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THE NEWSLETTER OF



The Bonsai Society of Miami

January 2007 - President's Corner

Hello Bonsai Friends,

Here we go again, kicking off another year of bonsai fun. I hope everyone enjoyed your Holidays and New Years. Looking back at 2006, the meetings and educational programs we had, exposed us to a variety of local and visiting artists. I am sure we all learned a few new Bonsai techniques and how we can apply them to our own trees.

This year will be no different. Starting with our own Randy Brooks this Tuesday, January 9th. Randy will be doing a workshop on junipers, probably his favorite subjects. It is always informative (and entertaining) when Randy teaches us about whatever...

To recap last months program for 2006, our Annual winter auction was a great success and there were so many items that we didn't even finish until after 11:00 pm. Thank you to everyone that participated. You can read more about the experience in Peter Griffiths article on page 3.

Also coming on January 15th is our first Guest Speaker, Ben Oki. Ben has been visiting our Club for many years and we look forward to seeing him again this year. He will be here to do a workshop with Club members and their trees. So don't miss out and sign up for this workshop and don't forget about the 'Season Ticket' for all 4 Guest speaker workshops for 2007. We still have a few tickets available. You can sign up at Tuesday's meeting or email one of us.

If you didn't make it to the auction or still have room for things related to Bonsai, we have 'leftovers' from the auction that will be on the raffle table. You might get lucky and win that tree or pot to add to your collection. Feel free to bring in any items that you want to donate to the raffle.

We are looking forward to another year of great Bonsai programs and events.

See you soon,

Glenn Hilton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 9th BSM General Meeting, 7:30pm FTBG, Randy Brooks, Juniper workshop
- 15th BSM Workshop with Ben Oki, 7:00pm, FTBG, Corbin Building
- 16th BSM Board Meeting, 7:30pm
Location: TBD
- 20th Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon
for more info call 305-258-0865
- 27th Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon
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February

- 8th BSM Workshop with Suthin Sukosolvisit, 7:30pm, FTBG, Corbin Building
- 13th BSM General Meeting, 7:30pm FTBG
- 17th Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon
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- 20th BSM Board Meeting 7:30pm
Location: TBD
- 24th Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon
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...More Points of Interest

BSF 2007 Convention, June 8 – 10, “A Cypress Celebration”
at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens.

for lots of information www.bonsai-bsf.com

BCI – FELAB 2007, Puerto Rico, July 11th to 15th, 2007 - 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***, at the Condado Plaza Hotel & Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico, The Island of Enchantment.
www.bcifelab2007.com

**** Reminder - 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 2007 in by the middle of December so you can get the first edition of Florida Bonsai 2007. We ask for you to renew ASAP so we can make this happen. Within this bulletin is a copy of the Membership Application – 2007, Please either bring it to the next meeting or drop it in the mail.

Thanks, Bob Benaim – Membership Chairperson

BONSAI SOCIETY OF MIAMI

SEASON TICKET

2007 VISITING ARTIST WORKSHOPS

THIS TICKET ENTITLES THE BEARER TO ATTEND EACH OF 4 WORKSHOPS OF THE BSM 2007 SEASON, PRICE \$100, TREES AVAILABLE for ADDITIONAL FEE

Ben Oki January 15, 2007

Suthin Sukosol visit February 8, 2007

Ted Matson March 2007

Roy Nagatoshi September 2007

Dates & locations subject to confirmation, ask for more info.

Thoughts on the Auction

by: Peter Griffiths

First - WOW! What a great evening! What a blast! Four hours went by just in a flash. Incredible.

I hope Randy has got his voice back and the rest of us have recovered from the bruising we got when we got home. "You spent how much??" Ouch!

The reason I decided to write this short note was to thank a few people who made the event such a success. We all know the obvious folks - Glenn, Randy, Toby, Bob (both!), Mike, and Audrey.

But a few may have gone un-noticed. Mike Cartrett was there real early to set up the large number of trees he brought to the auction. When he arrived, there were only about five tables in the room and Mike knew from experience that more would be needed. So, by the time I got there Mike had already arranged for the FTBG team to find more tables. Thanks Mike!

Another thing I noticed was a lack of Tag Forms. I hope the person responsible for Tag forms brings enough forms next year. Oops, that was me! I only brought 50 blank forms and we needed more like 150! I'll do better next year (but also, everyone, please try and obtain forms before the meeting!). I must thank two people, Mary Miller and Hector Morales, who brought numerous trees to the auction AND who had filled out their tag forms before the auction. Glenn had also filled out over 30 forms for the huge range of pots that had been donated. I apologize if I missed others. And thanks to the people who rushed round to find some more forms for me.

As the beginner round here (I'm a beginner at Bonsai, at the Club, and at the Board), I sometimes see things differently. Here's an example. When I finally found time to inspect the trees I bought and the tag forms that went with them, I realized two things. First - I had bought three of Mary Miller's trees. Secondly, Mary had taken the time and trouble to write detailed notes on each tag form - full tree name, watering notes and other useful stuff - which for a beginner was very helpful. I'd ask all the expert members to do the same. It is a great way to pass on knowledge and help others, especially us beginners! Thanks Mary for the wonderful trees and notes.

I'm looking forward to next years Auction. It may be hard to beat the last one, but we can try!

BSM December General Meeting, our Annual Auction



We had a great crowd show up for the Auction.



One of the nice Buttonwoods that was up for sale.



We even auctioned this beautiful kimono.



Sold to the President, the kimono didn't last long...



SOLD! Randy did a great job as auctioneer, thank you!



Most of the crowd stayed until after 11pm

** thanks to Bob Hulnick for the photos*

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All with embroidered logo
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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

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** Please note, if you would like to volunteer for an open position, 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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of Miami**

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**Membership
Application 2007**

(Please Print)

Member's Name: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

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

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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
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