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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our long delayed auction was a smashing success for the club!! The Gold Coast Auction had something for everyone; mature trees that sold for hundreds of dollars as well as one dollar silent auction items. The items for sale included a variety of Ficus trees, Junipers, Divi Divi's, Fukien Tea, Elms, Neesas, Maples, Bougainvilleas, and on and on.

In addition, some very nice bargains were had as well – John Naka workbooks, suiseki, bonsai pots and marble trays and turntables .

The morning was very entertaining and my thanks to all of our club members as well as visitors who attended. My thanks to **Anita Lorenz** for chairing the project, **Randy Brooks** for his excellent auctioneering, **Mike Sullivan** and **David Baruch** our trusty cashiers, and all of the spotters and runners who assisted in making the event a real success.

This month's meeting will be a special event and another opportunity to pick up some very nice trees. **Mike Cartrett** purchased a large quantity of Jaboticaba trees at a discount and will having a workshop for 20 people at the club meeting. These are \$50–60 dollar trees if sold retail, but Mike will be selling them for only \$20 at the workshop! That's it, \$20 for a tree and a workshop.

There are no reservations for this event so bring your tools and be prepared for a great meeting. Help support our club by participating in the event. Thank you Mike for visiting our club and sharing your bonsai material with us and expertise.

The BSF Convention is at the end of the month in Gainesville and I hope to see many of you at the event. See the back page (Bonsai Schedule) for details.

CHARLES MICHELSON

IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to announce the passing of former Gold Coast Member **Robert Glasser**. Bob had a real passion for his bonsai and worked hard to maintain his collection even while enduring his long illness. We miss his presence and send our condolences to his family.

NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY
MAY 13, 2006

9:30 AM

CITY OF SUNRISE
PARKS & LEISURE DEPT.

6800 Sunset Strip
Sunrise, Florida
954-572-2287

DIRECTIONS

From I-95, Oakland Park Boulevard or Sunrise Boulevard west to University Drive heading South (Oakland) or North (Sunrise) to Sunset Strip, turn East to 6800.

From Sawgrass Expressway, Sunrise Boulevard exit, then east to University Drive, Left (North) to Sunset Strip), then Right (East) to 6800.

THE PROGRAM

**MIKE CARTRETT
JABOTICABA**

DISPLAY TABLES

Members are requested to bring in their bonsai to display for our Display Tables. Also if you have a tree that needs some styling or horticultural assistance – bring it in, we are all here to help.

PROGRAM NOTE

Thank You! Thank You!
We want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who originally signed on and worked so hard during our club's Annual Auction. To those who just pitched in, especially in the Silent Auction and sign-in areas, whether asked or they saw a need, our sincere thanks. You made our jobs easier and allowed the Auction to flow without a hitch. Without volunteers and those people just willing to pitch in, an Auction or any club function would be impossible to undertake.

We want to thank all those who filled our Silent Auction tables to capacity. As you know all of the revenue from the Silent Auction goes to the club treasury. Now, remember, this doesn't let anyone off the hook for our regular Raffle

Table in May, so, look around now for your donations.

Hopefully, this auction brought an awareness about Gold Coast Bonsai Society to new people. There were several who attended the function. Whether adding trees to their collection or purchasing their first tree that day, we hope they will become regular members or maybe tell others about us. We know of one person who found us after a long period of being absent from bonsai because she saw our auction article in the newspaper. Of course, to those who brought auction items and to those who purchased them, our thanks for supporting the club. These funds go toward our monthly programs and afford us the costs of visiting masters.

ANITA LORENZ

JABOTICABA

M*yrzaria cauliflora*, or Jaboticaba has its origins in Brazil and is widely planted in South Florida. It is a small, bushy tree or large shrub with fine-textured evergreen foliage and multicolored bark. It grows very slowly in South Florida, seldom exceeding a height of 15 feet. However, the tree may grow to considerable size in the deep, fertile soil of its native habitat in Brazil, often exceeding 30 feet in height.

Its leaves are lanceolate to elliptic, 1 to 2 inches in length, dark green and somewhat leathery. The flowers are small, white and produced in profusion, singly or in clusters, directly on the bark, all

along the trunk, limbs and larger branches several times a year.

Jaboticaba fruit is grapelike in appearance but with a thicker and tougher dark maroon-purple, almost black skin. The fruit is produced directly upon the trunk and larger branches, singly or in clusters from the ground up. It averages about 1 inch in diameter. The whitish, gelatinous pulp contains 1 to 4 seeds and has a pleasant grapelike flavor. The tree usually does not bear fruit within 8 or more years; it may under particularly favorable conditions, but rarely in bonsai containers. There are no serious pests or diseases of jaboticaba in Florida.

CLUB NEWS

DISPLAY TABLES

Don't forget to bring any trees you may wish to display for our May program. If you have trees you need information about, we will discuss these as well, so bring them. This is a great education forum, take advantage of the opportunity.

MEMBERSHIP

There were two new members at our last meeting. We'd like to welcome **Bob** and **Alicia Woods** to Gold Coast and hope they enjoy our meetings and become active members in our society.

RAFFLE TABLE

Please remember to bring in items for our monthly raffle. Your donations help fund the club's activities.

LIBRARY

Any borrowed books should be returned in May. Remember this is a resource for the entire club, so please be prompt with your returns. If you own any bonsai books or CD's or videos you no longer desire, our library may want them. Always consider us for a donation.

NAME BADGES

If you have name badges, please wear them. If you do not have one, see Mike Sullivan. They are for sale for \$6. We need to get a list of names before we can order. Single orders cannot be processed.

PROGRAMS

If you have ideas for a club meeting, don't be shy, let us know. Ideas are always welcomed.

APRIL'S ANNUAL AUCTION



Above, Randy Brooks our auctioneer, busy working the bids on a Raintree while assistant Duane Brant and President Charles Michelson look on. Below left, Mike Sullivan and David Baruch man the cashier table. While Mike and David waxed philosophical, the real cashier for the day was young Jordan Baruch, who kindly volunteered to help during his school vacation. Below right, a hard bound volume of John Naka's Bonsai Techniques I finds a new home with a very enthusiastic bidder.



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BONSAI SCHEDULE

Tuesday – May 9 – Mike Cartrett – 7:30 PM – TBA
Bonsai Society of Miami
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

Saturday – May 13 – Mike Cartrett – 9:00 AM
Gold Coast Bonsai Society
City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Department, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise

Thursday – Monday – May 25–29
BSF Annual Convention
with **Alan Carver, Rodney Clemons, Colin Lewis,**
Gary Marchal, Mary Miller, Joe Day, Ernie Fernandez,
Jim Smith and Jim Van LANDINGHAM,
and 2005 BSF Scholarship recipient **Dorothy Schmitz**
Paramount Plaza Resort, Gainesville

Saturday–Sunday – October 7–8 – 20th Annual Show and Sale
Bonsai Society of Miami
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