

# **TREASURE COAST BONSAI SOCIETY DECEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**by Jim Van Landingham**

Winter is on it's way as can be seen by watching television. Since I don't watch television, I have heard by the grapevine that it has already been cold up North. It won't be too long before we will get our "winter challenge". We escaped the hurricane season and I vote that we keep it this way.

The plants at the nursery are looking good and I am sure that yours are looking good also. Jim has had me defoliating trees already with the thought that they will come back even stronger. This is the time of the year to get your plants repotted for the Spring growth that will start around mid-March. That is only three months away!!!! This is a good time to be thinking about getting your collected cypress trees potted up after Christmas. Remember to suggest to your spouse, significant other or parents that a nice pot would be appreciated under the tree. Also, a new tree is a good idea!!!!

I went over to the Ft. Myers Show the second weekend in November. They have over 100 members in their club. The exhibit that they had was outstanding and the programs were very enjoyable with a long list of presenters. Our own Richard and JJ Turner made their debut as presenters and did an outstanding job. We have a lot of talent in our club and it is rewarding to me to see our members reach-out and share their knowledge of bonsai.

The holiday season is upon us so, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Holiday season!!!!

## **HEATHCOTE PLANT SALE A SUCCESS**

**by Jim Van Landingham**

Ann Warren and Joe Verone "put on a good show" for us at the plant sale. Thanks to their efforts, we made over \$300 on the two bougainvilleas that Jim Smith donated. The display was outstanding with a variety of trees shown by our club members. We had a lot of interest in our display and we passed out a lot of club information. This is one of our best activities to get new members. It is interesting to note the number of folks that seem to be charged up about bonsai.....the future will tell how many new members that we will get for our efforts. The display is a good way to get to show your plants off. So, next year make sure you get one of your plants on the display table.....someone may even make a favorable comment about your plant. That is what it is all about.....creating something of beauty that others enjoy!!!!

Thanks again to Ann and Joe and all of the other volunteers that made this year's show a huge success!!!!

## **THANKS TO THE MALINS FOR THE "EPCOT SHOOT"**

**by Jim Van LANDINGHAM**

Our last meeting warmed the cockles of my heart!!!! We had so many nice trees to be photographed. In the process of getting Ed Trout signed up to do our program in April, I sent him the URL to see the photos that Tammy and Ray did. His quote was, "I'm glad I am not an EPCOT judge because all of the bonsai that were photographed deserve to be picked to be put on display". Don't forget, the applications are due before the end of this month. The application is in the last issue of the BSF Magazine and they are to be mailed to:

Peter Wood  
3284 Lordmall Ct  
Oviedo, FL, 32765-5146

For those of you that didn't see the photos, the URL is:

<http://www.treasurecoastbonsaisociety.org/photos.html>

Thanks again to Tammy and Ray for taking the photos.....do you think that we should do this again next year?????????

## **CHRISTMAS COVERED DISH DINNER AND A FOREST PLANTING**

**By Jim Van LANDINGHAM**

Our "standard" Christmas program on December 12 will be a covered dish dinner followed by a forest planting done by everyone which will be raffled. Belinda and Tom Kehoe have volunteered again to coordinate the food. So, give Belinda a call and find out what delectable delicacy that you might bring. The contact information is:

email: [bkehoe@brevard.gannett.com](mailto:bkehoe@brevard.gannett.com) (Belinda)

[tkehoe@brevard.gannett.com](mailto:tkehoe@brevard.gannett.com) (Tom)

work phone (okay to call): 800-633-8449 ext.3582

home phone: (321) 242-3582

This is always a fun evening of celebration with all of our members. We should be especially in a celebration mood, in that we did not have a single hurricane grace the coast of Florida this year.....wonder what this will do to our insurance rates?????????

**ADAMS RANCH DIG**  
**by Jim Van Lanningham**

The time is quickly approaching for the "dig" again. Mr. Adams doesn't get a new calendar until Christmas, so we have to call him after the new year to see if he will allow us to come collecting again. We usually do the dig on the last Saturday of January or the first Saturday of February. So, I will give him a call and put the information in the January Newsletter.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE**  
**by Jim Van Lanningham**

In order to make sure that you get the next issue of the BSF Magazine, you need to get your dues in to Ray Malin by the end of December. The rates are:

Single Membership: \$20

Family Membership: \$25.

This is really a good deal for all that you get.....a good bonsai magazine, a lot of good "sound bonsai advice", good fellowship with a lot of "plant lovers" and that's all I can think of at this time.....a good newsletter from me, maybe.....I keep threatening to have Charles show me how to do the fancy newsletter.....something to look forward to next year.....maybe!!!!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

DATE	PROGRAM	ARTIST	SPONSOR
December 12	Covered dish and forest planting	ALL	Jim Van L.
January 11 (Thur)	Work Shop	Ben Oki	Bill Zeigler
February 13	Demo	Rob Kempinski	TBD
March 13	TBD		
April 10	Demo	Ed Trout	JJ & Richard Turner