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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Well, I can tell Spring is in full swing. My weeds are growing un-controllably ! The “green” color of all the new growth is what I really like about Spring Time. If only our trees stayed this color all year.

This month marks another BSF Convention during Memorial Day weekend in Orlando. The convention committee has worked really hard, not only planning this event, but also in acquiring some really wonderful workshop & demo material. That alone should be enough of a reason to attend. But also they have brought in a great artist that does tropical bonsai on the other side of the world, Robert Steven. I hope everyone in our club has plans to attend this really fun, and knowledge packed weekend of non-stop bonsai. Also, please remember that GCBS is running the BSF Raffle on Sunday morning, and we still need many more items. Please bring in something to this coming meeting, or better yet, bring them with you to Orlando.

This month's meeting will be presented by 2 of our most passionate & talented members, Mike

# **MAY NEWSLETTER**

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**THE NEXT  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
WILL BE  
9:00 A.M.  
Sat. May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

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

Sullivan and David Baruch. Their personal collections are testaments to their bonsai skills, so this will be a very informative meeting. Thinking “outside the box”, is an attribute they both share, when it comes to deciding on a bonsai style. Don't miss it.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Anita Lorenz for organizing yet another successful GCBS Auction. We had fun, people sold a few trees, and the club realized some profit so we can provide future programs. Thanks also to all who worked at the auction, and to Randy Brooks for providing us with his auctioneer skills.

Ed

## MAY PROGRAM:

BY: BEN LISS

LEARN AND SHARE...

The Learn...

This month's program will be brought to us by some of our very own club members. One of the benefits of belonging to a club is benefitting from the knowledge of its membership. Mike Sullivan and David Baruch are two very talented and very knowledgeable members who have both been doing bonsai for a very long time. They have offered to do a program this month working on another member, Anita Lorenz's tree.

They will be working on a very old Seagrape and plan on making some dramatic changes to this tree with some heavy carving. This should be a fun and entertaining program with some good bonsai information along the way.

The Share...

Please bring in a tree for our display table, we have gotten away from doing a display table lately and I would like to suggest that we try and get back to some club basics. This is great way to learn and interact with other members and it enriches the entire club experience for everyone...thanks all.

Ben

## NEWS FROM WIGERT'S:

We have recently recieved a shipment or collected campeche ( *Haematoxylum campechianum* ) from Puerto Rico . They are very nice trees with fluted trunks and wide nebari! Prices will range from 75.00 to 400.00 depending on size. They are ready for viewing but will need a few more weeks before they would be ready to ship or be picked up.

Also we collected a hedge of **Ilex shillings** recently and these will soon be ready for sale also. They are older trees with fat trunks.

In addition we have new collected **lantana, buttonwood, Fl. privet, sea grape, bald cypress, bougainvillea, and oak** all in the shade house rooting out.

We welcome you to visit and negotiate a purchase and we will hold the tree till it's ready to go to its new home. Prices are best at this stage!

May will bring a lot of activities for bonsai enthusiasts.

We will be visiting Indiana and Illinois for workshops in both those states. If you are coming to the workshop and have any special requests contact us asap so we can bring your order. Workshops will be held May 8th at

Cass Bonsai in Edwardsville, and on May 9th in Indianapolis.

**Then we will have a special visitor to our nursery for a program on May 22nd. Enrique Castano will visit from Merida, Mexico.** Here is a short Bio:

*Enrique Castano practices bonsai in his home country of Mexico. As a second generation bonsai artist he was introduced to the art of bonsai as a normal part of everyday life. His love for nature lead him to study biology and he obtained his Ph.D in 1997 from Rochester University followed by postdoctoral positions in Harvard and in the UK, which were valued opportunities for him to observe the work of well known artists and, more importantly, to see many different aspects of nature. The only problem has been that every time he acquired a collection of trees, he moved to a different part of the world. Since he returned to Mexico in 2002, he restarted a new collection and begun teaching the art in Mexico, so the trees he shows there now are just a few years old (well from the bonsai point of view anyhow). He has a few award winning bonsai and he serves as an adviser for the Latin-American golden Award Prize in the China Penjing Contest. he started the group of tropical bonsai in Mexico which he has been president of for the last few years and he does seminars and demos around Mexico. He hopes that his new book "Botany for Bonsai, the Science Behind the Art" will be of help to both novice and experts alike.*

**Enrique will be lecturing on the horticultural aspects of bonsai.**

How to grow healthy bonsai and diagnose and correct problems based on symptoms your bonsai exhibit. He has a extensive botany background, and anyone who has read his book will agree! He will give the lecture Saturday the 22nd at 9am.

**Admission to the lecture will be \$10.00** and will include coffee, donuts, and a raffle ticket.

**Following the morning lecture we will have a bring your own tree workshop at 1pm. Workshop will be \$75.00 and is limited to the first 10 registrants. So sign up ASAP!** Enrique is known for tropical material so I would recommend buttonwood, bucida, ficus, rain tree - if you need help selecting material we are happy to help, or bring something you have at home.

Then from the 28th to the 31st of May we will be at the Florida state convention in Orlando, Fl. I will be teaching 2 workshops and giving one demonstration. The workshops will be collected bougainvillea, and campeche. Contact us if you would like more info on the convention. We will be selling in the vendor area at the convention as well.

Look forward to seeing you all in May!-

Erik Wigert

## **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 May 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](mailto:Ficus@aol.com) or one of the board members listed on the newsletter for more information. We will be accepting donations at the next two (2) club meetings prior to the convention.

## **RAFFLE TABLE**

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

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## **BOOK INFORMATION**

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

### **News From: Dragon Tree Bonsai Nursery**

Everyone is welcome to attend at no charge. Participants can bring their own trees to work on or buy something there. It's a fun group with a lot of talent.

I want to let you know in advance that **we will NOT meet on Mother's Day (our usual scheduled meeting)** but will combine May and June meetings on May 16th. So.... no meeting in June and the May meeting will be one week later than normal.

A regular notice will be sent next month.

Thanks and I look forward to seeing you.

Robert Pinder

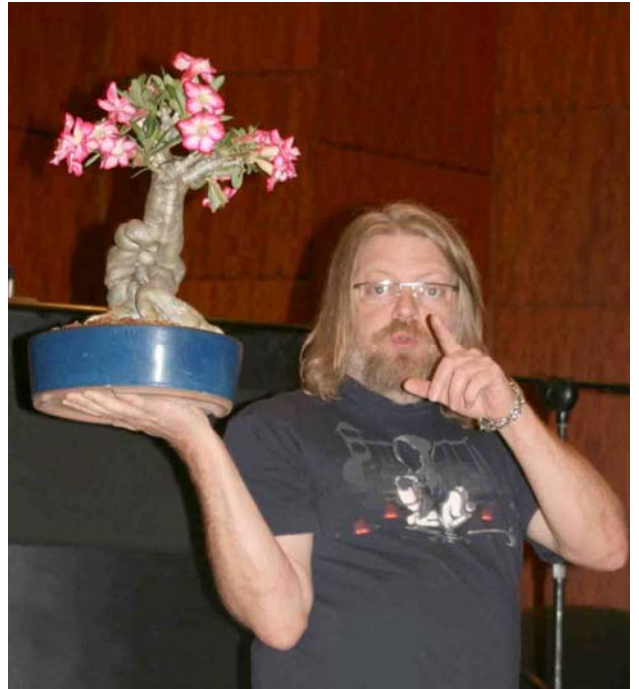
Dragon Tree Bonsai Nursery  
Specializing in tropical trees  
(772) 418-7079  
Palm City, FL

**PHOTOS OF LAST  
MONTHS PROGRAM**

**By: Larry Duke**









## AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – May 11th – 7:30 PM

### **Bonsai Society of Miami**

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden,  
Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables  
[www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org](http://www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org)

Saturday – May 15th 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](http://www.thebonsaiswfl.com)

Saturday – May 15th – 11:30 AM

### **Broward Bonsai Society,**

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie  
Classroom in rear.  
[www.browardbonsai.com](http://www.browardbonsai.com)

Saturday – May 8th – 9:00 AM

### **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**

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Saturday – May 22th, – 9:30 AM

### **Lighthouse Bonsai Society**

Boca Raton Community Center, 150 N.W. Crawford  
Boulevard, Boca Raton  
[www.lighthousebonsai.com](http://www.lighthousebonsai.com)

Tuesday – May 4th, – 7:00 PM

### **Society of the Palm Beaches**

Mount's Botanical Garden Auditorium  
West Palm Beach, Florida  
[www.bonsai-bsf.com/clubs/sites/bspb/](http://www.bonsai-bsf.com/clubs/sites/bspb/)

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### **Bonsai Societies of Florida**

[www.bonsai-bsf.com](http://www.bonsai-bsf.com)

### **Bonsai Clubs International**

[www.bonsai-bci.com](http://www.bonsai-bci.com)

### **The American Bonsai Society**

[www.absbonsai.org](http://www.absbonsai.org)

### **The National Bonsai Foundation**

[www.bonsai-nbf.org](http://www.bonsai-nbf.org)