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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month's meeting brought back a lot of old memories as the day started. We were locked out of the room until after 9. I remember many years ago we had a similar problem at our old meeting place at the Davie Park building. It was a very similar day, not a cloud in the sky, cool morning temperatures, and a great turnout. We never did get that room unlocked, but I remember a wonderful meeting around a couple of picnic tables, underneath an old oak tree. The only things missing last month were the picnic tables, and an old oak tree.....but I'm sure we would have managed.

Once we got the room unlocked & setup, Mike Cartrett did his magic, and everyone, including me, went home with the beginnings of a great raintree bonsai. Mike's the best, and we sincerely thank him for bringing such

MARCH NEWSLETTER

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THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE

9:00 A.M.

Saturday, Mar. 14, 2009

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

great material, and the knowledge he has about plants & bonsai !

We find ourselves in some very tough economic times. Many bonsai clubs & organizations are struggling to retain members and lure attendees to their conventions. We are holding our BSF Convention next month in Orlando, and if you can afford the time and expense, it promises to be a great Bonsai learning event. I urge all of our members to try to attend, even for part of the events. Our own Charles Michelson is being sworn in as the next BSF President, and it would be nice to have as many Gold Coast members there as possible to celebrate his special moment. I believe Charles will be the 4th Gold Coast Bonsai Society

member that has served as President of BSF. And remember, we are holding the BSF Raffle on that Saturday, and can use help from all of our members to sell tickets and set up the tables. Please bring any items you'd like to donate to our March meeting, since this is our last chance to gather items.

I noticed green buds this morning on my bald cypress. Spring and all the beauty it brings is around the corner. If ever there is a time to enjoy your bonsai garden, that time is the next 2 months. Cool nights, crisp & clear sunny mornings, warm (but not hot) days, and the beautiful fresh green colors of new growth. What could be better ????

See You at the meeting,
Ed

March Program

By: Ben Liss

This month's program will be a member's workshop. Please bring in your trees to work on with the group. Our President Ed Trout has offered to come around and help with your trees. We'll have to take it easy on Ed this month with his bum knee but as always there will be other members to offer help as well.

With all our experienced members you are bound to learn something and get some help with that difficult tree. Also if you are putting any trees in the auction in April it is a good time to clean them up so you can be sure to

receive top dollar at the bidding. Maybe you have something for our BSF raffle, bring it in and we'll help clean that up too.

SOME CONVENTION NEWS:

If you are one of those people who still have not registered for this years Convention in Orlando, it's not too late and there are still some workshops open. There are several spots open in the Fuiken Tea workshop and since I am caring for four of these trees at my house I can testify that there are some great trees with nice fat trunks. I hope to see a lot of you there, it's going to be lots of fun.

Ben Liss

CLUB INFORMATION:

BSF AUCTION 2009

Bring whatever you can spare to the next meeting.

For those of you who have not heard, the committee for the Annual BSF Convention, being held in March 2009 in Orlando, has chosen Gold Coast Bonsai Society as one of the four state clubs to run the raffle for one day at the convention.

Each club will have the responsibility of collecting contributions to be raffled off and for running the raffle itself for that day.

The board is asking each member to find

two or more things they can donate to the raffle to be collected at our March meeting.

If you can get family, friends or businesses to donate as well, that would be wonderful. The items must be bonsai related, Oriental, or garden related. Trees, books, tools, pots, watering cans, etc.

If you are planning to be at the convention and can donate some of your time to the raffle that is a huge contribution. It is very important that GCBS make a good showing as we have always given great support to the State Club. Let us continue the tradition.

Please contact Ed Trout at 954-432-8208 or e-mail Ficus@aol.com or one of the board members listed on the newsletter for more information. We will be accepting donations at this last club meeting prior to the convention.

(You will be given a donation form for your income tax deductions.).

RAFFLE TABLE AND LIBRARY

Our raffle table has been the source of some great finds. It yields surprising treasures from time to time. What can you donate to keep it fun and interesting?

Please be certain to bring something for this important table. Your trash may be someone else's treasure.

Also, don't forget to check out our club's vast Library and video collection, that you will find, listed on

our website. Just follow the instructions, and your book or video will be waiting for you at the next club meeting. It's easy! All you need to do is return it to us the next month.

BADGES

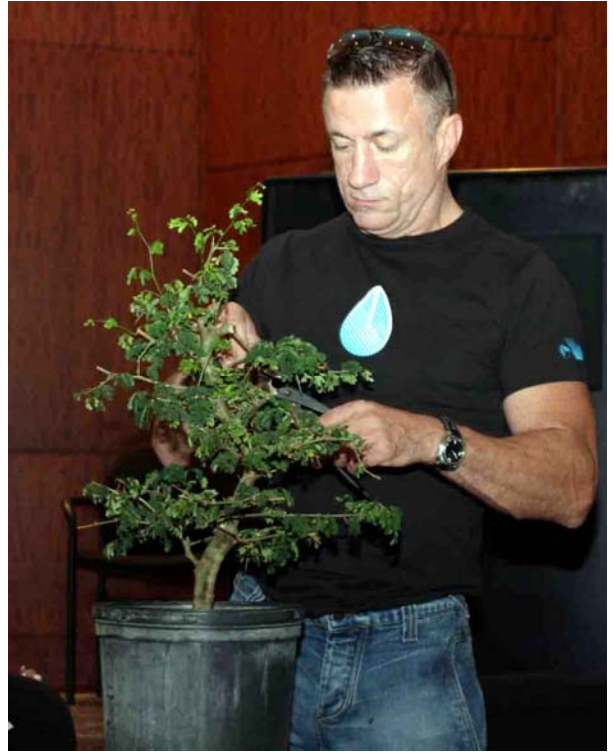
If you don't have, or need a new badge, please contact me at rabssec@aol.com and place "Club Badge" in the subject line. The badges-cost \$7 each, payable upon receipt.

PHOTOS OF LAST MONTHS PROGRAM

BY: Larry Duke,









AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – Mar. 10th – 7:00 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road,
Coral Gables

Saturday – Mar. 14th, – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

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

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Saturday – Mar. 21th

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida

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

Saturday – Mar. 28th – 11:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

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

Saturday – Mar. 28th, – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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



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