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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE

Saturday, Nov. 08, 2008

City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept

6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL

954-572-2287

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The nights are gradually becoming cooler, and it seems to be happening a little early this year. Everyone should be preparing to get thru the next several months while our trees slow down. At least we don't have to "put" our trees away until April like they do in many of the northern zones. But there are things that we can do at this time of year, while there are other things we should not do. If you are unsure of something, this month's meeting is a great time to bring your trees and questions in, and get advice from our great group of club members.

One word of caution to you Ficus growers. This weekend, as I was driving on S. W. 184th Avenue, just north of Pines Blvd., I noticed that the Ficus Benjamina hedges bordering those communities are being devastated by the white fly. It's made it into

Broward! I have begun using Bayer Systemic as a preventative on both my Ficus hedges and my Ficus bonsai. Please check your trees carefully and take action if warranted.

Ed

November Program

By: Ben Liss

This month's program will be a **Bring Your Own Tree** program. We have not done this program in a while, and it should be a good opportunity to do some "Late Fall Cleaning". It also gives us an occasion to share our opinions and talk about our trees. Bring in any trees you

have questions on and someone is sure to have an answer.

HEADS UP, here is something to consider, next month (December) we will have Mary Miller doing a “tree critique program”, (more on that in next month’s Newsletter) we will be asking you all to bring in a tree or two so, you could bring a tree to work on this month that you would then like to bring back and have Mary critique next month.

LAST and just in case Ed, modest as he is, has not mentioned in this Newsletter, aside from the great Boogie demo Ed did, (which unfortunately I did not win at raffle!) the Raintree workshop that Ed gave in Miami last month turned out some of the nicest trees I have seen leave a workshop. Each tree, twelve in all, was a true masterpiece and Ed once again deserves kudos on a job well done.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It’s time to renew your membership for **2009**, not only to our club, but also to Bonsai Societies of Florida, to which our club belongs. For those of you who do not know, we, along with many other individual clubs throughout the state of Florida, belong to a parent or umbrella organization whose title is

Bonsai Societies of Florida. Part of the dues you give to our club are given to them. In turn, you receive a quarterly magazine, have bonsai masters come into our state to teach, enjoy conventions, etc. Everyone in our club must have their dues **paid up** by the time of our December 13th meeting, so Charlie can give an accurate count of our paid-up membership and send the dues for each member. Unfortunately, because we did not hold a meeting in October due to the Fairchild Garden Bonsai Show, we have not collected the dues as quickly as necessary to meet our end of year obligation with BSF. So, come to the meeting prepared to pay your dues by cash or check for either \$25.00 for an individual, or \$30.00 for a family. Checks should be made out to Gold Coast Bonsai Society. Please include your address, phone number, and e-mail address.

Without an accurate e-mail address, we will be unable to notify you when our club’s Newsletter is published. To ensure that we receive your payment prior to the next meeting, if you act promptly, you may send your checks to:

Anita Lorenz
2774 E. Marina Drive
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

Thank you for taking care of this as early as possible so that we don’t receive a second request to pay our “State” dues.

September Meeting Photos

RAFFLE TABLE AND LIBRARY

Our Raffle Table is exceedingly important. We really need everyone to contribute to this area since it helps us to meet our monthly bills and also helps us pay for the bonsai masters that will be arriving in 2009. Besides, you never know what you can pick up. It just could be a future prize that only required some TLC, patience, and your bonsai magic to change it from a frog into a prince or princess (trees with flowers and/or fruit.) Not happy with what you grabbed off last month's table, just bring it back. We take recycled plants, etc.

Also, don't forget to check out our club's vast Library and video collection, that you will find, listed on our website. Just follow the instructions, and your book or video will be waiting for you at the next club meeting. It's easy! All you need to do is return it to us the next month.

BADGES

If you don't have, or need a new badge, please contact me at rabssec@aol.com and place "Club Badge" in the subject line. The badges-cost \$7 each, payable upon receipt.

These were the winners of the dueling demo rain trees at the September meeting.

The photos were kindly sent to us by Mr. Bob Hulnick. Thanks Bob !!



**Ed and Anita draw the lucky tickets.
And the Winners Are:**



Erik presents Rita Rosenberg with her new tree.



Ben Liss and Alan Carver

AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – Nov. 11th – 7:00 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road,
Coral Gables

Saturday – Nov. 8th, – 9:30 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Department,
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise
www.goldcoastbonsai.com

Friday and Saturday – Nov. 14th & 15th

Friday – 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday – 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida Annual Show – The Art of Bonsai

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

Saturday – Nov. 22th – 11:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

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

Saturday – Nov. 29th, – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

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