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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This will be a great month for Gold Coast, because we are having 2 eventful meetings. Sean Smith starts us off on Friday night, the 6th, and the our regular meeting features Dick Miller. I have known Sean Smith for many years, and his knowledge of many facets in the art of bonsai, promise to make this a memorable meeting. I have acquired a really nice Chinese elm for Sean to work on for his demo. This tree (pictured at the end of the article) retails at over \$250, and will be raffled to a lucky winner at the end of the evening. Don't miss this great opportunity to put this tree in your own collection !!

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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THE **TWO** NEXT
SCHEDULED MEETINGS
WILL BE
7:00 P.M.

Friday Nov. 6th

FLAMINGO GARDENS
3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie

&

Sat. Nov. 14th, 2009
9:00 A.M.

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

Dick Miller will be doing a program geared toward the novice in bonsai. One thing I have learned about the art of bonsai, is that the learning never stops. No matter how long you do something, there is always a different, if not better way. Dick is the Curator of The Morikami bonsai collection in Delray Beach, and has contributed much to the

advancement of the Art of Bonsai in Florida.

Please make an effort to show up and support both of these artists, and let them know how great Gold Coast Bonsai Society is. I'll bring the coffee.....you bring the enthusiasm.

See You There !!!!!

Ed



NOVEMBER PROGRAM:

BY: BEN LISS

This month we will have two programs that should prove to be informative as well as entertaining. First we will have Sean Smith doing a program on **Friday November 6th**.

We will meet at **FLAMINGO GARDENS.**

That's the Friday before our regular meeting, which is on **Saturday November 14th**, when we will have Dick Miller doing a program at our regular meeting place on Sunset Strip in Sunrise.

Sean's program will be a demonstration (material yet to be chosen) and of course that tree will be raffled off at the end of the program. Sean is a world renowned Bonsai Artist and is equally well know for the beautiful Suiseki (Viewing Stones) he collects and the handmade Daiza (wooden bases) that he makes for his Suiseki. Sean has been to Japan many times and possesses a wealth of knowledge and information on Japanese culture and many of the

traditions relating to bonsai and bonsai display. He has many fascinating stories from his many trips to Japan that really make him an interesting, engaging and enjoyable speaker.

Dick's program will be geared toward the beginner. Many of you have requested this sort of program so don't be shy and be sure to bring all your questions. Dick has been a long time respected member of our local bonsai community and will have a lot to offer all our members from the beginner to the more experienced. We can all benefit with a little refresher course. All in all November will be a great month for learning.

**FRIDAY NIGHT LOCATION:
FLAMINGO GARDENS**

ADDRESS:

3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie

CLUB INFORMATION:

The following sounds like a nice day trip and also offers a very substantial savings if you are in the market for bonsai items for your expanding bonsai and gardening needs. (And who

isn't !!!).or gifts. Ho Ho Ho The Holidays are coming or is that Hoe Hoe Hoe for us Bonsai people. Hee Hee Hee.

We have reprinted the newsletter with Mr. Schley's kind permission.

Winter Festival Event!!!

Hello all you bonsai lovers out there!!

Sorry there was a couple of months break in newsletters. There were personal health issues that had to be remedied, not to mention trees that needed to be attended to! Busy busy! For those of U on facebook, we now have a face book name called "schleys bonsai" look us up and become our friend! I'm going to be putting pics up on a reg basis, new things I'm trying. Specials I'm working on, local events we will be attending and so much more! Its also a great way to get IM questions and answers if I happen to be on facebook, which I am an awful lot. Friend request me today! I'm trying to get over 1000 friends in the next few weeks so I can let everyone know about the event. It should be the biggest I've had yet!

More about the event later .

Right now it is still hot here in Florida, but it is going to cool down fast. Supposed to get into low fifties this weekend. What a change from the 75 nights and mid 90s for the past 5 months! And the trees will show that as well. It's not the days that typically make a tree start to go dormant down here, it's the night temps. I've already noticed the hornbeams, elms, and maples start to change, and that is because about a week and a half ago we had a 60 degree night. They will all start to change very soon. But remember, some types of trees you are going to have to put to bed. Once the maples (trident, red maples, and Japanese) start to change colors here in Florida, I defoliate them completely, put them in a shady spot, and keep them dryer. It helps put them to bed where otherwise they may continue to keep leaves on and just struggle to grow. That will sap the vigor and after a few years can even result in branch tip death or failing of complete tree. I usually do this at end of Nov. and beginning of Dec., but I wait till trees tell me they are tired. If you do it too soon they will re-sprout like you are defoliating in June, which is not what we are going for at this time of year. I also defoliate cypress, Chickasaw plums, and crepe myrtles, and others but only after leaves have started to

change. Then I have all winter to wire, and repot the sleeping beauties.

You should also still be feeding this time of year everything with leaves that will keep them in winter. The deciduous trees are going to bed, they will not require any food once leaves start to change. They will be using reserves they got all year during active growth.

You should, on the other hand, cut down on nitrogen considerably on all hardy trees in winter. I use a winter or fall fert mix with low first number on broadleaf evergreens like Ilex shillings, simpsons stopper, walters viburnum podocarpus, and others. These still make photosynthesis this time of year, but are not making many new leaves. Limiting nitrogen will help keep them healthy, but not encourage new, tender growth that can be nipped off at first freeze.

The evergreens are going to take off this time of year, those I give more nitrogen to, and if the tropicals are getting enough light and heat those as well. They will continue to grow all winter so long as they don't get too cold or upset. Tropicals don't go "dormant" they just get peeved they are not getting

enough heat to the roots or sunlight seeing that angle of sun changes so much here verses where they get little or no variance in sunlight , water and heat in native areas.

Once things cool down, it is a great time to clean up benches for season, get ready for those couple of cold nights we have here in central Florida, and look into which trees you are going to be doing carving, wiring, and heavy trimming on. The deciduous, junipers, pines , cedars , and other conifers are to be worked on in the winter , when the roots are cooler and growing . This is when you can actually trim more than 30% of foliage and do heavy wiring, carving on most hardy trees. In January, repotting season gets kicked into high gear! be prepared! Speaking of being prepared, I know just where you can get your pots, soil, stock, tools, wire, etc for the coming season, holidays, and new year, right to the exact day!

**On November 15th 10-7 at
SCHLEY'S BONSAI & SUPPLIES!**

**Bring your friends and family!
Free Food! Free Drinks!!
Everything in Nursery 50% off!!
EVERYTHING!!!**

We have never had a sale like this and will probably never have one again. I have been kicking around this idea for years, just never had the heart to sell so many things at a loss. THE way I see it, something MAJOR has to happen to get people in the doors, and THIS IS IT!

I've been here now for 7 years, I have been refining and improving stuff for seven years here and the place looks great, come and see it if you haven't come lately, if anything, come for the free food! This is a **ONE DAY ONLY** event. I will not do this again for at least a year. Come on by ! IF you'd like, Email me if you are coming so I can be sure to have enough for everyone who is coming.

We are going to have :

Free Food !!!

Free Drinks!! (non-alcoholic)

Door Prizes!!

A Guest Bonsai styling artist!!

TBD

Raffles!

**EVERYTHING IN THE
NURSERY POTS ,
SPECIMENS, TOOLS, BOOKS ,
FERTILIZER , MUDMEN**

ALL 50% OFF!!!!!!

This is going to be the biggest sale event this November in Volusia County so come on by !!!! Call TO RSVP so I know you are coming ! Tell all your friends!! Holiday season is coming !! Think about gifts now!!! Hope to see you all there !!

November 15th! 10-7pm or when last one leaves the shop! be there or be square!

BOOK INFORMATION

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

PHOTOS OF LAST MONTHS PROGRAM

BY: Bob Yarling







AREA BONSAI EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday – November 10th – 7:30 PM

Bonsai Society of Miami

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden,
Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables
www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Saturday – November 21st 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 – November 28th – 11:30 AM

Broward Bonsai Society,

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

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Lighthouse Bonsai Society

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

Tuesday – November 3rd, – 7:00 PM

Society of the Palm Beaches

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

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