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THE NEWSLETTER OF



The Bonsai Society of Miami

August, 2006 - President's Corner

Hello Friends and Club Members,

What another great program. I tell you, we have to be so happy to have so many South Florida local Bonsai artists that come to our club to put on demos and workshops. Ed Trout is no exception. His ability and expertise in the art is phenomenal. Having him do a program on Green Buttonwood was a perfect match. Ed has worked on a lot of these great trees. He had two trees to choose from and when he had it picked out he began to talk about the movement and other features of the tree. Then he started to talk about the branching and where he was going with it.

The tree had one really heavy branch that crossed the movement of the trunk so he took that off and began to cut the other branches back to create really good taper. The tree was then totally defoliated and wired. Ed then positioned all the branches in place and Wow, what a tree (see enclosed pictures). Everyone had lots of questions and surely learned a lot. On behalf of the club I want to thank Ed Trout for taking time out of his busy schedule and sharing his knowledge with us. THANK YOU.

This month's program on Tuesday, Aug 08, features another South Florida Artist. Jim Van Landingham. Working with Bonsai for many years, Jim has that same passion like a lot of others and really contributes a lot to the art. He's very committed, from being a student himself, to teaching, doing programs for many clubs, to helping out at various conventions. We look forward to his upcoming program on Tropicals very much (see enclosed Bio).

The BSM Show Committees are working very hard and need your help. Only 2-1/2 months till show time! I know we all have a lot going on, but even if you can help out with little things that may not take a lot of time, it would help out greatly. We will discuss more at the next meeting (see 'Bonsai at the Garden Update' for current Committees). It's going to take all of us to have the BEST SHOW yet.

Next month is another B.Y.O.T. (Bring Your Own Tree(s)). So get geared up. It's always fun and you can get new perspectives or opinions from other members there. Also, if you can, bring in some of your unwanted material for the raffle table. And don't forget to bring your trees for the display table and get a critique by Jim or just to share.

Looking forward to another great month of Bonsai. If you can, please bring in a guest and I'll see you there.

Glenn Hilton

P.S. We all wish Joe Samuels a full and speedy recovery and miss you very much.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- 5th **Bamboo Workshop**
Fruit & Spice Park, 305-247-5727
- 8th **BSM General Meeting 7:30pm**
Program: Jim Van Landingham – Tropicals
Refreshments & Raffle
- 12th **Bon Festival at Morikami 5 - 9pm**
The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, Delray Beach
- 15th **BSM Board Meeting 7:30pm**
A & M Mechanical
- 18TH **Sushi & Summer Walks at the Morikami 5:30 – 8:30 pm**
The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, Delray Beach
- 19th **Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9 to 12am**
For more info call 305-258-0865

SEPTEMBER

- 12th **BSM General Meeting 7:30pm**
B.Y.O.T. (Bring Your Own Tree)
Refreshments & Raffle
- 15th **Sushi & Summer Walks at the Morikami 5:30 – 8:30pm**
The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, Delray Beach
- 16th **Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9 to 12am**
For more info call 305-258-0865
- 19th **BSM Board Meeting 7:30pm**
Location: TBD

OCTOBER

- 10th **BSM General Meeting 7:30pm**
Program TBD
Refreshments & Raffle
- 12th/13th **BSM Bonsai at the Garden**
Show & Exhibit set-up
- 13th eve **BSM Bonsai at the Garden, Invitational Preview Party 7pm**
- 14th/15th **BSM Bonsai at the Garden 2006, 20th Anniversary 9:30am-4:30pm**
- 17th **BSM Board Meeting 7:30pm**
Location: TBD

Jim Van Landingham at the August 8th meeting

“Commitment to his craft” describes Jim Van Landingham’s focus on the art of Bonsai. It started as a possible hobby 20+ years ago and soon developed into a passion. Van Landingham has been a student of Jim Smith, one of the Florida pioneers of bonsai, for the past eight years. Tropicals and Florida native plants are his specialty and there are some great stories about his collecting expeditions.

Jim is active in the Bonsai Societies of Brevard, Treasure Coast and Asago Study Group. He is a participant in BSF and recently was an entrant in the Scholarship Competition at the 2006 BSF Convention. Lately, Van Landingham has found a new talent in mentoring and teaching some of our junior bonsai enthusiasts, and he should be very proud of them. Workshops and demonstrations are a way to pass along, to share what you have learned. Jim does just that, he’s a favorite with Bonsai Clubs thru-out the state, everyone says it’s a delight to watch him work.

See a photo and discussion of one of Jim’s delightful saikei creations at http://www.artofbonsai.org/critiques/innovative_saikei.php

...More Points of Interest

BSF website: www.bonsai-bsf.com (Bonsai Societies of Florida)

This is a handy web site. Looking for newsletters or want to see what’s going on at other Florida clubs – current newsletters from member clubs are promptly posted here! You can find issues of Florida Bonsai Magazine in color, there are also some useful links and helpful educational material. Check it out and bookmark it.

BSM Bonsai at the Garden 2006 - October 14th & 15th

This is our 20th Anniversary show!! Everyone needs to participate. More information available at the next BSM General Meeting.

BCI – FELAB 2007, Puerto Rico - www.bcifelab2007.com - Bonsai Federation of Puerto Rico join together Latin American and Caribbean Bonsai Federation and Bonsai Clubs International to organize the great Convention of 2007, **Tropical Enchantment**, July 11th to 15th, 2007 at the Condado Plaza Hotel & Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico, The Island of Enchantment.

The Art of Bonsai Project - www.artofbonsai.org

An internet study group for advanced bonsai artists and enthusiasts &/or online magazine for the curious. Great presentation. Check it out!!

Toronto Bonsai Society - www.torontobonsai.org

The newsletter of one of our northern neighbors with an interesting slide show illustrating the grafting on an Australian Pine.

Bonsai Clubs International (BCI) - www.bonsai-bci.com

Our club is a member of BCI by being a member of Bonsai Societies of Florida. A great web site with lots of information, be sure to check out “Species Guide”.

BSM - July 2006 Photo Gallery



The Buttonwood before any work has begun.



Ed discussing the many aspects of this tree.



After many of the branches were removed.



Further detailing the unique 'hanging branch'.



Wow! What a tree.



Member trees from the Display Table.

*Thanks to Bob Hulnick for the photos.

Now Is The Time . . .

Submitted by Mary Miller

Every year the annual bonsai exhibit date sneaks up on us. Now is the time to look at your trees, decide which ones you would like to exhibit and make sure they are ready. Fertilize on a regular basis. Water thoroughly (when it doesn't rain). Keep the weeds under control. Make sure the wire isn't cutting in. Don't trim branches too hard now, they may not grow back by October 14.

Everyone is invited to participate. Your tree does not need to be either big or ancient. If you think you would like to exhibit a tree, but you're not sure if it can be ready, bring it to a meeting. Ask a more experienced member for advice. A few small changes may be all it needs!

This year's exhibit committee has some fantastic ideas for the display and good trees will look even better! Don't be shy. It's a good feeling to listen to the public as they talk about how beautiful *your* bonsai is! Join us in celebrating our 20th anniversary exhibit at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

The Raffle at the Show

Is there something unusual about bonsai folks and raffles? What is it? Are we compulsive gamblers or bargain-hunters? Or maybe its that only other bonsai people would be interested in our stuff. Its seldom that you find a good bonsai pot at a garage sale!

Every year at the annual show in October, **the raffle** is one of the headliners!! The past few years we have increased the drawings to several times a day, to everyone's delight and it has been financially successful too!

Carol McKinney and her committee have done a smashing job of getting great raffle merchandise, goodies, stuff - from ivory toothpicks to garden sprayers, from kimonos to ice cream cones, with, of course, lots of pots, plants, books, tools and other accoutrements related to bonsai. Much of the merchandise comes from the Show vendors and sponsors. Many of the demo trees, styled by our guest artists, are also added to the raffle table and the rest of the merchandise comes from us, the members.

So, its almost that time of year to sort through your bookcases, clean out the garage, and dig through the house and collect any and all assorted items together - preferably items of an Asian style or bonsai oriented or garden related, if in doubt – bring it.

The raffle committee will start collecting items in September, plants and trees we would prefer delivered to FTBG Oct 12th/13th. If you have any questions and/or great ideas – such as how about a gift certificate from your manicurist - contact Carol McKinney at:

Ctmckinney@aol.com

BSM Bonsai at the Garden 2006 Update

Set-up: Thurs & Fri October 12/13

Show: Sat & Sun October 14/15

The following is a list of the show committees established to date. Please look over this list, contact the committee chairperson and “step up to the plate” – volunteer to help out. These are not committees of just one person. We need lots of help from the membership to put on this great event. It’s our 20th year!!

Show Coordination	Glenn Hilton
Club Sales	Myrna Rios-Diaz
Demo Artists	Ed Trout
Demo Coordinator	
Education Exhibit	Mike Spencer & Mike Kaufman
Exhibit: design & installation	Sue V-B & Randy Brooks
Judges	
Monitors	
Poster & Program	Mike Sullivan, Sue V-B
Preview Party	Myrna Rios-Diaz
Program Ads & Trophies	Toby Diaz, Bob Hulnick
Publicity	Sue Vrana-Brogan
Raffles	Carol McKinney
Signage	Sue Vrana-Brogan
Vendors	Bob Benaim

BSM NEW BONSAI GEAR
All with embroidered logo
For donations at the next BSM meeting

o Polo Shirt	\$20	Tool roll-6 pkt	\$20
o Cap	\$15	Tool roll/apron 10pkt	\$25
o Work Apron	\$21	Wire caddy	\$35
o Club Super Pack : Shirt, cap, apron, wire Caddy, tool roll (6pkt)	\$100	Belt tool sheath	\$10

(Special orders only)

Cash or checks payable to: The Bonsai Society of Miami

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AUCTION	-open-		

** Please note, we are looking for volunteers to fill 2 positions, Second Vice-President and Secretary. You can see the responsibilities on the BSM website www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org. We will also have a copy at the next meeting.

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2005-2006 Membership Application

MEMBER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBER _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBERS - HOME (_____) _____ - _____

WORK (_____) _____ - _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE BONSAI SOCIETY?

FRIEND ____ FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN ____ RADIO ____
 ADVERTISEMENT ____ NEWSPAPER ____ OTHER _____

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PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH SOME SOCIETY ACTIVITIES:

NEWSBULLETIN ____ REFRESHMENTS ____ PUBLICITY ____
 RAFFLE TABLE ____ MEETING CLEANUP ____ LIBRARY ____
 MEMBERSHIP ____ EXHIBIT PLANNING ____ OTHER ____
 HOSPITALITY ____ EXHIBIT CONSTRUCTION ____

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JOIN DURING THE MONTH OF	DEC-MAR	APR-JULY	AUG-NOV
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00
HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP	\$ 35.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 12.00
CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP	\$ 18.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 6.00
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DATE _____



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