



# BONSAI SOCIETY OF LAKELAND

December  
2011

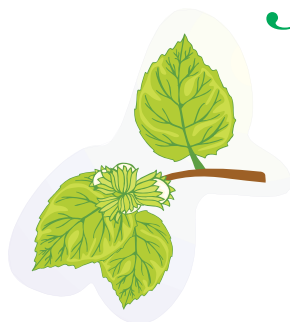
**A** The President's Bench...

*Happy Holidays*

*And*



*Best Wishes for the  
New Year!*



*Paul*

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## Meetings

*Meetings* are held the third Thursday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, Room D-3, located at 72 Lake Morton Drive, Lakeland. Meetings begin at 7pm and conclude around 9pm, unless otherwise noted.

*Raffles*, with material provided by the members, will be held every other meeting starting Feb 2010. Trees demo'd by the presenters will (for the most part) be raffled.

*Bonsai workshops* are the second Saturday after the meeting, if scheduled, from 10am until ? They are located at Cee Jay Nursery, 4226 Lake Hancock Road, Lakeland.

# Upcoming Events

January 13-15, the 10th annual JOY OF BONSAI, Bunnell, FL. Full weekend of bonsai activities and featured artists including Suthin, who it's rumored won't be travelling much any more...

Thursday, January 19, 7 pm Bonsai Society of Lakeland meeting. Cliff Pottberg will be working on a crepe myrtle

January 21 and 22, Guy Guidry will be at Erik Wigert's nursery in North Fort Myers. Saturday is a bonsai workshop at 9 am, then a demo by Guy at 2pm (tree will be raffled). Sunday is a BYOT workshop. See info at the end of this newsletter.

Thursday February 16, 7pm Bonsai Society of Lakeland meeting. Adam Lavigne is scheduled for an Ilex demo

Thursday, March 15, 7pm Bonsai Society of Lakeland meeting.

Thursday, April 19, 7pm Bonsai Society of Lakeland meeting. James Clements is scheduled for a forest demo



## The Newsletter

This is YOUR newsletter! We hope to publish it bi-monthly. Please help us out by contributing: favorite articles (we will obtain author's permission), websites, tips and tricks, local vendors, jokes, member news, events, just about anything that can be published!! Also, we still don't have a name for the newsletter. Please be a part of this by giving your contributions, compliments, criticisms, Whatever!

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2012

Florida winter is here

Thought we were going to escape it, didn't you? Last night got down to 28 degrees at my house, but it was a snug 56 in my "redneck greenhouse". Built it out of pvc pipe for the frame, hung clear shower curtain liners on the sides, and a tarp on the top. Add lights and a heater if needed. Easy set up and easy down. Ask gail for more info if you are interested....it's COLD out there! Just touch the bottoms of your pots to feel it.

## PROTECT THOSE TREES!!!

Below 50: Jamaican Ebony

Below 45: Brazilian raintree, Podocarpus, Nashia

Below 40: Malpighia, Bucida, Bouganvillea, Buttonwood, Crepe Myrtle, Elm, ficus, Fukien, Jaboticaba, Maple, Neea, Pomegranite, Wrightia, Jade, Lantana, Oak, Scheffelera, Texas Ebony

Below 35: Ilex, citrus

Below 32: Cypress

REPOT WHEN DORMANT: Cypress (Jan/Feb), Maple, Oak.

REPOT IN EARLY SPRING (as new buds begin to appear): Elms, also pines, junipers, podocarpus

Taken from Tropical Green Sheets

# A few words from our Vice president.....



Happy New Year!!! I'm excited to see what 2012 holds for the Club.....Our first meeting on January 19th will include Clif Pottberg working on a crepe myrtle. Clif's nursery has some beautiful specimens and I'm looking forward to see what he will bring. If you have not been to the nursery, it's worth the beautiful drive to Dade City!

Michael Feduccia was originally scheduled for January, but he had to postpone due to a wonderful opportunity. He will be assisting Master Ryan Neil at the 2012 Noelanders Trophy International in Belgium. Then they have a photo shoot with "Bonsai Focus Magazine" in the Netherlands. I can't blame him for canceling our meeting; wow what a fabulous opportunity for our friend.

I have ordered name badges for some of our members .....if you would like one, they are \$5.00. We also have a few t-shirts that have been free for trying their products. The cost would be approximately \$10.00. The shirts now have a photo of a generic cypress tree. We can discuss this once again at the next meeting.

Tonight will be freezing temperatures, I hope everyone protected their bonsai trees. Mine are inside the screen porch which I turned into a greenhouse. Much easier than moving them inside and out all winter.

Look forward to seeing ALL of you on January 19th. Our last meeting had about nine new people, so hopefully we will have a full house:-)

*Judi*



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## U.S. POST OFFICE ISSUING BONSAI STAMPS!

Later in 2012, these stamps will be issued as "forever" stamps, which means they will always be able to be used as first class postage, even if the rates go up. They are really nice depictions of different styles of bonsai. This page is from a stamp collector's website:



With these five stamps, the U.S. Postal Service celebrates the beauty of bonsai. The word "bonsai" (Japanese for "plant in a pot") refers to the art of cultivating plants — usually trees — in trays, pots, or other containers. Favorite bonsai plants include evergreens, maples, and azaleas, but many other trees and shrubs are also suitable. This horticultural art form has become popular in many parts of the world. A large number of bonsai are on permanent display in Washington, D.C., at the United States National Arboretum.

One of the common styles of bonsai is shown on each of these five stamps. The first stamp depicts a Sierra juniper in semi-cascade style, in which the tip projects over the pot rim but does not extend below the base. Second is a trident maple in informal upright style, in which the trunk bends slightly to the left or right. Third is a black pine in formal upright style, with the trunk straight and tapering evenly, with symmetrical branches, from base to apex. Fourth is an azalea plant in multiple-trunk style, with several trunks emerging from one root system. The fifth and final stamp shows a banyan in cascade style, in which the trunk evokes a stream flowing down a mountainside, with the tip extending below the pot's base. The plants depicted are roughly 15 to 20 inches tall.

Although no one knows when the first bonsai was created, it is generally accepted that Buddhist monks brought the practice from China to Japan about a thousand years ago. The bonsai collection at the National Arboretum began in 1976 when the Nippon Bonsai Association in Tokyo, Japan, presented the people of the United States with 53 plants as part of the U.S. bicentennial commemoration.

A bonsai master begins with seeds, cuttings, a naturally stunted tree, or a very young tree. Over time, he or she prunes the roots and branches, uses wire to shape and "train" the branches, and sometimes scrapes or peels bark to achieve desired effects. The plant is watered and repotted when necessary, and can live a hundred years or more.

Art director and stamp designer Ethel Kessler worked with artist John D. Dawson on the Bonsai stamps. They are being issued as Forever® stamps, which are always equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce rate.

# NOVEMBER'S MEETING



The main event of this meeting was the raffle of the year's four demo trees.....



Paul won the campeche.....

.....but really had his eyes on the buttonwood..



Guest Brandon won the Jamaican Ebony!!



When Paul's name came up again for the buttonwood, he put the campeche back into the raffle.....Judi was the lucky winner!



Hank went home with the Podocarpus....



Also during the meeting we had a "show and tell" of trees that some members were working on. We also welcomed several guests, and hope that they return often and join our club. James had several ficus to show, and will be doing a forest demo for us later in the year.



# Bonsai Under the Oaks



Another beautiful November day at Clif Pottberg's nursery, the gracious host again of Bonsai Under the Oaks, hopefully an annual gathering of clubs from Central Florida. Sales tables, demo's, auction, food and bonsai networking



# Impromptu Field trip!



On December 9, a few hardy souls headed out for tropical bonsai nirvana: Vero Beach. Paul and his wife, Nigel and his wife, Judi, James, Gail and Kay headed out.

First stop was Old Florida Bonsai, owned by Richard and JJ Turner. His collection is awesome, and we saw his prized portulacaria that won the "Finest Tropical Bonsai" award at the 2nd US National Bonsai Exhibition in New York. Picked up some real beauties there, and Jim VanLandingham was very helpful and informative.

Then on to Dura-Stone Nursery, owned by Jim Smith. Ficus heaven, we thought we had lost James for awhile. The quality of trees and the prices were incredible. I believe that Jim is still doing workshops on the last Sunday of the month.

Stay in touch and keep your ears open for another field trip in the future. Or, call ahead to either of these great nurseries---a great way to spend a day!



# Bonsai in Florida !!

LOTS of great stuff  
coming up!

TENTH ANNUAL

## Joy of Bonsai

Flagler County Extension Office  
150 Sawgrass Road, Bunnell, Florida 32113

JANUARY 13-15, 2012  
Friday 6 PM - 10 PM; Saturday 8 AM - 6 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 6 PM

FEATURING



*Suthin Sukosolvisit*  
ROYAL BONSAI GARDEN, BOSTON, MA

*Rob Addonizio*   *Mike Cartrett*   *Mike Rogers*

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FEATURING

RYAN NEIL  
PETER WARREN  
AND  
KORA DALAGHER  
WITH  
MICHAEL FEDUCCIA  
AND 2011 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER  
JASON OSBORNE

IN ADDITION A  
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where you can consult on  
a new purchase, a pot selection or  
a tree from your collection  
with one of your favorite  
Florida Teachers.

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MAY 25-28, 2012

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## From Erik Wigert:

Bonsai artist Guy Guidry from Louisiana Demo & Workshops DATE : JANUARY 21 & 22

Guy Guidry is one of our favorite bonsai artists. We have been bringing him in to teach programs for us for the past few years. Guy Guidry lives in Louisiana and owns Bonsai Northshore Nursery, He has been teaching bonsai for over 25 years and is one of Americas most talented bonsai artists. Guy is well known for his work on Bald Cypress, Black Pines, Junipers, Elms, etc... However he is an all around artist and can work with many species of bonsai.

He is the artist behind some really special trees, some are displayed Nationally in Bonsai exhibits. His most famous tree is a huge bald cypress appropriately named "Twister" for its massive size and twisted trunk.

Guy always gives a very entertaining program. We will give him really nice plant material to work on. Watch him style the tree and turn it into a specimen bonsai. The Demo Tree will be raffled off at the end of program. Don't miss this opportunity to see a great bonsai artist at work. Stop by the nursery January 21 at 2pm and watch his bonsai program.

### Saturday January 21 • 9am Bald Cypress Workshop \$200

Large Collected Cypress trees ready to be potted and styled Trees are offered at a discount rate plus you get to work hands on with the artist. Limited space, sign up now

• **2pm DEMO/ LECTURE** Open to be Public \$10 a person Includes refreshments and 1 raffle ticket to win the demo tree

Guy Guidry will style a beautiful bonsai tree and teach you his techniques. Afterwards we will raffle off the magnificent bonsai tree he has styled for us. Maybe you will be the lucky winner!

### Sunday January 22

• Bring Your Own Tree Workshop \$150 8:30am- 3pm Double Session

I know a lot of you have big projects you want to work with Guy so we decided to offer this full day double session. 10 people in the workshop, I think you will all be happy with the extra 1 on 1 time with Guy. Space is limited, please sign up ASAP Please contact us if you want to sign up for a workshop.

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U. S. NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION INFORMATION

Saturday & Sunday, June 9-10, 2012 9am to 5pm  
The Fair & Expo Center • Rochester, New York  
Daily Admission \$15 • Weekend Pass \$20 before June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Saturday Evening Award Banquet & Benefit Auction  
By Advance Reservation Only \$35

QUESTIONS?

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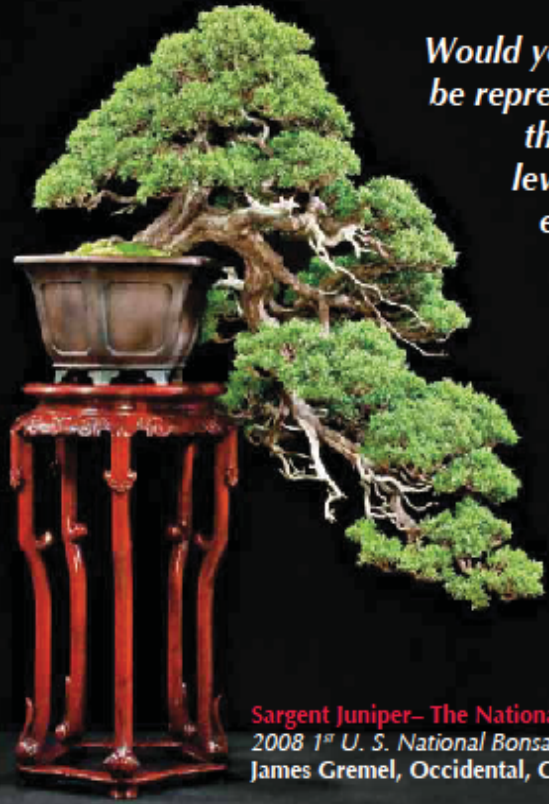


**3<sup>RD</sup> U.S. NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION**



2012 US National EXHIBITION JUNE 9-10, 2012 ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

*Are You Proud Of Your Bonsai?*



Would you like to be represented in the highest level bonsai exhibition in the United States?

Sargent Juniper— The National Award  
2008 1<sup>st</sup> U. S. National Bonsai Exhibition  
James Gremel, Occidental, California

