

# RAMIFICATION

## THE NEWSLETTER OF



The Bonsai Society of Miami

### May, 2006 - President's Corner

Hello Friends and Club Members,

Well this month's program should be a lot of fun. We have Mike Cartrett coming down from Palm Beach Bonsai to do a workshop on Jaboticaba. He will be instructing us on styling and caring for these great fruiting tropical trees. The price is \$25.00, which includes the trees that he will be providing for us. For those of you that have never seen one of Mike's demos or participated in any of his workshops, you'll find out that he's a good teacher, a lot of fun, and has a great sense of humor. So don't miss out on the chance to learn about these trees and add a new one to your collection.

Last month's program was one of our B.Y.O.T. open workshops that we have from time to time. I wanted to thank everyone that came out and those that helped with the set up. Special thanks to Peter Griffith for helping out.

Don't forget at the end of this month, May 26 thru May 29, it's Bonsai Societies of Florida Annual Bonsai convention held in Gainesville, Fl. You can get all the information online at [www.bonsai-bsf.com](http://www.bonsai-bsf.com). If you have never been to a State convention, I think it's time for you to check it out and see what's going on. You'll get to meet a lot of other members from our fellow Bonsai clubs around the state. You'll also see a great exhibit of bonsai trees, raffles, demos, workshops, competitions, and much more... so head up to Gainesville for a great long weekend of fun and support B.F.S.

For Tuesday's meeting, everyone please try to bring at least one tree for the display table. It helps all of us to see and learn about a variety of trees. It also helps visitors and new comers see what the Club is all about. Also, don't forget about the raffle table. Please bring in those unwanted trees, pots, tools, other art, etc. Remember this helps pay some of the costs of putting together good programs. And if you don't have any bonsai related items to bring in, maybe you need some more, so please buy some raffle tickets, you never know when it might be your lucky night.

\*\* Heads up for next month. Check out the calendar of events for the two great programs in June. \*\*

Looking forward to seeing everyone there,

Glenn Hilton

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY**
- 9<sup>th</sup> **BSM General Meeting 7:30pm**  
Program: Jaboticaba Workshop with Mike Cartrett  
Tree and instruction – just \$25  
Bring your tools & wire  
Refreshments  
Guests & spectators welcome free!
- 16<sup>th</sup> **BSM Board Meeting 7:30 pm**  
A & M Mechanical
- 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12am  
For more info call 305-258-0865
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> **BONSAI SOCIETIES OF FLORIDA 2006 CONVENTION**  
"Bonsai Bridges" Paramount Plaza Hotel, Gainesville  
Workshops, demos, exhibits, competitions, vendors,  
parties and more.  
*If you haven't attended a convention, just ask someone who has!*  
Make your reservations early  
For more info: [www.bonsai-bsf.com](http://www.bonsai-bsf.com)
- JUNE**
- Visiting Artist: Suthin Sukosolvisit – June date and location, to be confirmed,  
more information soon. For info on Royal Bonsai Garden & Suthin see:  
[www.royalbonsaigarden.com](http://www.royalbonsaigarden.com)
- 13<sup>th</sup> **BSM General Meeting 7:30pm**  
Program: Erik Wigert on Styling Tropicals  
Refreshments
- 17<sup>th</sup> Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12am  
For more info call 305-258-0865
- 20<sup>th</sup> **BSM Board Meeting 7:30pm**  
A & M Mechanical
- JULY**
- 11<sup>th</sup> **BSM General Meeting 7:30pm**  
Program: Ed Trout demo on Buttonwood  
Refreshments  
Guests & spectators welcome free!
- 18<sup>th</sup> **BSM Board Meeting 7:30 pm**  
A & M Mechanical

## More Points of Interest

**Sho Fu Bonsai Society of Sarasota annual Show and Sale, May 20- 21 at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 811 Palm Avenue South, Sarasota.** Bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots and tools will be available. There will be three demos each day and the demo trees will be raffled off. Saturday's demos will be headlined by Sho Fu members Mary Madison and Erik Wigert.  
For more information, call John Petterson at 863-683-3555

**Epcot Flower & Garden Show, April 26<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup> – Orlando**  
Spring time in Florida!! With several displays of bonsai trees, coordinated by BSF, in true Disney style.

**The American Bonsai Society (ABS) - "Learning Seminars 2006" June 15-18, 2006 - Saratoga Springs, NY** - A Bonsai Learning Experience. A weekend long bonsai educational experience for all. Come and learn from Bonsai Teaching Masters in a classroom format designed to instruct and inspire you. - 32 bonsai learning classes offered. Each registrant will attend 4 classes, two classes will be offered each day.  
For info: [www.absbonsai.org/seminars/ABS2006](http://www.absbonsai.org/seminars/ABS2006)

**Bonsai at the Garden, October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** - this is our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show!!  
Planning is underway, your ideas and participation are needed. Information available at next BSM General Meeting.

**Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection** [www.weuerhaeuser.com/bonsai](http://www.weuerhaeuser.com/bonsai)

is calling all artists to participate in this years "Best in the U.S.". The Collection presents ongoing series of special exhibits to attract and educate the public on bonsai as an art form.

"Best in the U.S." will be a series of photographic displays that will spotlight selected bonsai images submitted by participating clubs from around the United States. Two exhibits are planned for 2006, during the months of June and October. Submission deadlines will be April 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>. For more competition info contact: Sue Vrana-Brogan.

**BCI – FELAB 2007, Puerto Rico** [www.bcifelab2007.com](http://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 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Condado Plaza Hotel & Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Island of Enchantment.

\*\* Sorry, no photos this month, the BSM Photo Gallery will return next month.

# Workshop with Mike Cartrett on Jaboticaba

The program of our **May 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting** is guaranteed to be both entertaining and educational. Additionally, you will be putting a jaboticaba in your collection! You certainly don't want to miss this one and only \$25.

Mike Cartrett will be providing both the pre-bonsai jaboticaba and the instruction on styling, as well as tips on the care and feeding of this unique tropical. We know Mike from his energetic participation at our auctions, his support of our annual shows as a vendor, demo artist and raffle junky; and there are the programs Mike has presented at our meetings – where he has de-mystified some of the secrets of bonsai with his direct and down to earth approach. Natives and tropicals are Mike's forte and he searches out and collects from both woodland and urban areas. His love of bonsai is evident in his teaching and we are the fortunate recipients.

## Jaboticaba - *Myrciaria cauliflora*

General Information: Jaboticaba, pronounced in five syllables just as it is spelled, is a member of the Myrtaceae (Myrtle) family and is known botanically as *Eugenia cauliflora*. ("Cauliflora" means that it flowers and bears fruit on the trunk, mature branches and exposed roots.) It is a relative of the guava and true myrtle. Its native range is from southern Brazil to southern California, southern Florida and Hawaii. (Tropical) Takes long time to begin flowering after potting as a bonsai. The bark of the Jaboticaba is very smooth, creamy tan with a pinkish tint and patches of soft gray. Its habit of peeling off in curls as the trunk and branches expand is similar to the guava and crape myrtle. It is evergreen but sheds half its leaves each spring before new growth begins. The new leaves are pinkish but change to light to medium green. They are closely packed and are narrow and tapering. It blooms several times a year during warm months. The flower has delicate white petals with stamens and comes in clusters on the trunk, large branches and exposed roots. The tree begins to bear fruit when it is ten to fifteen years old. Its edible purple berries are globular shaped, 3/4" to 1 1/2" in diameter, have a tough skin and a juicy pulp. The fruit grows directly from the hard wood of the tree and develops very quickly; from open flower to ripe fruit in about three weeks. It is good to eat fresh, in preserves or in ice cream. Available in nurseries in the warmer climates and from bonsai specialty growers.

Lighting: It thrives in partial shade but will tolerate full sun if kept well watered.

Temperature: Because it is native to a warm climate, it must be protected from freezing temperatures.

Watering: Water adequately and frequently. It will not tolerate salt.

Feeding: Acid fertilizer is best but Jaboticaba likes lots of food and will be thankful for just about anything you give it.

Pruning and wiring: Early care must be given to avoid heavy branches on the upper portion of the tree as it sets heavy wood very quickly, especially toward its top. If nursery stock is obtained with heavy upper branches, remove them and train the new growth which will appear. Wounds tend to heal quickly. Any wiring should be done loosely and early in the growing season.

Propagation: It is best propagated by air layering and by seed, but root cuttings will grow well.

Repotting: Repot only in warm weather. If the plant is healthy it is safe to remove up to two thirds of its roots. Jaboticaba prefers fertile, well drained but moisture retentive soil; azalea soil works well. The traditional brown bonsai container contrasts well with the light mottled bark and seems to highlight the new pink leaves. A soft blue green glaze is nice too with the bark and leaves.

Pests and diseases: About the only pests bothering it are aphids on the new tender pink leaves and an occasional red spider mite attack.

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## *2005-2006 Membership Application*

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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
COMMERCIAL MEMBERSHIP	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00

NEW \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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## **BSM NEW BONSAI GEAR**

***All with embroidered logo***

***For donations at the next BSM meeting***

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

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