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THE NEWSLETTER OF



The Bonsai Society of Miami

December 2007 - President's Corner

Well here we are at the end of another year and that brings us to our last program for the year, OUR ANNUAL AUCTION. The Auction is one of most important programs we have. This is how we generate the most funds to run the Club and enables us to bring in visiting masters and provide other great programs throughout the year. It's also a good time to make some extra cash, thin out and/or add to your collection or buy holiday gifts. Please tell your family members, friends and work colleagues, remember you don't have to be a member to buy or sell. If you didn't get to pick up your sales slips, please come to Tuesday meeting a little early and fill them out before the auction starts. And if you can, don't forget to donate something to the Club for the auction, we could use it.

Last month we had the BSM elections and we thank everyone that came out and elected the new and upcoming board. We thank you for all your participation. You can check out your newly elected board members & committees on the BSM Officers and Committees page in this newsletter.

PARTY. Our Annual Holiday party will be held at Miami Tropical Bonsai on Saturday December 15th at 7:00 P.M. It's a pot luck dinner, B.S.M will provide the entrees and soft drinks. We are asking everybody attending to bring a side dish to serve about 10 people if you can. It can be any side dish like salad, veggies, dessert, etc. And if you want to bring in your own beverage (BYOB), we will have the ice and glasses. Everyone please try to attend, it will be a lot of fun and our time to relax and meet with friends.

Don't forget it's renewal time for your BSM membership. If you haven't renewed your membership yet please do so we can get our membership list to BSF on time and ensure that you get your BSF newsletters. You will find a 2008 membership application in this newsletter.

Your BSM Board has been busy planning new programs for the upcoming year so don't miss out. We have a new season ticket for our visiting masters, new Club trees to choose from, and other great programs... make sure you come to January's meeting to get all the details.

I want to thank the BSM Board for all the hard work you have done this year and the Members that volunteered and helped us out to make it a terrific year for our Bonsai Club. Thank You!

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays,

Glenn

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 8th Gold Coast Bonsai Society, Mary Miller Presentation, 9:30am
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise
- 11th BSM's General Meeting—Annual Winter Auction at Fairchild
Early entrance 6:30pm, register 7:00pm, Auction begins at 7:30pm
- 15th Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon
for more info call 305-258-0865
- 15th BSM Holiday Party - at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 7pm
Pot luck dinner, fun, friends, and probably some Bonsai

January 2008

- 08th BSM's General Meeting— BYOT, pick up Club trees 7:30pm
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd.
- 12th Gold Coast Bonsai Society, General Meeting, 9:30am
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise
- 15th Board Meeting 7:30 at Amos' Sports Grill (OPEN)
- 19th Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon
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- 26th Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon
for more info call 305-258-0865
- ** Visiting Masters Program - Ben Oki, date and time to be announced

Membership Dues are due. It's that time of year again. Bonsai Societies of Florida, our State organization, has asked that we get our renewals for 2008 in by the middle of December so you can get the first edition of Florida Bonsai 2008. We ask for you to renew ASAP, so we can make this happen. Within this bulletin is a copy of the Membership Application -2008. Please, either bring it to the next meeting or drop it in the mail.

Thanks, Bob Benaim – Membership Chairperson

BSM November General Meeting



Just getting the meeting started.



Glenn worked on a juniper. Here he grinds the shari.



Mike and Earl helping to study the top of the tree.



Earl helps out with some of the wiring.



Glenn goes back to cleaning up the shari.



This picture shows the nice movement of the trunk.

On Tuesday December 11th We Hold Our BSM Winter Auction

- 6:30 pm or earlier SELLERS DELIVER ITEMS & REGISTER
- 7:00 pm Buyers to register & preview
- 7:30 pm Auction Begins promptly
- BSM MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED TO SELL OR BUY.

Sellers:

- Sellers to register for tags (3 part form) with tag number which is marked boldly in the upper left corner.
- Each item (one item or group auctioned as one) must have a tag
- Fill-out tag by providing plant information&/or description of item (this is the information the auctioneer will use to sell your item) seller's name is not needed
- A "minimum bid" amount may be assigned to an item
MARK IT BOLDLY AT BOTTOM OF TAG
If a minimum bid is not met, the item will be revisited after all other items, at that time you may revise the minimum
- Put less expensive items in groupings with one tag
- No limit of items per seller.
- It's a good idea to mark items with tag number.
- Sellers are encouraged to donate at least one item to the club, please identify all donations when you deliver
- If you need assistance or have questions about tagging your items – please arrive early / 6 pm
- Payment checks, less 20% fee to BSM, will be mailed in approx two weeks

Buyers:

- Come early to view auction items
- Register for you paddle / bidder number before 7:30
- To pay for your items (winning bids), have all your tag copies, proceed to check-out.
- Payment by check or cash only, no credit cards can be accepted

LET'S ENJOY, HAVE SOME REFRESHMENTS, AND BID HIGH!

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MEMBERS AT LARGE	Mike Kaufman Harriet Frillarte Randy Brooks Ron Bree Toby and Myrna Diaz		

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

**Bonsai Society
of Miami**

Membership Committee
17850 S.W. 280 Street
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**Membership
Application**

2008 ___ 2009 ___ 2010 ___

(Please Print)

Member's Name: _____

Other Household Member: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Cellular Number: (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

Can we send your monthly news bulletin via e-mail? Yes ___ No ___

How Did You Learn About The Bonsai Society?

___ Friend ___ Advertisement ___ Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
___ Newspaper ___ Radio Other: _____

Please Check Which Society Activities You Could Help With:

___ News Bulletin ___ Publicity ___ Library ___ Refreshments
___ Membership ___ Meeting Cleanup ___ Exhibit Planning ___ Exhibit Construction
___ Hospitality ___ Raffle Table Other: _____

Dues:

New _____ **Renewal** _____

Join During The Month Of:	Dec-Mar	Apr-July	Aug-Nov
Single Membership:	\$ 35.00 (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00
Household Membership:	\$ 45.00 (2)	\$ 24.00	\$ 12.00
Corresponding Membership:	\$ 18.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 6.00
Commercial Membership:	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00

Date: _____ Signature _____

Received by: _____ How Paid: Cash ___ Check# _____



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