

Bonsai Post



January 2006

Treasure Coast Bonsai Society

Presidents Message

By: Jim Van Landingham

The holidays are over and we have another new year ahead of us. I am excited to think about the possibilities for the year. We have three visiting artist coming to see us provided by BSF and we have EPCOT from the middle of April to the end of May. The BSF Convention is in Gainesville over the Memorial Day Weekend in May. Early on, we have the trip to the Adams Ranch this month. We have the Heathcote Plant Sale in November along with the yearlong upkeep of the garden.

In addition to the above, there has been some talk about going to Mary Madison's place in Lake Placid this year. Trips to her place in Homestead were always fun. She did a great program for us last year on buttonwoods.

Due to the hard work of the club members, our treasury looks very good going into the year. This is a totally different situation than we had when I was last President in year 2000. Our options to have bonsai fun are wide open as far as I am concerned. All we need are ideas that make good "fiscal and fun" sense and we should be able to fit them in over the next two years.

Make sure that you get your dues paid to Narelle Robbins. The rates are as follows:

Family Membership: \$25.00

\$15.00 (does not include
BSF Membership)

Single Membership: \$20.00

\$10.00
(does not include BSF Mem-
bership)

December 31 was the deadline for getting the first 2006 issue of the BSF Magazine.

I would like to thank the officers of the club for their guidance of the club over the past two years. I hate to think about negative things, but we did have three hurricanes to contend with during this period. We came out healthy, with a few lost plants and pots which gives us the opportunity to acquire more trees to fill up the spaces on the bench. Isn't this fun!!!!!!

Now is the time to start thinking of bonsai to display at Heathcote in November and at EPCOT in April of 2007. We have a lot of good bonsai in our area to "show off", so we need to get "crackin'" now to show our stuff off in the future.

Speaking of the future, I am looking to identify the next president of the club. If you have any thoughts or interest in this, please talk to me. I think that it is important to have a smooth transition into the future. This is a great learning experience which will insure the longevity of the club.

-JVL

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Calendar of Events

January 10: Tuesday, January 10 will be our regular monthly TCBS Meeting at the St. Lucie Agriculture Center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. and things usually wrap up by 9:30. Robert Pinder will be doing a program on elms. Members are encouraged to bring any elms that they have for discussion.

January 14: Ben Oki will visit our club on Saturday, January 14. The meeting will be held at the St. Lucie Ag Center on Picos Road, which is our regular meeting place, at 7:00pm. We will get Ben to do a quick Demo on a tree which will be raffled at the meeting. Ben will be doing a workshop for 10 people. The 10 participants will be selected at our regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10.

For our new members, Ben has been visiting Florida for the past 30 or so years. He was trained by John Naka and does a fantastic job with our tropicals. In my opinion, he is one of the better tropical bonsai stylist that has visited us. His program will be very informative and fun. We always enjoy Ben's visit to our club, so make an extra effort to be at this meeting.

January 22: Sunday, January 22 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.- Dura-Stone will hold their monthly bonsai under the Oaks. Remember it is on the fourth Sunday of the month, not the last Sunday of the month. There are five Sundays this month, so it can get confusing. Be sure to bring a tree to work on, and food for lunch. It is sure to be a fun day.

January 28: We just got clearance from Mr. Adams to go collecting again this year. The date is Saturday, January 28. We will meet at the Ag Center (our regular meeting place) at 7:00 am and then caravan out to the ranch. Bud seems to really enjoy us coming out each year. He was very willing to let us do it again when I talked to him.

We need to be ever mindful that this is a special privilege that we have with Bud. He was one of the original members of the Treasure Coast Club with Jim Smith.

So with this in mind, please be respectful to Bud and his property. We want to go collecting at his place for years to come. With that said, let's go have a "mountain top" experience.



Pictures From Past Bud Adams Collecting Trip



The group chatting before the collecting begins



Cars Parked and Ready to Go



The Big Catch of the Day. Two years later the tree is alive and healthy and beginning its initial styling.

Treasure Coast Activities for 2006

- January 10:** Regular Meeting- Robert Pinder Demo
- January 14 (Saturday):** Ben Oki BSF - BSF Visiting Artist Program
- January 28 (Saturday):** Adams Ranch- Collecting Trees
- February 13 (Monday):** Ted Matson- BSF Visiting Artist Program .
- February 14:** Regular Meeting
- March 14:** Regular Meeting
- March 25 (Saturday):** Nursery Visit- Mary Madison
- April 11:** Regular Meeting
- April 21 (Thursday):** EPCOT Plant drop-off
- April 22 (Saturday):** Member Visit- Stuart Denton Nursery
- May 9:** Regular Meeting
- May 26-29 (Friday-Monday):** BSF Convention Gainesville
- June 11(Sunday):** EPCOT Plant pick-up
- June 13:** Regular Meeting- Bonsai Photography Ray Malin
- July 5(Wednesday):** Suthin Sukosolovisit -BSF Visiting Artist Program
- July 11:** Regular Meeting

August 8: Regular Meeting- EPCOT Photo Shoot Ray Malin

September 12: Regular Meeting- Heathote Display Critique Jim Van Landingham

October 10: Regular Meeting

November 14: Regular Meeting- The History of Bonsai in the United States Charles Bevan

November 18-19 (Saturday-Sunday): Show- Heathcote Plant Sale

December 12: Regular Meeting- Christmas Forest Planting



Show and Tell

By: Jim Van Landingham

I first got into bonsai about 20 years ago. For the first 8 years or so, I freelanced and just visited nurseries and got magazines to read. Then I joined the Brevard Bonsai Society where they had a show and tell segment as a standard part of the meeting. I was too shy at first to bring in trees to show. As time went on I concluded that my trees were as good as some of the trees that were put on the table, so I started bringing in trees and showing them off. I felt really good about showing my trees and I think that this experience helped to get me totally infected with the "bonsai disease". With your help, I would like to institute the show and tell as a part of each of our meetings. So bring a plant to our next meeting and be prepared to tell your plant's story and share it with the group. You know they say, "a good bonsai tells a good story".



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**Come
Join Us!!**

TCBS Meetings take place at 7:00 P.M. on the second Tuesday of every month.

Meeting Place: St. Lucie Agriculture Center on Picos Road