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Club News

March 2012

March 28th's Program

Bonsai Fundamentals - Lesson 2 *taught by Toby Diaz*

**Mentorship Program #1 /
*Session 1 for the tree you bring to this session)***

*Bring a new tree that you really want to work!!
To be taught by your Mentor that was drawn at
the January 25th meeting - either Glen Hilton,
Toby Diaz, Aaron Buchler or Harold Ruiz. You will
work this same tree with the same mentor in two
sessions later this year.*

***At 7:30pm
At Pinecrest Gardens
11000 Red Road
Pinecrest, Fl***

P r e s i d e n t ' s M e s s a g e

Hello Bonsai Friends,

As we get into spring fairly quick, our trees are starting to show new growth and real motivation to develop. Just like our Bonsai Society, new start, new board, new members, and new ideas.

Last month we learn the basics about our hobby, in a 2-hour Power Point Presentation covering the origin, the rules and the basic styles. The idea came to me, after experiencing the different layers of knowledge from enthusiast trough the State. I know it is a great amount of information, but I truly believe that introductory program, in conjunction with the mentor assistance will make everyone comfortable in the art especially when selecting material and appropriate styling options.

In March, we would take the 2nd part of the presentation and then we would work one tree, with our assigned group. We would also repeat the process in April, as we finish the 3-month program. The trees selected for the next 2 meetings will be part of our education, the rest of the year.

I appreciate everyone's support on this project specially the BSM board and our mentors: Glenn Hilton, Aaron Buchler and Harold Ruiz. Thank you for buying into my ideas, to share our knowledge, for bringing transparency to the organization and for devoting your time for others.

Last but not least: stay focus, enjoy the hobby, don't be afraid to ask for help and don't forget that bonsai it's the only art that's alive.... Grow with it!!!!

**Toby Diaz
BSM President**

Don't forget to bring something for the raffle table and also for the display table. If you're looking to make a few extra bucks or add something to your collection, check out the corner store.

Calendar

March Events

28th	<p>BSM - General Meeting at Pinecrest Gardens - 7:30pm <u>Bonsai Fundamentals - Lesson 2</u> - taught by Toby Diaz</p> <p><u>Mentorship Program #1 (Session 1 for the tree you bring to this session)</u> – Bring a new tree that you really want to work!! – to be taught by a Mentor randomly drawn at the January 25th meeting - either Glen Hilton, Toby Diaz, Aaron Buchler or Harold Ruiz. You will work this same tree with the same mentor in two sessions later this year.</p>
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April Events

15 th	Field Trip to H & F Imported Bonsai Pots & Supplies (See the flier below for details in the flier below)
21st	The Gathering - <i>A Tribute to James J. Smith</i>
25th	<p>BSM - General Meeting at Pinecrest Gardens - 7:30pm <u>Bonsai Fundamentals - Lesson 3</u> - taught by Toby Diaz</p> <p><u>Mentorship Program #2 / Session 1</u> – Bring a NEW tree (different from Program 1 / Session 1) – You will be assigned to a different Mentor for this Program and will remain with that mentor for two later sessions working this same tree progressively.</p>

May Events

20th	Field Trip to Mary Madison's Place in Lake Placid. Details to follow.
23rd	<p>BSM - General Meeting at Pinecrest Gardens - 7:30pm Program: <u>Buttonwood Workshop #1</u> Bring a Buttonwood you really want to work!! And be taught by one of the most knowledgeable and talented buttonwood bonsai artists – Jarbas Godoy. This is the first of two progressive workshops.</p>
25th – 28th	Bonsai Societies of Florida – State Convention in Orlando Florida "A Learning Experience"



Sunday April 15th

We are beginning our new year with an excellent field trip to H & F Import Bonsai Pots & Supplies. This trip will be on Sunday, April 15th so there is ample time for you make sure not to miss this trip. Andy Shi of H & F has supplies, pots and bonsai for sale and is looking forward to having us at his place. We were there previously and with the good turnout we had, we are repeating it again. H & F is located at 4401 S.W. 92nd Ave. in Davie. Their web site is: www.hfimports.com

For those living in South Dade County, we will meet at the Denny's on Kendall Drive and S.W. 122 Avenue. We will be leaving from there at 8:30am. If you plan on eating breakfast please do so earlier. For those living in Broward County, it would be easier to just meet you there around 9:30am.

If you wish to car pool, remember you will need to share gas and toll expenses.

For more info, Please contact me at: pgspool@bellsouth.net

Hope you can join us.

Phil Spool

The Gathering

A Tribute to James J. Smith



Join us for a daylong celebration of Jim Smith's legacy in the art of bonsai. Featuring demonstrations by Jim Smith and many of the top artists in Florida, including Mike Cartrett, Alan Carver, Vlad Foursa, Tom Kehoe, Rob Kempinski, Robert Pinder, Jason Schley, Ed Trout and Joe Winkler.

Dueling demos: By some of the state's best talent.

Raffles: Styled trees, raw material and fine pots all day long.

Ask the experts: Bring a tree for horticultural or styling advice from some of the top artists in Florida.

Tree judging: Bring a tree to the competition. BCI President Rob Kempinski will award a medal of merit to the best tree.

WHERE: The Durastone Nursery, 304 Old Dixie Highway SW, Vero Beach, FL

WHEN: April 21, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Admission: \$20.00

Lunch is \$5.00 and will be catered by Bonos in Vero Beach.
Luscious deserts from Belinda Kehoe.