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Club News

September 2012

***September 26th's Program
7:30pm***

BSM - General Meeting at Pinecrest Gardens

Program: Mentorship Program #2 / Session 2 –

***Bring the same tree back that you worked at the
June meeting in Program #2 / Session 1 – to be
taught by the mentor you were assigned to for
Program 2.***

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

President's Message

Dear Bonsai Friends,

Last month's program was again, a total success!!!

Jarbas Godoy conquered the group with his experience, techniques and smooth design ideas. Wearing his 1960's collectable belt, he made two full rounds with the group, allowing members to take the next step with the trees they worked in May and also giving opinions on how to proceed with the new material they brought that night. We thank you.

In my opinion, having our local artist share their passion, knowledge with tropicals, always brings out the best in all of us!!! I'm looking forward to the second quarter of 2013 and see our newest members get in front of the group and demonstrate their ideas and styling techniques.

Now a little planning and business:

Next program: September 26 - Mentorship Program #2 / Session 2 – Bring the same tree back that you worked at the June meeting in Program #2 / Session 1 – ***to be taught by the mentor you were assigned to for Program 2.***

October program :(switched with November as per guest request)

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's and don'ts that night with our own trees.

Don't forget: Express your opinion about the 2012 Bonsai Basic program. We need to know from this year's program, what three areas that have benefited you and what three areas you are still having issues with. We will dedicate a whole session to the weakest points in the first quarter of 2013.

So far, you have all trusted my leadership, ideas and I want to thank you for that trust. I'm confident that if we continue to raise our education level in the art, we'll all succeed together as bonsai artists. Honestly, there's no other club in the state that has ever dedicated a year to fully understand what we do in bonsai and what we are trying achieve as artist.

Thanks again for the opportunity and trust.

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

October Events

24th	<p>BSM - General Meeting at Pinecrest Gardens - 7:30pm</p> <p>Program: <u>Preparing Your Bonsai for Display at a Show</u> – 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.</p>
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November Events

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

December Events

22nd	<p>BSM - Holiday Party and Awards at Pinecrest Gardens - 7:30pm</p> <p>Join the club for a relaxing evening over dinner with prizes, awards, and Bonsai Trivia (based on the lessons taught during the year)</p>
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January Events

23rd	<p>BSM - General Meeting at Pinecrest Gardens - 7:30pm</p> <p>Program: TBA</p>
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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