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NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

Saturday, SEPT. 13, 2008
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I really want to thank all who came to our last meeting. It was great to see everyone, and it was one of the best attended meetings in a long time. All of us were treated to an excellent, educational and enjoyable demonstration by Glenn Hilton. As usual, Glenn's finished product brought a rush of people to purchase raffle tickets. It is not often that one can purchase a demonstration piece that is already worthy of being in an exhibit, for such an outrageous price! Thanks Glenn from all of us.

Now we gear up for the next meeting, which Ben describes on the following page.

It promises to be another phenomenal program. My advice is, mark your calendar and be sure to join us. It is another opportunity for everyone to learn and maybe profit by attending! Before ending, I would like to thank everyone that is taking the time and trouble to e-mail articles, photos and ideas for the newsletter. They are very welcome indeed. Another form of helping out the club. Keep it coming, just e-mail figus@aol.com or figuslover@aol.com.

See you there!

Ed

September Program

By: Ben Liss

DUELING DEMO

In the past few months we have had great learning programs. Watching Glenn create that group planting was a great treat and we had a great turn out, thanks for your support. This month promises to deliver another great learning experience as well as some fun entertainment. **Allen Carver and Erik Wigert** will be doing a “**DUELING DEMO**”. Both gentlemen are good friends and enjoy working together. Allen and Erik will work on similar material and have a “friendly design competition”. At the end of the program **both trees will go on our raffle table** for some lucky individuals.

Allen Carver, for those of you who are not familiar with him, owns and operates Jupiter Bonsai and is the Grandson of the Grandfather to the Brazilian Raintree, Jim Moody. Allen is one of the most talented young Bonsai Artist in South Florida today. He has a laid back easy approach to Bonsai design. When I attended my very first Convention workshop I was fortunate to have had Allen as the instructor. We worked on some nice little Raintree’s

and all walked away happy with our finished tree’s. We are fortunate to get Allen to travel down from Jupiter to see us.

Erik Wigert is also one of the premier young Bonsai Artist here in South Florida. Erik is the owner- operator of Wigert’s Mango Grove and Nursery in Bokeelia on the West Coast and sells finished Bonsai and pre Bonsai as well as all things related to Bonsai. Erik has won all sorts of bonsai awards and his Demo tree, a bougainvillea, that he did for the last BSF Convention, garnered one of the biggest bids of the evening. Erik also just did an excellent program, which I attended, down in Miami last month. His work is not to be missed and here too we are fortunate that he is willing to travel so far for our benefit.

As I stated earlier, **BOTH TREE’S** will be put up for raffle and there will be some trees available for purchase as well.

ONE ADDITIONAL NOTE:

We are all aware of the tragic loss, by theft, of Ed Trout’s logo Buttonwood tree. Allen Carver has very generously offered to donate another Buttonwood, similar in appearance to the one stolen from Ed, to the Gold Coast Bonsai Society and Ed. Allen will be bringing the tree this weekend to present to the club and to Ed. Please try to make this special presentation.

Would you like to write an article for the newsletter? Well, we'd love to print it.

BONSAI NEWS **WORTH A MENTION:**

(This area is available for information that you would like to pass along to the members. 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.)

BCI may soon be offering a new DVD from the 2007 FELAB/BCI Convention in Puerto Rico. It not only showcases the exhibit but has portions of programs presented by attending Masters as well. Quantities are limited so reserve early. Projected cost around \$20.00.

CLUB BUSINESS: **PLEASE MAKE IT YOUR BUSINESS !!**

Is there anyone in the club that would like to video our monthly programs? The club will provide the blank tapes if you are interested in doing this. It would be the beginnings of a video library for the club. We have a member who volunteered to transfer video to DVD for us but not able to attend each demonstration or workshop. If you are interested please contact Ed Trout at figus@aol.com.

GOING & SAVING GREEN

By Anita Lorenz

Most of us are looking for a way to cut back on spending during these tough economic times. In the latest issue of Florida Gardening Magazine I found a way to save money and help the environment. They offered this recipe for a more earth friendly way to take care of those pesky little critters like aphids, mites and white fly. As an added bonus it kills black spot and powdery mildew on foliage.

To replace those pesticides that are both expensive and toxic, just buy a bar of Kirk's Castile soap, drop it into a wide mouth one-gallon jar, fill with HOT water and let it dissolve one week. This makes one gallon of concentrate and will stay good until used up. Mix one cup of the concentrated soap mixture in 1 gallon of water and pour the solution into a spray bottle or garden sprayer to safely control aphids, mites and white fly, plus black spot and powdery mildew on foliage.

If you have scale or mealy bugs, they recommend your pour 2 cups of soybean or canola oil into that 1 gallon of solution, shake it very well to mix, then spray. The soap will penetrate their protective coverings and the vegetable oil will suffocate them.

This month buzz:

The August meeting was a huge success. Everyone that attended had a great experience. Lots of you have asked if we will be holding something similar in the near future. The answer is yes, we are going to try to notify all the bonsai enthusiast in the area each time we have a program that we feel would be of major interest to all, (as we do this month with our **“Dueling Demo”**) or when offering a tree at raffle that would surly enhance your collection. (This month we have **TWO being RAFFLED**) So, check your e-mail, we will e-mail all interested parties in time for the event.

Remember, you don't have to wait, you are most welcome to join our club and attend ALL meetings.

THE OLYMPIC GARDEN



WHO ARE WE ?

We are Gold Coast Bonsai Society. We are a group of individuals brought together to learn and promote the ancient art of bonsai. We are individuals that are advanced in the art, we are individuals who are beginners in the art, and we are individuals who are somewhere in between. We strive to create interest AND participation by ALL of our members, AND to make each meeting enjoyable, and educational to ALL our members. Our programs are meant to inspire, and to provide necessary and useful information to members of all levels of expertise.







August Meeting Photos

By: Larry Duke

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEMBERSHIP

We have gained another two members at last months meeting. If you know someone that came for the demo and enjoyed it, please ask them to consider joining the club on a permanent basis.

BADGES

We are compiling a new list for badge orders...if you are in need of a new one please contact me at rabssec@aol.com and place "Club Badge" in the subject line. The badges-cost \$7 each, payable upon receipt.

DISPLAY

Don't forget something for the display table. Our version of "Show and Tell". Look around and find something to share and bring it in to help us all extend our knowledge.

RAFFLE TABLE AND LIBRARY

Donations to the raffle table are a wonderful way to help the club.



Glenn shows the 40 inch concrete slab.



Glenn and his assistant Mike Hoffman insert wire to secure the trees.



Glenn drew a full house.



Another of the five trees gets pruned and wired.



Here Glenn works on one of the Fukien Tea to be used on the slab.



Another tree is placed on the slab.



It's really taking shape now.



Wow, someone is going to win a great planting. (Is he saying the rest is up to God?)



Glenn congratulates the lucky raffle winner, Wayne Wells.

AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – Sept. 2nd, – 7:00 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Old Cutler Road,
Coral Gables

Saturday – Sept. 13th, – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

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

Guest Speaker:

Saturday – Sept. 27th, – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

Saturday – Sept. 27th – 11:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

ANNUAL TREE AUCTION

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie
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