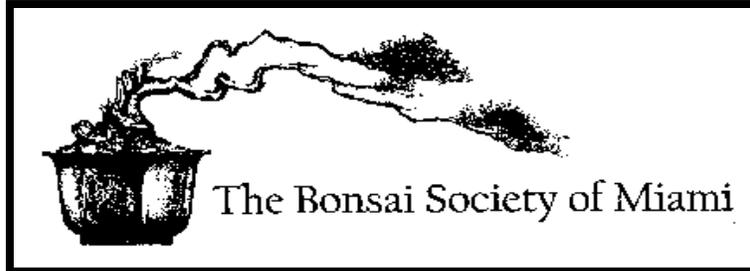


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Be Inspired

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Hello Bonsai friends,

Last month's meeting was very enjoyable. Ed Trout's knowledge and raw talent in the art of bonsai is always something spectacular to experience. He brought a huge sealed box. The anticipation was overwhelming. He opened the box and gave Toby a paper with instructions. Toby became the narrator. The tree was a Ficus Nerifolia and an Elm for a companion plant. It also came with two new pots. When Ed does a demo, he goes that extra mile to make it special. Ed assigned the task of defoliating to Jarbas, Carlos and myself. Ed wired the little Elm into a weeping style, then he repot it into a half moon custom made pot. It really came out nice. While working on the tree, explaining where the front would be, he answered all the club members' questions. Lastly, he placed the tree in a shallow pot and placed moss all around the base.

His next job was much harder. For the first time this year we had over 10 trees on the display table. For those of you who brought in a tree, give yourselves a hand. The display table looked like a mini exhibit. After critiquing and talking about all the trees, his choice was Christian Casellas' Strawberry Guava. A very nice tree with fruit. Congratulations Christian for winning tree of the month for August.

I personally want to thank Ed on behalf of all our club members for not only giving us a great show but also donating his time, expertise and for donating this demo tree to our raffle table. **THANK YOU!**

This month is a B.Y.O.T. workshop. Please bring in you tree or trees and don't forget to bring your tools and wire. Only two months left for the tree of the month program. Lets see that display table like last months display table. Give your tree a chance to win Tree of The Month and possibly win tree of the year in November.

Unfortunately this year due to the recent economic situation, there will be no annual show. Don't forget about the raffle table, please bring in any unwanted trees or items. Lets help out our club make a few extra bucks. Hope everyone has a good month and I'll see you at the meeting..

Glenn

T R E E O F T H E M O N T H



Strawberry Guava

The Tree Of The Month was won by Chris Casellas .

Family: Myrtaceae Genus: *Psidium* Scientific Name: *Psidium guajva*

The strawberry guava is very adaptable and can be grown outdoors throughout much of Florida and California. It will fruit in a container almost anywhere if protected from hard freezes. Trees grow well in full sun and with ample water, although short periods of drought will not harm the plant. Lots of water is needed during fruit development and for proper ripening to occur.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2009

8th BSM General Meeting - B.Y.O.T.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Road.

12th Gold Coast Bonsai Society @ 9:30 am. Village Civic Center, 6800 Sunset Strip,
Sunrise Florida - **SWAP MEET**

15th BSM Board Meeting - Betty's Best Burgers @ 7:30 pm. US 1 & 104th Street;
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME.

19th Broward Bonsai Society @ 10:00 am - Flamingo Gardens, Davie Florida

OCTOBER 2009

10th Gold Coast Bonsai Society @ 9:30 am. Village Civic Center, 6800 Sunset Strip,
Sunrise Florida.

13th BSM General Meeting - T.B.A

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Road.

17th Broward Bonsai Society @ 10:00 am - Flamingo Gardens, Davie Florida

20th BSM Board Meeting - Betty's Best Burgers @ 7:30 pm. US 1 & 104th Street;
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME.

NOVEMBER 2009

10th BSM General Meeting - Elections and Tree of The Month Award.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Road.

14th Gold Coast Bonsai Society @ 9:30 am. Village Civic Center, 6800 Sunset Strip,
Sunrise Florida.

17th BSM Board Meeting - Betty's Best Burgers @ 7:30 pm. US 1 & 104th Street;
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME.

21st Broward Bonsai Society @ 10:00 am - Flamingo Gardens, Davie Florida

LOGO TREE CONTEST

The club is changing the logo tree. Here are the contest rules;

- Must be a member of B.S.M. and any tree shape or size may be submitted.
- B.S.M. will have the option to buy the tree at the end of the 5 years. If the owner wants to sell it.
- Trees can be submitted by photo or brought to a club meeting.
- Deadline for entries is August 11, 2009.
- The owner will be awarded a 5 year free membership and a certificate of appreciation.
- The board will pick the top five and then the members will have the final vote.
- The new logo tree will be unveiled at our 2009 bonsai show.

ED'S TREE DEMO



The man behind the tree.



BONSAI SENSEIS



Great display table.



Jarbas accepting his Tree of the Month award.

PIZZA B.Y.O.T. WORKSHOP



Great turnout.



Ed unveiling the demo tree.



Jarbas, Glenn & Carlos defoliating.



The new pot.



A very attentive crowd.



The new pot and new moss.



Ed detailing the Elm.



The Wire Master
At work.



Ed styling the Nerifolia.



Great raffle table.



Elm accent plant.



The Final Demonstration Tree.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Like everything else, there is no way to absolutely prevent the theft of your bonsai. No matter what methods or devices or locks you use, a determined adversary still has a reasonable chance of successfully stealing your valuable trees. So let's consider some reasonable things you can do to make stealing less likely and more difficult for the "bad guys", keeping in mind that we love our bonsai and want to show them in attractive surroundings easy to view. We can however, take a few measures to decrease the likelihood of theft.

To consider how to prevent stealing we should consider the reason or category of stealing. Here are a few various categories of thieves:

Category #1 is unpredictable and may be the easiest to prevent. They strike when attractive items are visible-known as objects of opportunity. A reasonable amount of visual screening will prevent this as they strike on impulse attacking spontaneously with no predetermined reason to do so. Probably these people have little or no idea of how to keep a bonsai alive.

Category #2 is the despicable person who, probably knows what he is doing, wants a bonsai without either paying for it or taking the time and energy to make one. In most cases this person would have reasonable knowledge to take care of the bonsai, at least until major work is required. Very difficult to protect against since they know where the bonsai are, they may be somewhat ineffective being amateur thieves.

THOSE WHO STEAL ARE

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|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1). <i>On impulse</i> | 2). <i>For personal collection</i> | 3). <i>For profit</i> |
| 4). <i>For others</i> | 5). <i>"Street Sign" thieves</i> | 6). <i>For revenge</i> |

Category #3 could have various causes. With the increasing use of drugs, this becomes a serious area of concern. Less likely to know what he is doing, and since the bonsai community is fairly knowledgeable about who has what, selling them is difficult at best. Brokers probably know they cannot keep them alive, and likely don't know buyers. Having stolen a bonsai one has to get rid of it fast or it will die. (Unfortunately, drug users would be happy to get \$50 for a \$5,000 bonsai.

Category #4 it is scary to think about people with money who want one, but don't want to pay for it, so they engage a professional thief to get it for them. It is almost impossible to guard against this highly sophisticated category.

Category #5 typically teenagers, who as a hoot or on a dare, elect to acquire various and diverse items to decorate their bedroom or dormitory. This is unique because they have no idea how to take care of them, have no empathy with the owner, and are absolutely unpredictable.

Category #6 was thrown in since it is possible. Hell isn't hot enough for the person who would do this, but there are all kinds. Not easy to defend against and even less likely recovery.

Various devices and technology have been tried with mixed results. Fortunately, the theft of the bonsai has not reached epidemic proportions; correspondingly, and because this has not yet occurred, there is little experience in security and recovery of stolen bonsai trees. Below is a list of possible security devices.

Security devices

Security guards

Guard dog

Locked fences

Cable and lock tie downs

Release switch under bonsai

Remote sensors

Trip wire

Cameras

Alarms

Lights and light sensors

A word on each

Security Guards: Extremely expensive and only reasonable for large public collections. Even so, unless they are on duty 24-7, the thief will strike with impunity when they are absent.

Guard dogs: Curiously more effective for a private collection than a public one. Having a dog that will bark at intruders will wake you and scare the thief. This depends on someone being at the site to respond and the dog not only getting to the thief but also being immune to pacification with a sirloin steak.

Locked fences: Probably effective for impulse, poorly motivated "street sign" thieves, or revenge. If the fences are opaque barriers hiding the bonsai from casual passers-by it will go a long way to thwart these categories.

Cable and locked tie downs: Probably good for all categories except the "for other" category where professionals come prepared and cut same in an instant with bolt cutters.

Release switch under bonsai: As good as a guard dog if you are home providing they are tied to a secure alarm system. However, most devices fail due to the extreme environment, especially the water. Of course you don't have to house, clean and feed them, etc.

Remote sensors: Electronic methods to detect the presence of unwanted "guests." Problem with electronic beams or motion sensors from animals and birds setting them off-causing one to turn them off. Electronic chips placed in the tree or pot is good to prove ownership. Passive nature of these devices requires using a "reader" very close to the trunk to detect the response to a given signal. Sophisticated active devices like the auto "Lo Jack" which sends a signal to a satellite for immediate location anywhere are exceeding expensive just short of having live security guards. They are expensive to buy, need power to "drive" them, and require a monthly charge for the service. Nothing, not even 24-7 guards, works better at locating a stolen bonsai. If your bonsai are sufficiently valuable, you have been hit often, and would thoroughly enjoy nailing the culprit bad enough-this is the way to go.

Trip wire: A reasonable way to know someone is where they should not be. Clumsy and not as tidy as the electronic method, this device is subject to violations from all manner of meaningless intrusions.

Cameras/video: Over rated, requiring too many, a lot of light, recording devices, and constant checking to know if an event has taken place. Also expensive requiring considerable equipment. Must be highly visible to be a deterrent, hidden to avoid being overridden, or masked.

Alarms: A supplement to any and all of the above. Effective if extremely loud to annoy the thief and hopefully cause them to abort the effort. This can have the same effect on the owner tending to have them turn it off at the wrong time.

Lights: Like the alarms can cause the thief to abort, it is needed for decent camera/video effectiveness. It is well known that a very well lighted area can deter thieves. Having it on all night it may destroy your bonsai preventing you from using it in the most effective manner, not to mention keeping you and the neighbors awake all nights.

It is very hard to keep your bonsai a secret. People learn what you do, and not without a little bragging and showing off. If you have really good bonsai it is likely you are qualified and called upon to teach. Any class can contain people of each of the above categories noted above. Officers of clubs, persons placing their bonsai in club shows for the public, newspaper articles, and so on increase the visibility of who has bonsai..

Do

Enjoy your bonsai
Block the view from the street
Present bonsai to the public
Let people know there is a lot to it
Display in exhibits and shows
Encourage people to try
Have gated access
Have someone watch when away
Keep up-to-date with the SBR
Keep current photos of your bonsai

Don't

Brag so much
Display for public view where you keep them
Make high value an issue
Advertise extreme values
Hand out your address
Stop telling them it is so easy, anyone can do it
Leave the gate open
Advertise that you are gone
Let the Registry waste away, support them

Let people know

Without daily care by knowledgeable people they will die fast.

It has intrinsically value only to you, the creator.

You could never sell it for what it is worth to you or to anyone.

Loss of even one limb could render it trash.

There is a Stolen Bonsai Registry, that bonsai are easily recognized.

Check the registry once a week or so to keep familiar with what is out there floating around. If you see one report it.

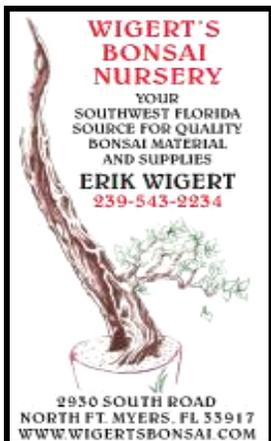
THIS ARTICLE CAME FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN BONSAI SOCIETY.

ON THE COVER

Pemphis acidula is a plant species found in tropical and subtropical regions of the world where it is often referred to as a shrub. It is native here in the Philippines where it does not have a dormant period.

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Can we send your monthly newsletter via-email? Yes _____ No _____

How Did You Learn About The Bonsai Society?

____ Friend ____ Advertisement ____ Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Other: _____

Please Check Which Society Activities You Could Help With: THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE NEED AS MANY HANDS AS POSSIBLE. THE FUTURE OF THIS SOCIETY DEPENDS ON YOUR HELP EVERY YEAR FOR THE CONVENTION.

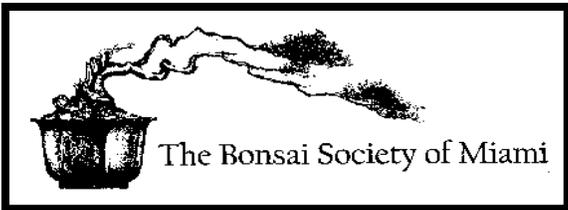
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Dues:	New _____	Renewal _____
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