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THE NEWSLETTER OF



The Bonsai Society of Miami

Hello Bonsai Friends,

Last month we had elections and afterwards a B.Y.O.T. I would personally like to thank the board and board members at large for all your hard work and dedication to our club this past year, and thank you for your continued support in 2009.

For a lot of you who weren't at last month's general meeting, the board of directors and board members at large will remain the same for 2009 with one addition, Bruce Hartman accepted a board member at large position (actually we didn't give him a choice).

Bruce has been coming to our board meetings and has been essential in coming up with new, interesting and unique ideas. These meetings are open to the general membership and we invite everyone who wants to join in. The more people involved, the more we can accomplish and the more new ideas that will benefit our club. Thanks Bruce for all of your support.

This month we have our Annual Auction. Our auction is a really good way to make some extra bucks for the holidays and help support the club for the upcoming year. It's also a great way to pick up some great Christmas gifts for your friends and family, especially if they like bonsai. You can call or e-mail Bob Hulnick for sales slips or show up a little early and pick them up at the meeting. Tell all your friends, family and co-workers about it.

This year we will be giving away raffle tickets to all buyers and sellers. We will be raffling off items every half hour or so which is another good reason for being there. We also will be taking donations, so if there is anything you don't need or want, please donate it to the club for auction. This is how we generate funds to help support extra programs for our visitors and members.

Next month in January, we are having a program either from Randy Brooks, myself or a dueling demo from both of us, so take a look at the calendar of events for an update. Also on January 21st we will be having our first guest artist and friend Ben Oki here at Fairchild. There are ten spots for an open workshop with him that are available. They will go fast, so please contact Bob Hulnick and sign up right away before it's too late.

Also starting in January we are starting our "Tree of the Month" program. It will run for ten months from January until October. In October will be show casing all the monthly winners in our annual show. From those monthly winners we will select our "Tree of the Year" for which the winner will receive a trophy or plaque for this special honor. We would also like to thank Bruce Hartman for this wonderful idea, so start bringing in your trees to the display table and remember it's for paid members only.

Speaking of membership, if you haven't paid for your renewal yet, please do. You can download a form from the club's website, print the form included in this newsletter, or pick one up at our next general meeting so we can get it in to B.S.F. right away.

I hope everyone had a Great Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing you all at the Auction. See you there.

Glenn

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2008

9th **BSM General Meeting - Annual Auction**— 7:30pm
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd.

13th **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**, 9:00am
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise

16th **BSM Board Meeting**, at Amos' Sports Grill - 7:00pm
US 1 & SW 104 St., All members welcome

20th **Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai**, 9am to 12 noon
for more info call 305-258-0865

January 2009

10th **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**, 9:00am
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise

13th **BSM General Meeting - TBD** - 7:30pm
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd.

17th **Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai**, 9am to 12 noon
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20th **BSM Board Meeting**, at Amos' Sports Grill - 7:00pm
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21st **BSM Visiting Master Program, Ben Oki**, 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd.

February 2009

10th **BSM General Meeting - TBD** - 7:30pm
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd.

14th **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**, 9:00am
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise

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ELECTIONS 2009

Listed below are the current 2008 BSM Officers and Committee Heads.

All positions were up for re-election in 2009.

At our November meeting all those running for re-election were confirmed for 2009 with the addition of Bruce Hartman as a Board Member at Large

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I have an announcement to make that is very hard for me; we have lost a truly good friend.

On Monday morning, November the 29th, I received some very bad news. One of my dearest friends, member of our club, and newsletter editor Michael “Spike” Spencer had past away.

I was totally shocked and greatly saddened.

For the last six short years that I have known him, we have traveled the country together, collected and worked on many trees, talked politics and laughed and cried together.

For the last four years we worked on the clubs newsletter together, but tonight he’s not here and it sure isn’t the same. The only brother I never had is the way he made me feel. He never asked for anything and he was always there to help out.

I remember when Joe Samuels my mentor past on, Spike was there for me with his great words of encouragement to help me get through it.

Mike and I spent every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights together just shooting the breeze or working on trees. He was also a very special member of our SNL study group and we all will miss him very much.

I want to thank everyone for their support. It means a lot to me and please, always tell your family and friends how much you care for them and keep in touch with them because you never know.

Farewell for now my friend,

Glenn



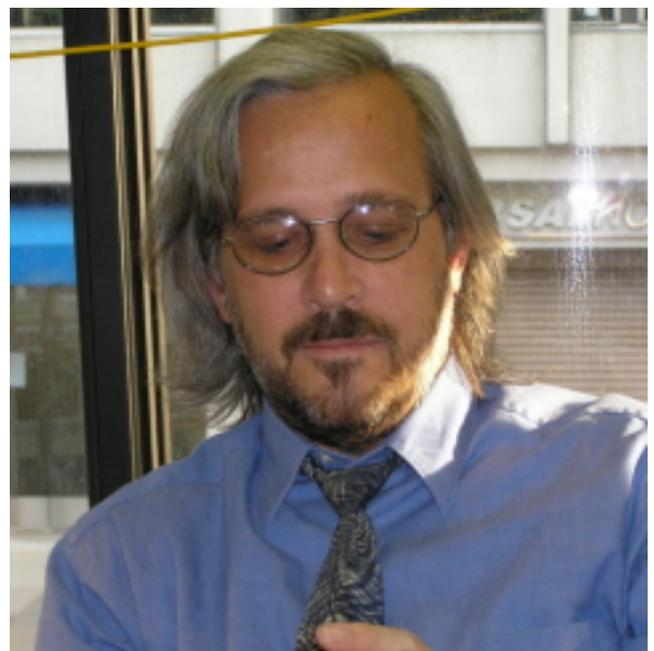
Spike and I at the Lincoln Memorial



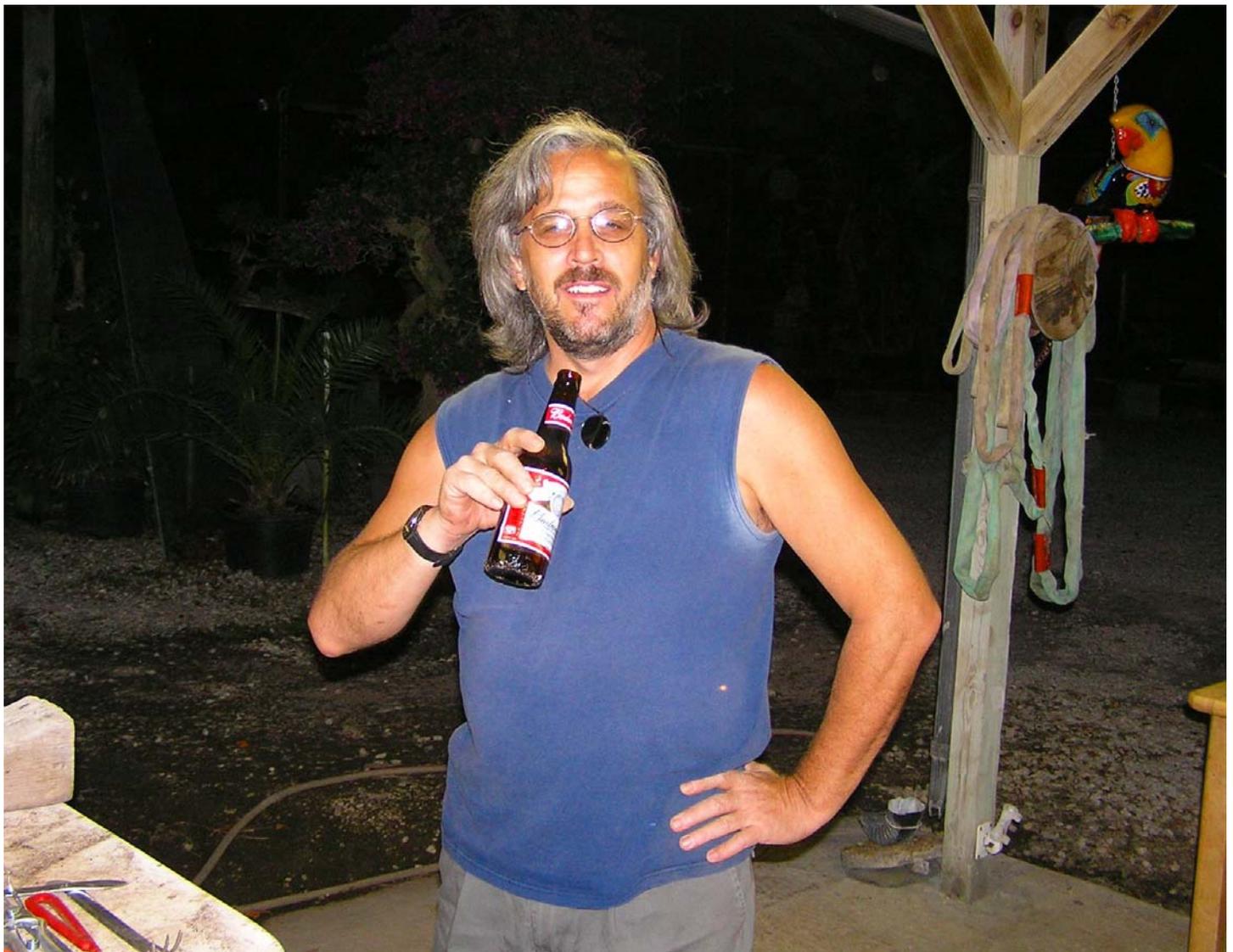
...and The White House



Spike works his ficus



Spike in a quiet moment



Spike as those of us who knew him well, will always remember him...

**Bonsai Society
of Miami**

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33031-3321

**Membership
Application**

2009 ___ 2010 ___ 2011 ___

(Please Print)

Member's Name: _____

Other Household Member: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

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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

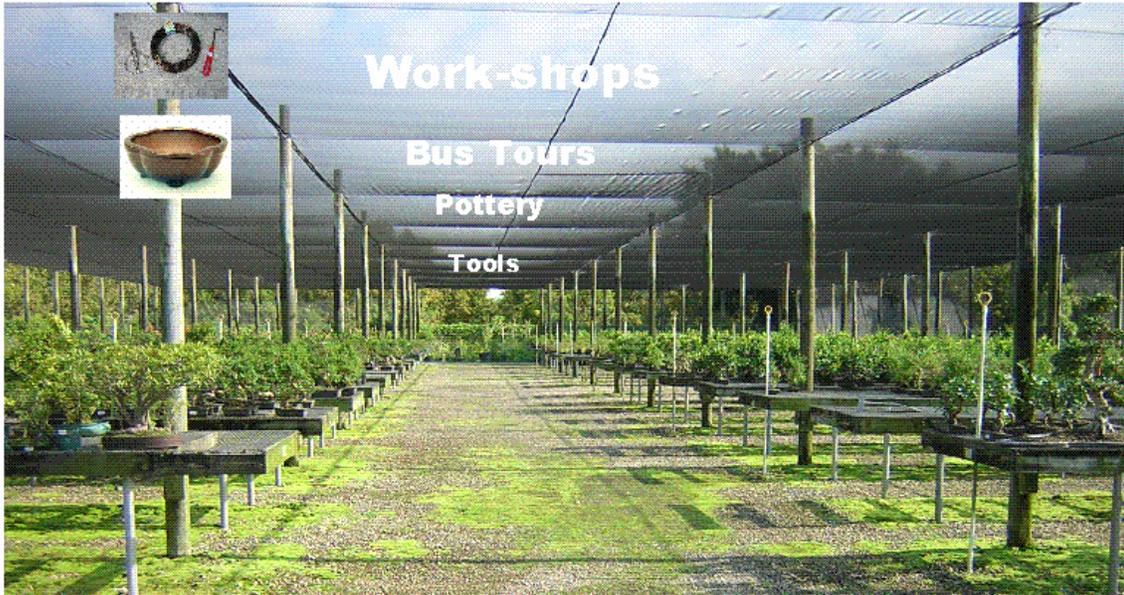
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