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Club News

October 2012

**October 24th's Program
7:30pm**

BSM - General Meeting at Pinecrest Gardens

***Preparing Your Bonsai for Display at a Show –
taught by the seasoned bonsai artist Mike Sullivan.
This session will cover how to prepare your trees,
pots, stands, and backgrounds for
a bonsai show.***

***Come early to socialize.
At Pinecrest Gardens
11000 Red Road
Pinecrest, Fl***

President's Message

Dear Bonsai Friends,

We just had a great BYOT Mentorship program last month.

The results of our 2012 educational year, continues to amaze me month after month. I like to thank all of you, for keeping the enthusiasm alive and for considering the ideas provided by our more experience members and club mentors.

Sharing the bonsai passion, has made us bond as a group, also has prepared us for the next level in education. The results will show in the quality of our trees in 2013.

New Business:

BSM has a new [facebook](#) page, Visit: Bonsai Society of Miami. Like us and become friend!!!! We gain 14 friends in 12 hours... amazing

Next program: October 24

Preparing Your Bonsai for Display at a Show – taught by another local artist and member of BSM, Mike Sullivan. The session will cover how to prepare your trees, pots, stands, and backgrounds for a bonsai show.

Important note: Mike has requested the following from us: We must bring trees, scrolls, stands, companion plants and everything necessary to show your trees. It's extremely important that we have member participation. Yes, this will be an interactive event and we will all learn the do and don'ts that night with our own trees.

Next Month: Elections & Surprise

Don't forget: Express your opinion about the 2012 Bonsai Basic program. We need to know the 3 areas that you've benefit from this year and the 3 that you need reinforcement we will dedicated to review the weakest points the first quarter of 2013. We have received great suggestions form Meredith, Arleen, Mike, Glenn and other for 2013. Please participate!!!!

Let your trees speak for you!!!!!!

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

November Events

9th	Ted Matson Workshop Participants \$35.00 - bring your tree, tools, wire and plan to work with Ted at 7:00pm at Pinecrest Gardens
28th	BSM - General Meeting at Pinecrest Gardens - 7:30pm Program: <u>Mentorship Program #1 & 2 / Session 3</u> – Bring both tree back that you have worked. This will be a refinement session. <u>Elections</u> – The club will hold elections for the year after Mike's presentation.

December Events

?	BSM - Holiday Party and Awards at Pinecrest Gardens - 7:30pm Join the club for a relaxing evening over dinner with prizes, awards, and Bonsai Trivia (based on the lessons taught during the year)
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January Events

23rd	BSM - General Meeting at Pinecrest Gardens - 7:30pm Program: TBA
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February Events

27th	BSM - General Meeting at Pinecrest Gardens - 7:30pm Program: TBA
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Ted Matson Workshop November 9th – 7:00pm

Participants \$35.00 - bring your tree, tools, wire and plan to work with Ted.

About Ted

Ted began studying bonsai in 1979 in San Francisco, where he learned the basics under John Boyce. He moved to Los Angeles in 1980, where he became involved in a number of clubs and began a serious pursuit of the art, taking classes from leading masters in Southern California, including Ben Suzuki, Shig and Roy Nagatoshi, Melba Tucker, Warren Hill and John Naka. Ted was urged to get into teaching by Melba Tucker and he started offering classes at his home in Pasadena in 1988. Today, in addition to his own classes, he maintains a busy teaching schedule, traveling to nurseries, clubs and study groups throughout the state of California and across the U.S. for workshops and critiques. Also an in-demand demonstrator, Ted has conducted numerous programs (as well as workshops) at several bonsai conventions and conferences, and has been appearing more as a headliner/featured artist for major bonsai events. Along with Jim Barrett, he was the co-chair of the GSBF Convention XVIII in 1995 and, in February of 2000, chaired the California Shohin Society Seminar 2000. In addition, he has served as committee chairs for several GSBF and CBS conventions.

Current memberships include Descanso Bonsai Society (a past president), Shohin Bonsai Society (a past president), the California Bonsai Society and Nampu Kai, a group comprised of John Naka's students. He also is a co-founder of the California Shohin Society (a statewide organization devoted to the study of the smallest category of bonsai). He has served as an elected trustee of the Golden State Bonsai Federation, a statewide organization of clubs, for several years and was the Editor of Golden Statements for three years. (His articles have appeared in various bonsai publications and newspapers.) From 1998 to 2004, Ted served as the Chair of the GSBF Collection at the Huntington Committee, serving the needs of the permanent masterpiece bonsai collection at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. He currently serves as 1st Vice President of the Golden State Bonsai Federation, and will assume the 2-year presidency of that organization beginning in January 2008.

Although Ted is a lover of shohin bonsai, his collection includes trees of all sizes, styles and a range of species. They are known for their proportion, refinement and detail. Perhaps most notable of his bonsai is a 7-tree Foemina juniper grove on a granite slab that was selected for photographic display in the 1999 JAL World Bonsai Contest. In February 2000, the tree was featured in an article in the Bonsai Shunju, the official publication of the Nippon Bonsai Association.

Ted says one of his strengths is having a good eye for selecting material. A primary goal in his lectures and demonstrations is to help others improve their own abilities to recognize potential bonsai stock. And, he works to help people understand how to realize that potential through creative design and proper styling techniques.

**at 7:00pm at Pinecrest Gardens - 11000 Red Road - Pinecrest, FL
Silent Observers - \$10.00**