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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well the new year is here, again...really? It sure is true what they say, that the older you get the faster it goes! And boy, I must be getting old, because it seems like Ben Oki was just here and he never seems to age, what's up with that?! Back in Florida by popular demand, Ben will be doing a BYOT workshop for this month's program. Ed has more on that.

I was glad to hear that you all had a wonderful Christmas party/program and everyone enjoyed Ed's demo. Ken McIntyre was

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SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE 9:00 A.M. JAN. 14, 2012

City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Dept
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL
954-572-2287



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

the lucky winner of the free raffle tree.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend last month's meeting as I and other members from our club, who also serve on the Bonsai Societies of Florida board, **Charles Michelson** (BSF President), **David Baruch** (BSF Speakers Bureau) and **Mike**

Sullivan (BSF Magazine Editor), were all attending the bi annual



board meeting held at our **new 2012 BSF Convention location** in Orlando. I can begin by telling you that the hotel is outstanding. It is laid out on 42, beautifully, landscaped acres. The convention facility offers us the opportunity to have a very inclusive event where everything, exhibit area, workshops/demonstrations rooms and the vendors area are all close to one another and will allow for a lot more interaction. Without disparaging our last hotel, let me just say the new hotel is a breath of fresh air. I am confident that all attendees will feel the same way. I look forward to seeing you there. More information on

the convention, including a printable registration form can now be found on the bonsai-bsf.com web site. *Just click on the convention banner, then click on get registration form.* One of our major agenda items at last month's board meeting, aside from the convention, was volunteer and activism within BSF. Many board positions will become vacant in 2013 and we really need members from our district around the state to step up and participate in our organization. Being that it is a volunteer organization, we cannot rely on the same core group of people to run the organization into perpetuity. It is understandable that people burn out and lose enthusiasm over a period of time and this is why it is necessary to rejuvenate and revitalize the board by bringing in new people with new ideas and a fresh point of view. We will be facing this very same issue within our own club. We have had many of the same members serving on the board

now for too long. We need to have other club members help fill these positions and serve on our board. Our next **GCBS** board elections are in December 2012. So if you would like to have a voice and if you feel like you would like to get involved and run for a board position or even join a committee, on either GCBS or BSF, please feel free to email me and let me know of your interest. I also serve as Nominations chair for the BSF Nominations Committee and I would like to ask any of our members, that can, to join this committee and help me recruit future BSF board members from our district. Of course, I am addressing this to **those who can serve**, we realize not everybody can serve and this should not prevent anybody from being a part of our organization as all are welcome. But, again, **for those who can**, please consider volunteering your time. **One final note.** It gives me great pleasure to announce, if you have not already heard, that **Toby**

Diaz has been appointed President of Bonsai Societies of Miami. Talk about stepping up, Toby is incredibly busy in his personal life, but rather than see the Miami club dissolve, he has stepped up to take over the helm. Congratulations to Toby and the entire Miami club. And our congratulations also go out to **Glenn Hilton**, outgoing BSM President, for a job more than well done.
Ben Liss

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

JANUARY PROGRAM

By Ed Trout

As has been our tradition for as many years as I can remember, we start off the new bonsai year with our friend and mentor, Ben Oki. As usual, it will be a BYOT workshop so that those members who participate will not only get his advice on their tree, but also an original Ben Oki sketch that can be treasured forever. The

workshop will be limited to 10 people, and the fee will be \$25 per person. For the sake of time, and so as not to overburden Ben, we will limit this to 1 (one) tree per person. Pick out something from your collection that will require wiring, pruning, jin & shari (Ben's specialty) and concentrate on that tree for the meeting. And let's try to have an exceptional display table for all of us to enjoy, and something for the raffle table. As usual, we also will be celebrating Ben's birthday with a cake and drinks. Please email Ben or myself if you'd like to reserve a spot in this special workshop !!

See You There,

Ed



DECEMBER PHOTOS

By: Bob Yarling

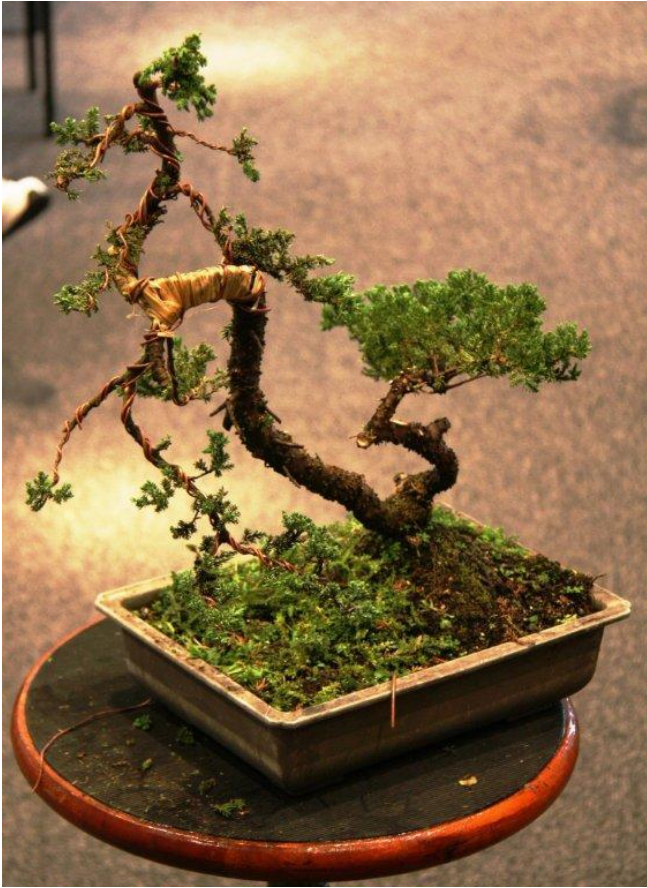






*HAPPY NEW 2012 YEAR
TO ALL
GOLD COAST MEMBERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES*





CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Dear Members of Bonsai Societies of Florida:

The great American Bonsai Master, John Naka is known throughout the entire world as a wonderful teacher and a true ambassador for bonsai. Did you know that John was also the **FIRST** bonsai artist to tour Florida over 40 years ago as a BSF-sponsored speaker? John came to Florida quite often, leaving those he taught yearning for more and better appreciating the Art of Bonsai. He was a very important catalyst that propelled us to where we are today. We owe him much! The American Bonsai Society has created a contest to honor John, and demonstrate how much his influence shows in our own

trees. The John Naka Award is given every year to an artist who displays the influence of John's teachings in the tree they have created, a requirement requested by Alice Naka, John's wife. It is a very prestigious award!

I know that there are many, many bonsai trees in the State of Florida, created per the requirements of this contest, by artists who meet the criteria requested by the Naka family. And because John had such roots in the advancement of bonsai in Florida, I firmly believe that we should have a significant representation of work submitted for this Award.

Therefore, I would request that each Bonsai Club in BSF consider selecting a tree from its membership to submit to this contest. The details on submission, and requirements are found next or also available on the ABS website at www.absbonsai.org. If there is any way I can help in this project, or you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at figus@aol.com

I would really like to see Florida Bonsai well represented at the 2012 John Naka Award Ceremony in Denver.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Trout



HAPPY 2012



AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS*

*** ALL DATES AND TIMES STANDARD SCHEDULE
PLEASE VERIFY WITH CLUB AS CHANGES MAY OCCUR**

Tuesday – January 3rd – 7:00 PM
(First Tuesday of Month)

Society of the Palm Beaches
Mount's Botanical Garden Auditorium
West Palm Beach, Florida
www.bonsai-bsf.com/clubs/sites/bspb/

Saturday January 14th – 11:30 AM
(Second Saturday of Month)

Broward Bonsai Society,
Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie
Classroom in rear.
www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday – January 14th – 9:00 AM

Gold Coast Bonsai Society
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure Dept
6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL
954-572-2287
www.goldcoastbonsai.com

Tuesday – January 10th – 7:30 PM
(Second Tuesday of Month)

Bonsai Society of Miami
Pinecrest Gardens (formally Parrot Jungle).
11000 Red Rd. Pinecrest, FL 33156 .
www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Saturday – January 21st 9:00 AM
(Third Saturday of Month)

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 – January 28th– 9:30 AM
(Fourth Saturday of Month)

Lighthouse Bonsai Society
Boca Raton Community Center, 150 N.W. Crawford
Boulevard, Boca Raton
www.lighthousebonsai.com

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