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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I cannot believe it is already May. Try as I may, I still do not seem to be able to get all of my bonsai chores done. Spring means new growth on our trees, but unfortunately it also means rampant growth of our weeds ! By the time I finish weeding, there's not enough time to actually work on trees ! But that's all part of the game.

Our last meeting was yet another successful Gold Coast Auction. We had fun, saw some wonderful items go for incredible prices, and even made a few dollars for the club. Thank you Anita & the auction work team !!

The next few months we will have the opportunity to see some new bonsai artists at Gold Coast. Lance Laney from Hawaii, and Sean Smith will be doing

MAY NEWSLETTER

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**THE NEXT
SCHEDULED MEETING
WILL BE
9:00 A.M.**

Saturday, MAY 9, 2009
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL
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programs for our club, and both promise to be very educational meetings.

Our next meeting is another bring your own tree session. We all do bonsai for our own pleasure, but we meet as a group to exchange information, and learn from each other. Then we take that information back to our own gardens, and try it out. We grow that way as bonsai artists, just as our trees grow. So please attend this meeting and be ready to learn, AND to teach !!

Ed

MAY PROGRAM:

BY: BEN LISS

Our program in May will be a BYOT (bring your own tree) with an additional focus. We all take care of our trees but how many of us take care of the tools we use to take care of our trees? I know I'm guilty of not caring for my tools as I should. Tool care is a very important part of Bonsai, and tool sharpening is an important part of tool care. A sharp tool makes a clean cut, and a clean cut helps keep your trees healthy.

This month's program will start with a short program by Bill Storke, Bill is a member of Lighthouse Bonsai and is a man of many talents. He will give a tool "care and feeding" program including the rudiments of tool sharpening. A long time bonsai enthusiast, Bill is also a talented wood carver as well. Bill carves by hand and works on a lathe and has turned some beautiful stands. Just as in Bonsai, wood working requires good tool care, and Bill has a lot of experience and expertise on this topic. After Bills program we can practice what we have learned and work on our trees. We will start with Bills program **first** so get there early.

Ben Liss

CLUB INFORMATION:

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE AUCTION VOLUNTEER WORKERS:

David Baruch
Duane Brant
Ben Liss
Norm Mandel
Charles Michelson
Stan Orsolek
Rita Rosenberg
Cynthia and Jim Shannon
Mike Sullivan

As always, Randy Brooks was wonderful as our Auctioneer. Thank you Randy !!

Please remember to bring something for the raffle table and help support the club.

TREAT YOURSELF TO ONE OF OUR DELICIOUS COFFEE SELECTIONS OFFERED AND ENJOY THIS MONTHS PROGRAM BY BILL STORKE.

PHOTOS OF LAST MONTHS AUCTION

BY: Larry Duke

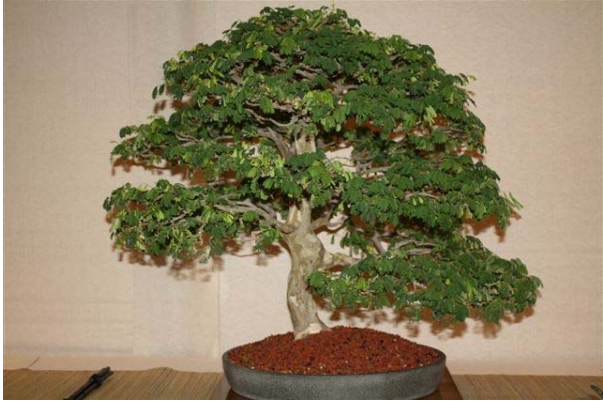




We asked for more photos of the BSF Convention and were rewarded by Bob Yarling with these. Thanks Bob !









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AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – May 5th – 7:00 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road,
Coral Gables

Saturday – May 9th, – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

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

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Saturday – May 16,th

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida

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

Saturday – May 23rd – 11:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

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

Saturday – May 23rd, – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

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