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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a great meeting last month with the annual auction. It went very smoothly, thanks to the efforts of a lot of people. Congratulations to Anita for organizing such a fun event, which also made a few dollars for our club treasury.

Thank you to everyone that donated to our silent auction, and to those that pitched in and helped. I hope everyone had a great time !

While I am thanking, I want to especially thank Larry Duke for saving us from a very boring newsletter. He does a great job recording our monthly meetings in digital format !

The month of May is upon us, and our trees are beginning to grow with vigor. This month's meeting will give you a chance to get some advice on how to best work your particular tree beginning now, to take advantage of that new growth. We're all here to help

MAY NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING **SCHEDULED:**

Saturday, May 10, 2008

City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept

6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL

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each other, and we are all students of bonsai, no matter how long we've been doing it.

Lastly, I must report some bad news. Our logo tree, my bunjin Buttonwood, was stolen from our patio the night of April 14th. Needless to say, I am heartbroken. I said good morning & good night to that tree for almost 25 years. It holds many memories for me, and taught me a lot about the art of Bonsai. It's like I've lost a friend. Many bonsai friends from all over Florida, the USA, and the World have sent me emails expressing their feelings, and offering to post photos of the tree on their websites & newsletters. As Chase Rosade told me yesterday morning, we can only hope that whomever now has the tree, will keep it healthy !

See Everyone at the Meeting,
Ed

PROGRAM:

May Program

By: Ben Liss

This month will be a BYOT “bring your own tree workshop”. Spring is finally here and the days are longer than the nights once again. I am sure we all have plenty to do on our trees. It is a good time to do some spring cleaning and pruning. If you bought a new tree at the auction last month, this is a perfect time to bring it in for some evaluation by your fellow club members.

BONSAI NEWS

WORTH A MENTION:

We are thinking that perhaps a space should be available for members if you are selling a tree or pot or just forgot and left your camera at the last meeting. Are you looking for a specific type of soil mix or fertilizer? Now you can post a note **HERE !!!**

This area of the newsletter will be available for information that you would like to pass along to the members.

Try to keep it short and to the point. Send an e-mail to Tina at figuslover@aol.com . Make sure that you put Gold Coast Newsletter in the subject area. We will print your message in the next issue. We must limit selections to space available.

The following is a link to an article that appeared in The Washington Post on Saturday, April 26, 2008. It is very informative regarding the events now concerning The National Arboretum. I feel it important to keep informed on the progress of this wonderful legacy. We need to all do our part to make sure it is available to future generations...please read it.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/04/25/AR2008042503693>

CLUB BUSINESS:

PLEASE MAKE IT YOUR BUSINESS !!

We would like to get your feed back on re-instituting something that the club offered for years and then unfortunately, when no one was found to volunteer any longer, was phased out.

The club will purchase a new coffee urn and make coffee and donuts available at every meeting. It will save some of us from stopping for breakfast on meeting Saturdays and therefore save time and money.

It was noted that we could provide the service and even make money for the club by charging \$2.00 for coffee and a sweet roll. (a bargain price).

What we will need is a volunteer to stay at the table and sell and bring the coffee urn and “offerings” each month. If that seems too much then perhaps we could get a volunteer to “bring” and another to “sell”.

We will take this up at the meeting and find out by vote if this is something the club is interested in doing.

CLUB INFORMATION:

By: Anita Lorenz

MEMBERSHIP

The club membership is continually growing and that is a wonderful thing for all of us. Please encourage anyone who expresses an interest in your trees or in learning bonsai to attend a meeting with you. All are welcome. It is a great way to spend time with a friend and perhaps spark an ongoing interest in a terrific hobby.

AUCTION

I personally want to thank those individuals who worked to help me set our room up, and those who worked so diligently during and after our club's Auction. Holding an auction is hard work and in some cases, long work, well after the auction itself is completed.

A special thanks goes to Randy, our Auctioneer, who rose to the occasion spectacularly, coaxing and cajoling, begging and sweet-talking bidders into purchasing merchandise. Sometimes it felt like pulling teeth, but Randy did it all and more, and the audience responded with lots of clapping for the winner when bidding was particularly poignant and prolonged. Randy, you were wonderful.

I thank those, who, at the last minute, switched their job positions when the necessity arose. Everyone who worked

did a magnificent job and helped our club raise needed funds while allowing others to purchase new trees, pots, stands, figurines, and more. I know that Charlie was especially happy to empty the numerous pieces of extraneous bonsai material out of his backyard.

I want to thank those individuals who remembered to contribute to our Silent Auction area. Standing at the back of the room early in the auction, I listened as Randy shamed the bidders into allowing a particular book to be snatched up for such a ridiculously low price! Within seconds the Silent Auction area was jammed with people searching out good buys. It was a wake up call that we had a secondary area for bidding.

We also picked up some new members for our club along the way, one of whom immediately rolled up his sleeves and stepped right in to work.

And last but not least, I thank the "pink slasher" for being there for me both beforehand when I needed help with a difficulty, and also offering his wisdom and advice during the entire Auction.

Our membership numbers have definitely risen, and I hope that our members will continue to spread the word about our club in order to bring in new bonsai members and hopefully, our future leaders. Now, it becomes our members' responsibility to respond to all our programs and workshops.

BADGES

Please don't forget to wear yours. As I have said before, leave them in your car so you can just run out and grab them. It really does make our club friendlier when everyone can call you by your first name.

A new badge can be ordered for \$7.00. I will keep a running list and place an order when we receive enough to meet the minimum order requirement. Let me know at the meeting or contact me at 954 989-4123 if interested in a badge.

DISPLAY

These are important tables. Don't forget to bring your trees for display or if you need help with a problem. We thoroughly enjoy seeing everyone's trees and even are willing to offer advice if we see a future problem that needs fixing in the present. Never be afraid to bring in problem trees that you are stuck on to find a solution.

RAFFLE TABLE AND LIBRARY

Our Raffle Table is exceedingly important. We need everyone to contribute to this area since it helps us financially. And you never know what you can pick up. It just could be a future prize that just needed some TLC and bonsai magic to change it from a frog into a prince or princess (trees with flowers and/or fruit.)

Also, don't forget to check out our club's Library found on our Website.

We do have an extensive Library just waiting for you to peruse. Just follow the instructions, and your book will be waiting for you at the next club meeting. It's easy!

Auction Photos

By: Larry Duke



Take their money guys! Thanks to Sandi Humphrey and Mike Sullivan for working the Accounting Table.



We had a very good turn out as you can see by the photo above. Are you in this photo?



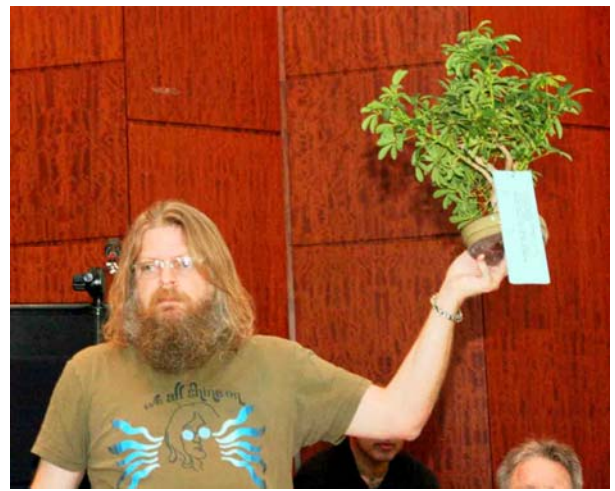
**Perhaps you are in this photo?
No ! You missed a good time
and some great stuff...**



**Randy reads the description of the
item to be auctioned from the
seller's form. Sure hope it said
"nice tree"!! Ed pitched in.**



**The club is so lucky to have a
terrific auctioneer at our service,
Mr. Randy Brooks. He did such a
great job...Thanks Randy!! On
his right is Charles Michaelson
and on his left is Stan Orsolek.
Many thanks to all our
volunteers.**



**Just a sample of the many steals
and deals offered at the auction.**



Randy auctions off a small juniper cascade.

AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – May 13th, – 7:00 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

Saturday – May 10th – 9:00 AM

Broward Bonsai Society, will be held at Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie Classroom in rear

Saturday – May 10th, – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

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

Saturday – May 31st, – 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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