



BONSAI SOCIETY OF

LAKELAND

Fall 2011

A The President's Bench...

First, and foremost, I would like to thank Judi for all her hard work this year. She has done a great job with scheduling meeting demonstrations and pulling together a few "field trips". Judi and I, mostly Judi, have been talking about next year's program and I am confident it will be even better than this year.

The November meeting is the last scheduled meeting for 2011. Let's make it the best meeting of the year... by everyone attending. That would be a great way to wrap up a successful meeting schedule. No presenter - it is a Bring Your Own Tree meeting with club input for each tree. We have not done this yet this year and it is always a good meeting.

For the November meeting we will raffle off the trees all have been taking chances on for the last few months. Throughout the meeting, even after we start drawing raffle winners, you can buy more raffle tickets for trees not yet drawn. Now there are four trees... the buttonwood, campeche, Jamaican ebony, and podocarpus (Adam Lavigne carved on this at the last meeting). All have been worked on by people who excel in bonsai styling and will be a great addition to your collection. So bring some more money for more chances. Remember that the money goes to YOUR club so this is a win/win. The more you buy the better the programs for next year.

Clif's Bonsai Under the Oaks is Saturday, November 19 and more on Sunday. More details to come... keep that date open on your calendar to attend. Some other events going on in our area: Joy of Bonsai - January 13 through 15 in Bunnell; Eric Wigert's Annual Open House - November 12 and 13 in North Fort Myers; Bonsai Show and Sale at the Zoo - November 5 and 6 in Melbourne.

Check out our renewed website - thanks to Esther for her work. Remember to look in the Member Zone - password protected. Let's have a GREAT turnout at the November meeting. See you then.

Paul

Officers and Board Members, 2010

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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

Wednesday, November 2nd & Sunday, November 20th..... Michael Feduccia is having a "Bring Your Own Tree Workshop" at his nursery. The workshop is designed for beginners and advanced alike. You may bring a tree you already have, or purchase a tree from the nursery.

The session is \$10, what a deal!!! This does not include wire or soil but is available to purchase. For more information, contact Michael at 813/712-9130 or feducciasbonsai@gmail.com.

Thursday, November 10.....Highly respected bonsai master Dan Robinson will be doing a juniper demo at the Central Florida Bonsai club in Orlando. See their website for info www.centralfloridabonsai.com

Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13..... Annual open house at Eric Wigert's in North Fort Myers. See schedule at end of newsletter

Thursday, November 17..... Our monthly meeting, 7pm. Bring your own tree to show off and get valuable advice from our resident experts! And, don't forget the RAFFLE OF OUR FOUR CLUB TREES!

Saturday, November 19..... Bonsai Under the Oaks at Clif Pottberg's nursery in Dade City. Multi-club sale, more info in this issue

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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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2011

Florida winter predictions

Due to El Nino and La Nina, several sources have predicted that this will be a warm, dry winter here in central Florida. But beware, we have been fooled before! Cut down on fertilizing and keep up with watering. A good thing to have is an indoor/outdoor thermometer to know what it's like out there at night on your benches. WalMart has a good one for about \$15



Bonsai addicts are always looking to buy "one more" tree, whether they need it or not.

It was decided that starting with the September meeting, we will have a sales table. You

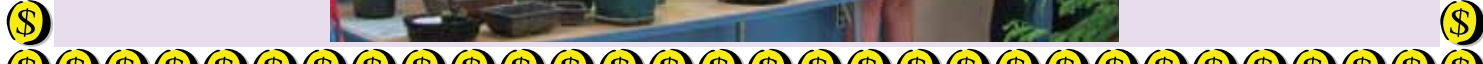
can bring something to sell....trees, tools, pots, etc.



Please put a price tag and your name on it, the club will get 20% to add to our treasury.

Great way to raise funds for future programs, AND to find a buyer for your bonsai related

items....



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



I can't believe that our year is almost over! We have had some wonderful demos and workshops this year. Hopefully I will be as successful in 2012. I have started scheduling, so if you have an interest in a particular subject or person, please email me and I will try to accommodate. I look forward to another great year.

The Munn Park event on Saturday turned out very successful. We anticipate lots of new members or at least visitors. A big thank you to Paul, Judy & James for their help! James worked on a nursery bald cypress which turned out awesome! Paul worked on his large fukien tea.....wow, what a great tree! We could not have asked for nicer weather and it was so much fun. However, a plant show & sale is a dangerous place for plant lovers!!!

Was wondering how many are interested in purchasing a "Club t-Shirt or name badge". James is wearing one in the photo at Munn Park but the tree is a generic tree that I got on-line. The Club needs to pick a "Club Tree" so I can make them official. The t-shirts would be around \$10, name badges approximately \$5; it just depends on how many we order. Let me know your thoughts.....


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Next month is our final meeting of the year at which time we will draw the winners of the four demo raffle trees. Good luck to all! I do not have a demo scheduled so thought we could have a "Bring Your Own Tree" meeting. See you there.

Judi

Sorry about the picture judi, just had to!

Happy Halloween! -----editor



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Big Raffle News!!!

November's meeting is the long-awaited raffle for our four club demo trees. For the mere price of a \$1 ticket, you could win one of these quality trees styled by a visiting expert.

We could have taken these trees to the club auction, sold them privately or even sold them on e-bay. We wanted them to stay in the club, to belong to one of our members. One of the many great advantages to being a member of the Bonsai Society of Lakeland!

Not only would you be doing your bench a favor, but your support will go a long way to ensure that we have a great program next year. The visiting bonsai experts that we have at our meetings are not free, and club dues do not cover the expense. I'm sure that you have all enjoyed the programs we have had, now is your chance to "fund the kitty" for enough \$\$ to schedule quality presenters for next year.



Malcolm's keeping a close eye on the raffle trees: (Left) Campeche styled by Enrique Castano at the June meeting.....(center) Jamaican Ebony styled by Michael Feduccia at the May meeting..... And (right) the buttonwood styled by Dorothy Schmitz last year and refined by John Petterson, Pete DeNunzio

Podocarpus carved and styled by Adam Lavigne at the October meeting



**Munn
Park
Exhibit
And
Demo
October 22**



SEPTEMBER'S MEETING

CRITIQUE, ADVICE AND FIRST AID BY Mike Feduccia



Once more we were privileged to have Mike Feduccia at our meeting. He is one of the rising stars of bonsai, and we are fortunate that he is nearby. Mike patiently and politely offered advice and styling tips to members who brought their own trees to work on.



We also had the pleasure of meeting Sally Molstick, our new district trustee. Sally is a member of the Suncoast Bonsai Society.

Discussions were had about the upcoming elections..... INCUMBENTS!

Also announced was the creation of our new website. Thanks Esther! Be sure to check it out, there is also a member's area.



Updates on Bonsai under the Oaks, Wigert's open house, and all the other events coming up in November.

A couple of trees found new owners, and 20% of sales go into our club's treasury.



October's meeting...

Adam Lavigne and Podocarpus



We welcomed Adam Lavigne from Orlando, who has certainly “carved” out a name for himself in the Florida bonsai scene! Adam began by talking about podocarpus for bonsai.... It likes iron, heals and buds back easily, and has very hard wood which takes well to carving. He said that the dead wood can be polished like a juniper, and the bark rolls over very well. The leaves are reduced by pinching, and the tree is susceptible to blue aphids and mealy bugs. Collecting is difficult, but can be done just as the buds are beginning to break in the spring. Adam uses Milorganite and Ironite on his trees, he feels that you do not need to have explosive growth in a bonsai pot.

Club members and guests then headed outside to watch Adam transform the top “zombie killer” spike into a work of art. This tree will be one of the four raffled off at the November meeting. Great job, Adam, and anyone would be proud to have this tree on their bench....

Enough members were present to have the election of officers: Paul for president, Judi for vice president and Esther for treasurer. Thanks guys, for another term!

Judi announced tentative plans for 2012: January Mike Feduccia and juniper, February Adam Lavigne and ilex schillings, March Cliff Pottberg and crepe myrtle, and April James Clements doing a forest. Sounds like more great things to come for us.....

WIGERT'S BONSAI OPEN HOUSE

Featuring Bonsai Master \square Pedro Morales from Puerto Rico

Join us for FREE demonstrations daily by Pedro Morales, Yrene Vasquez & Adam Lavigne

\square Vendors \square Raffles *Bonsai Styling Competitions* *BYOT exhibit with Critique by Pedro Morales.*

Open House Schedule Friday Nov. 11th-----9am to 5pm - Nursery closed (setup for open house)

6:30pm Banquet & Auction (Ticket Holders Only)

Tickets are \$100 per person Included is : Catered dinner by Chef, Jason Osborne. 1 Raffle ticket to enter your chance to win a "collection tree" from Wigert's Nursery - No extra tickets will be sold. Participate in the "Auction" for fine items like antique scrolls, antique pots, specimen trees, Suiseki, etc... Special presentation by featured artist Pedro Morales that evening.

Saturday Nov 12th----9am Gates Open

9am workshop 1 *Pedro Morales: Brazilian Rain Tree \$200, 6 to 7 year old trees with nice caliper.*

1pm workshop 2 *Erik Wigert: Melaleuca \$200, These are the last of my inventory of this unique dwarf cultivar. I've held these back over the years and they have large caliper and abundant branching. Many will make excellent shohin!*

3pm Pedro Critique *BYOT exhibit.....Once again we will have the 'Wigert's Cup'. It is your chance to bring a tree and enter it in a separate display to be viewed by the public for the weekend. Pedro will critique all trees in the exhibit at 3pm Saturday and the winner will be announced on Sunday. Entry is \$10.00 per tree (limit 2). Trees must be dropped off before 12pm Saturday to be eligible to win. Winners will receive Gift Certificates and a special plaque.*

4pm *Shohin Styling competition (Ficus Burt Davyii "nana")\$25..... entry fee. Participants will style similar plant material. Winner will be selected by Pedro and will receive a plaque and \$100 Gift Certificate. All entrants will get to keep their own tree.*

5pm close

Sunday Nov 13th ----- 9am open

9am workshop 3 *Pedro Morales: Ilex Schillings \$250.... These were collected from the landscape almost 2 years ago and have great caliper and branching.*

1pm workshop 4 *Pedro Morales: Tintillo (Individually Priced) Amazing collected trees from Puerto Rico. Tight compact growth, small leaves, and very fast development. Established and ready for styling!*

4pm *Styling competition (Premna) \$25 entry fee. Participants will style similar plant material. Winner will be selected by Pedro and will receive a plaque and \$100 Gift Certificate. All entrants will get to keep their own tree.*

5pm close



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



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Rob Addonizio *Mike Cartrett* *Mike Rogers*

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

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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.

Join us for an exciting
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
MAY 25-28, 2012

A weekend of demonstrations,
workshops and more
at the 42-acre
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November 19, 2011

with the many Central Florida clubs in a full day of happenings
 -- many different bonsai activities

Two complete auctions:

A normal "western" and facilitated auction

A high energy and fast paced "Dutch" auction

Vendors of:

- quality pots –Japanese, Chinese, Domestic Finished bonsai and bonsai stock
- Things Japanese Bonsai material: stands, tools, wire, books, etc. Food Vendors Silent auctions Club sales and much more

Bonsai Display & People's Choice Contest

1st prize: \$100 gift certificate and mountable award certificate

Tray landscape Display

On our relaxed 30 acre *Pasimanan* farm & plenty of parking

One mile off Interstate 75, 30 miles north of Tampa

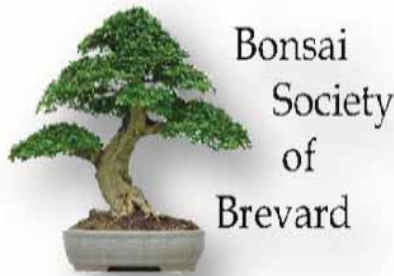
18700 Lake Iola Road, Dade City, FL 33523

Workshops Talks Demonstrations

...and introducing several special guests: Japanese, Vietnamese, and the creators of the living minigardens of miniland in the new Legoland

Date:
 Nov 5th—6th 2011

Time: 10am—4pm



And the Bonsai Society of Florida present the 5th Annual

Bonsai Show & Sale at the Zoo

Join us at the Brevard Zoo, 8225 N. Wickham Road Melbourne, FL 32940, for a spectacular weekend by viewing some of the best miniature trees in the state of Florida. There will be vendors selling trees, pots, tools etc. There will also be demonstrations by some of Florida's best bonsai artists. If you haven't visited the Brevard Zoo recently, you will be surprised to see all of the new attractions that have been added.

Bonsai Society of Brevard
 President: Ron Miller
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 Treasurer: Bill Crabtree
 Secretary: Gene Howell
 Bonsaisocietyofbrevard.org

Brevard Bonsai Society is a proud member of the Bonsai Society of Florida.
 Meetings held on the 3rd Sat. of each month at the Melbourne Library, 540 E. Fee Ave. at 1PM.

No Additional Charge! Bonsai Show included in admission!

