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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it was 52 on my patio this morning. Spring is somewhere down the road, but is certainly taking it's sweet time getting here. This has been the coldest extended winter I can remember, and my trees are not happy. Usually, by this time of year, the cypress are already budding out, but this year most are still sleeping ! And the forecast for the rest of the week is colder mornings !

I drove over to Erik Wigert's new nursery last Saturday for his annual show. Wow was it cold ! But in spite of the weather, I really enjoyed seeing his wonderful bonsai nursery, and the teaching/demo classrooms he has built. And his private collection is getting better & better. I recommend the drive, it's well worth it.

I will be collecting items for the BSF Raffle this month and next. Please bring

MARCH NEWSLETTER

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**THE NEXT
SCHEDULED MEETING
WILL BE
9:00 A.M.
Sat. Mar. 13th, 2010**

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

in anything that you'd like to donate, and I will see that it gets up to Orlando.

Ben has asked me to do a demonstration this month. I'll get something at the nursery, and it will be put on the silent auction table at our Annual Club Auction in April.

See You at the meeting,

Ed

MARCH PROGRAM:

Ed Trout Demo

for more information. We will be accepting donations at the next two (2) club meetings prior to the convention.

CLUB INFORMATION:

BSF AUCTION 2010

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 May 2010 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

OUR AUCTION

GOLD COAST AUCTION NEWS:

Hopefully, you know we are holding our club's **Auction Saturday, April 10th**. And most importantly, I hope the doors will be open early (at 8:00 a.m.) so we can get in and set up without any craziness and even allow us a few moments to think.

If you are helping me during the Auction, please be on time. I need as many hands as possible to **QUICKLY** set up every table for the Silent Auction area, the Cashier space, the Auctioneer, and the Registration Desk.

Remember, sellers do **NOT** get tables. Everything you are placing up for auction has to sit on the floor. So please bring a tarp, sheet, plastic, etc. to protect the carpet, and make certain your containers are clean and do not have ants, etc. walking or crawling about.

Make certain **ALL** your items are tagged as per the **direction sheet** you received prior to the auction. Don't forget to place your designated **LETTER** on all the **tags** that must be securely attached to your merchandise **as well as** on the **Cashier sheet** that you hand over to our cashiers

PRIOR to the auction beginning. Be certain to cut the single tag sheet into 3 parts, punch a hole through all three pieces, then securely fasten them to your merchandise with wire or string. Merchandise missing or with incorrect tags will not be auctioned. It is **not** the Auctioneer's job, the cashiers, the holding area person, or me, to figure out what you were thinking.

Also, **no opening bid** will be less than \$5.00. So, if you wish to open with a minimum bid and leave the bidding to the skill of our auctioneer (and he is good,) you must place an opening bid of at least \$5.00 in the space provided. Of course, if you wish to begin higher, do so.

Most importantly, I need **everyone** to bring at least **one piece of merchandise** for the Silent Auction area. I realize that (hopefully) people have been donating items to Ed for our portion of the BSF convention. But our club's smaller silent auction also needs goods that can be **either bonsai or garden related**. We get 100% of the monies collected. So, please make every effort to bring at least one item and drop that merchandise off at the Silent Auction Area.

Randy will be our auctioneer that day. Please spread the word about our auction. Hopefully, the newspapers will place our blurb in their garden sections. With papers going out of business or downsizing to little more than flyers, we need all the help we can get.

RAFFLE TABLE

Bring something to raffle. Big or small, it all helps the cause.

BOOK INFORMATION

BONSAI CLUB'S INTERNATIONAL INSTRUCTOR BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



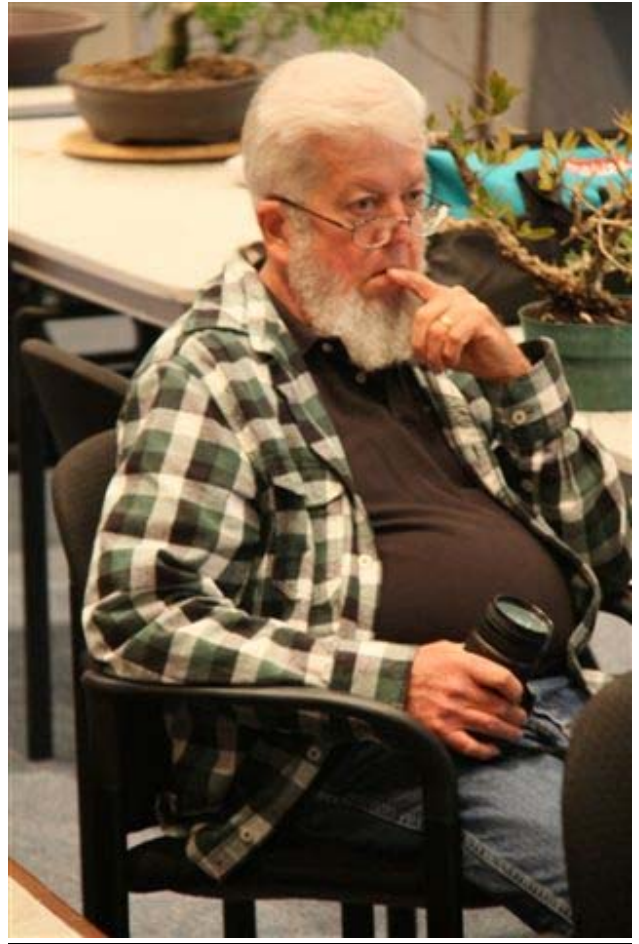
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PHOTOS OF LAST MONTHS PROGRAM

By Bob Yarling

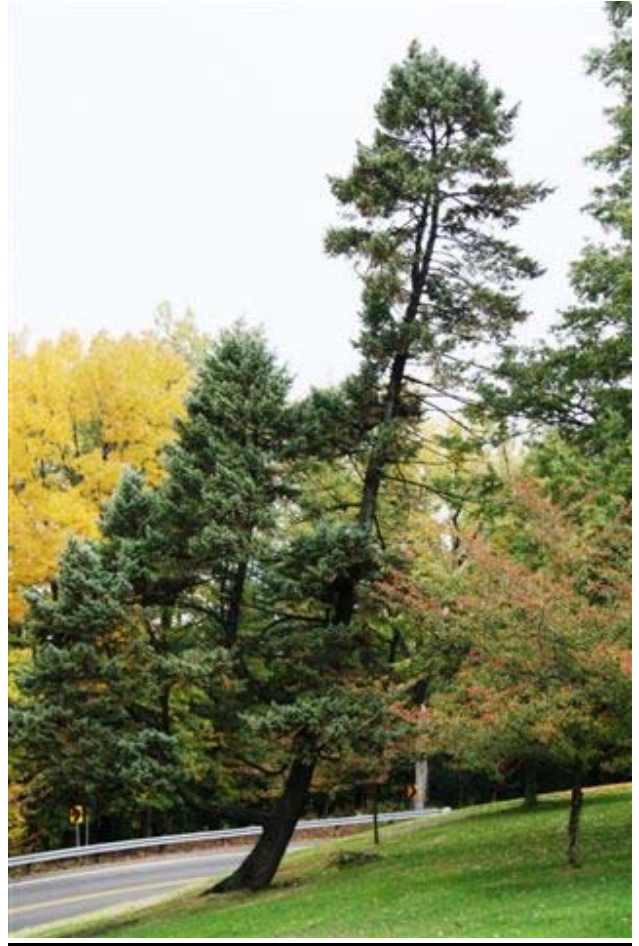






NOW WHERE DID I PUT MY SHOVEL? WHICH ONE TO COLLECT, WHICH ONE TO COLLECT?







AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – March 9th – 7:30 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden,
Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables
www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Saturday – March 20th 9:00 AM

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida

SPALC Building,
6281 Metro Plantation Road (Off Metro Parkway between
Daniels Parkway and Colonial Boulevard),
Ft. Meyers, Florida
Contact Dorothy Schmitz 239-947-3552
www.thebonsaiswfl.com

Saturday – March 20th – 11:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

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

Saturday – March 13th – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL
954-572-2287
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Saturday – March 27th, – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

Boca Raton Community Center, 150 N.W. Crawford
Boulevard, Boca Raton
www.lighthousebonsai.com

Tuesday – March 2nd, – 7:00 PM

Society of the Palm Beaches

Mount's Botanical Garden Auditorium
West Palm Beach, Florida
www.bonsai-bsf.com/clubs/sites/bspb/

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www.absbonsai.org

The National Bonsai Foundation

www.bonsai-nbf.org