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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The holidays are upon us, and winter is setting in. Winter that is, Florida style ! We will have our cold snaps, our trees will slow down, and most are better left alone now. But many of our tropicals will go in & out of “dormancy” as the nights get colder, but the days warm back up quickly. It is very tricky knowing what to do, or not to do, during the next 3 months. But that is the art of bonsai...a chess match with Mother Nature, and that's why I love it ! Last month we had Sean Smith as our guest artist. He brought a youthful passion, learned in Japan as a bonsai apprentice,

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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**THE NEXT
SCHEDULED MEETING
WILL BE
9:00 A.M.
Sat. Dec. 12th, 2009**

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6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL
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and entertained us with those stories. And he did a great transformation on a Chinese elm demo tree while relating his experience. Thank you Sean, and we hope to have you back next year.

We end the year with our holiday meeting, and our traditional Mary Miller presentation. Don't miss it ! Mary is one of our South Florida treasures, and we always look forward to her words of wisdom.

See You There !!!!!

Ed

DECEMBER PROGRAM:

BY: BEN LISS

Mary has a unique way of giving an honest commentary, without making anyone feel self-conscious no matter what level of bonsai you are in.

Mary is a great educator and we are fortunate to have access to her knowledge of bonsai and plant material.

Bring in a tree to get these and many more questions answered by Mary. If you brought a tree in last year for this program bring it in for the display table so we can see the progress.

ATTENTION

ALL BONSAI ENTHUSIASTS:

DECEMBER 8TH, AT 7:00PM

THE BONSAI SOCIETY OF MIAMI WILL HOLD IT'S ANNUAL AUCTION.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD, AS USUAL, AT FAIRCHILD AND

RANDY BROOKS WILL BE OUR AUCTIONEER. CHECK IN AND PREVIEWS WILL BEGIN AT 6:00PM, SO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED SHOULD ATTEND.

Bonsai Society of the Palm Beaches - Auction

The Bonsai Society of the Palm Beaches will hold its annual Holiday Bonsai Auction Tuesday evening, December 1st, 2009, at 7:15 PM, with a preview beginning at 6:30 PM.

The live auction as well as a silent auction will be held at their monthly meeting place, Mounts Botanical Gardens Auditorium 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach.

To sell, you do not have to be a member of the Palm Beach club, but you do have to be a member of Bonsai Societies of Florida through a club or study group.

Sellers please arrive early to register, prepare paper work and receive a designated letter which must be placed on all tags as well as on the Cashier Sheet which you will give to the cashier prior to the auction.

Sellers can auction up to 10 items for open bidding. A grouping can be considered as one item. All opening bids will start at \$10.00. You can sell items of a lesser value in the silent auction.

Auctions are one of the best ways to put money in your pocket. The club funds will be supplemented by getting 15% from all auctioned items. Please donate items to the club so the club can receive 100% of the money from the donations.

For additional information contact John Evans at johnevans1111@mac.com

We hope to see you at the auction.

Rita Rosenberg
District 6 Trustee

CLUB INFORMATION:

THIS IS OUR HOLIDAY MEETING AND WE WILL CELEBRATE WITH SANDWICHES, CAKE AND OTHER HOLIDAY GOODIES. BE SURE TO COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN.

BOOK INFORMATION

**BONSAI CLUB'S
INTERNATIONAL
INSTRUCTOR BOOK IS NOW
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

PHOTOS OF LAST MONTHS PROGRAM

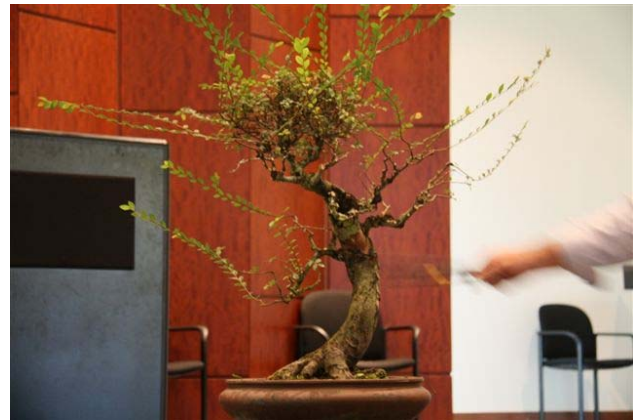
By Ben Liss





PHOTOS OF LAST
MONTHS PROGRAM
BY: Bob Yarling









AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – December 8th – 7:30 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden,
Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Saturday – December 19th 9:00 AM

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida

SPALC Building,

6281 Metro Plantation Road (Off Metro Parkway between
Daniels Parkway and Colonial Boulevard),
Ft. Meyers, Florida

Contact Dorothy Schmitz 239-947-3552

www.thebonsaiswfl.com

Saturday – December 26th – 11:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie
Classroom in rear.

www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday – December 12th – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society

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Saturday – December 26th, – 9:30 AM

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

Boca Raton Community Center, 150 N.W. Crawford
Boulevard, Boca Raton

www.lighthousebonsai.com

Tuesday – December 1st, – 7:00 PM

Society of the Palm Beaches

Mount's Botanical Garden Auditorium

West Palm Beach, Florida

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