selected in 1996 as the new "Logo Tree" for Gold Coast Bonsai Society, it was a wonderful honor for me. I had spent years going to meetings learning and forming bonds with other club members that are strong to this day. To have your peers select your tree for such an honor humbled me. Having said that, you can appreciate, I hope, that this program was like a stroll down memory lane for me.

I spent a few evenings gathering up all the old photos and memorabilia that I could locate of this buttonwood and made an album. I had been

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## **MARCH NEWSLETTER**

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### **NEXT MEETING**

### **SCHEDULED:**

Saturday, March 8, 2008

City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept

6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL

954-572-2287

### **PROGRAM:**

Written by Ben Liss

March Program: **TED MATSON**

This month's program will be with Ted Matson. Last year Ted carved a buttonwood and really brought the "dead wood" to life, better known as SHARI and JIN. Many of you missed Ted last year and should really try to make it to this program.

This year, Ted, who is an expert on shohin bonsai, will be working on several (3-5) trees acquired from Miami Tropical, that he will reduce to shohin specimens. The variety of trees will be raffled off at the end of program. This is a great opportunity for the club members to add a nice tree to their collection as well as a great opportunity for the club treasury. Hope to see you all there.

intending to do this and just never took the time, so this was a nice reason to get it done.

I can only hope the club enjoyed the program. I know for a fact that I certainly enjoyed all the memories it brought back to me.

On another note, it has come to my attention that The National Bonsai Exhibit at The U.S. Arboretum needs our help to rally Congress to restore funding that was recently taken away. Please visit the NBF website at [www.bonsai-nbf.org](http://www.bonsai-nbf.org), and read the special announcement on the main page. If you can, write a letter of support as outlined, to further help this effort.

We have added a section to the newsletter giving links to our State, National and International bonsai organizations. Please consider joining these organizations that truly help to promote the art of bonsai in the USA., I Do!

I would like to make all members aware of a newly offered service. Jim Shannon spent countless hours compiling a database of our club library. This is a monumental effort that we really thank Jim for. Henning has posted this on the website for your use. You simply order your selection and it will be made available to you at the next meeting. Great idea. Many thanks to Jim and Henning for this very worthy effort.

If you have never attended the BSF Convention, you don't know what you are missing. It is really a chance for you to get fully immersed in **BONSAI**...learning, talking, shopping, talking, learning, more trips to the vender area and shopping, shopping, shopping. You will surely find just the tree or pot you have been looking for. It is three days of fun filled **BONSAI, BONSAI, BONSAI**, so, plan to attend the BSF convention in June.

See you all at the meeting!

Ed

## **CLUB BUSINESS:**

**Voted on by the membership at the February meeting and passed was the following :**

### **BY LAWS PROPOSED CHANGE**

The GCBS Board of Directors is recommending the following change to the June 1999 By Laws

#### **AS WRITTEN:**

#### **Section 3. Honorary Members.**

**A) As a manifestation of respect and esteem, The Board of Directors may confer Honorary Membership. Honorary Members shall Not be required to pay dues, shall Not be eligible to vote, and shall Not hold office.**

#### **CHANGE TO:**

#### **Section 3 Honorary and Lifetime Members**

**A) As a manifestation of respect and esteem, The Board of Directors may confer *Lifetime or* Honorary Membership. *Lifetime or* Honorary Members shall Not be required to pay dues. *Lifetime Members shall be eligible to vote and hold office.* Honorary Members shall Not be eligible to vote, and shall Not hold office.**

## **FEBRUARY PHOTOS:**

Photos by Larry Duke



After recovering from strange "rust" like spider mite damage, tree was left to grow and re-new itself.



Recovering Buttonwood has had a chance to re-grow and return to health. Ed now contemplates where to start.





**After a complete leaf pruning, every branch is wired and placed.**



**Close up of leaf pruning method used.**



**Explaining the "short" internode growth of this particular Buttonwood.**



**Charles proceeds with the leaf removal.**



**With help from Charles, all leaves are removed.**



**Everyone has input and questions. An open discussion always fuels learning and knowledge.**



**End result of the styled Gold Coast Bonsai Society Logo Tree**

## **CLUB INFORMATION:**

**By: Anita Lorenz**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Happily, our advertising is reaching unaffiliated bonsai enthusiasts and even those who had not attended our meetings for years, and who are now coming to watch our programs, see our display tables, and join in our raffle. Some have already joined, and hopefully, others will too in order to become active participants in all our activities.

## **AUCTION**

Anyone wishing to sell bonsai or bonsai related material (pots, artwork, tools, books, stands, etc.) at our auction must be a paid member by the end of March. No memberships from individuals, who also wish to sell, will be taken on the day of the auction. It's just too hectic that day.

Your last chance to pick up your auction materials will be March 8th. I realize Ted Matson is coming that day, but our auction is exceedingly important. That's how we earn enough money to pay for masters. 15% of winning bids will be deducted and goes to the treasury. Sellers will receive their checks, in the mail, as soon as the Cashiers and Treasurer have collectively determined each seller's final winnings. This usually takes at least a week or two.

Because of the significance of our Auction, we need everyone's participation, not only in selling, but just as importantly by every member contributing at least one item to the Silent Auction tables. It can be bonsai or garden related. 100% of those proceeds go into our club Treasury. Even if you are not selling, you have a responsibility to support the Silent Auction tables.

Sellers will not be able to use any of the tables for their merchandise. All usable tables will be needed by the Auctioneer and Silent Auction area. Everything must be placed on the floor in front of your assigned "Letter", which will be taped to your space on the wall. Make certain you bring a plastic sheet, table cloth, or drop cloth to place on the floor to keep the carpeting clean. Plastic is easily obtainable from Dollar Stores.

Remember, if you plan to sell pre-bonsai trees, they need not be in bonsai containers and, you need not be selling finished or started trees, raw bonsai material is acceptable. Just make certain all containers or pots are clean and insect free. All this information is already explained on a special "Seller's Sheet" which you receive once you register as a seller. Advertising will be placed in the newspapers to draw in more bidders.

I thank all those individuals who have already signed up to work the day of the Auction. And don't worry, even workers are allowed to bid.

### **NOTE:**

Also, if you wish to sell bonsai material at our Auction, you need to be a member. Not certain you've paid your 2008 dues; call me at 954 989-4123 or e-mail me at [rabssec@aol.com](mailto:rabssec@aol.com), and I can check.

## **BADGES**

Please wear your badges to our meetings. Leave your badge in the glove compartment or cup holder of your vehicle so you won't forget it. We have new members and many visitors, and it makes the atmosphere so much friendlier when someone, who doesn't already know you, can address you by your name. If you don't own a badge or have lost it, a new badge can be ordered for \$7.00. At the moment, 3 people want badges. If you wish to add your name to the list, you can call me at 954 989-4123. Once I have a certain number of names, I will send out the order.

## **DISPLAY**

Thank you for bringing your trees to the Display area. Everyone loves to see what others are working on as well as the progress of the bonsai we have worked on. It's great to bring in workshop trees. No one is here to judge, only to help you expand your knowledge. We invite our beginners as well. Starting a tree properly is really important. The longer a tree goes with improper branch placements, wrong front, etc. the harder it becomes to make the necessary changes to bring out the best that tree has to offer. You may realize your tree needs something, but another practiced eye just may see the problem.

## **RAFFLE TABLE**

We had a wonderful Raffle Table in February. Please keep it up. But remember to save or find something for the Silent Auction Table in April. Just don't forget about Ted Matson's demo trees in March. I'm not certain if they will be auctioned that day or if we will have a special Raffle just for them.

## AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Saturday-Sunday February 23-24

### **Hatsume Festival** at

Morikami Park, Delray Beach

Saturday–Sunday – March 1–2 –

### **Wigert’s Mango Grove and Nursery**

#### **4th Annual Bonsai at the Grove**

Guest speaker Pedro Morales, Yrenee Vasquez & Adam Lavigne

15857 Quail Trail, Bokeelia, Florida – For info call: 239.283.2910

Tuesday – March 11th, – 7:30 PM

### **Bonsai Society of Miami**

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

Saturday – March 8<sup>th</sup> + 9<sup>th</sup> – Annual

“Bonsai Rocks” presented by

### **Broward Bonsai Society**, will be held at

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie Classroom in rear

Saturday – March 8th, – 9:00 AM

### **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**

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

Saturday – March 22nd – 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**

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## 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)