



### Presidents Message

By: Jim VanLandingham

We just completed a month with a lot of bonsai activity. Ted Matson came thru on a cold night and the attendance was only 15, but the instructions that Ted gave us was right-on. He is interested in tropicals, shohin and mame designs. That, of course, got my attention. He did a great job on three trees donated by Jim Smith. All three of the trees now have happy homes with the raffle winners.

The following night was our regular meeting night with Erik Wigert of Wigert's Mango Grove and Nursery. Erik has the only bonsai nursery on the west coast of Florida. It was interesting to hear how he got started in bonsai and the eventual development of his bonsai nursery. He did a workshop for us which was very interesting and informative. He is only 26 years old and is quickly developing into one of Florida's leading artists. He styled Jerry Mabus' triple trunk ficus retusa Kingman into a shohin which turned out to be spectacular. One of my guides of doing an outstanding styling job is when you take a raw plant and thru styling, you increase it's value by 10X. I think that Erik got close to this with Jerry's plant.....congratulations Jerry.

A lot of bonsai activity is planned for this month. Isn't this fun????? We have our trip to Mary Madison's this month and we also have Roy Nagatoshi coming on our regular meeting night thru the BSF Visiting Artist Program. Roy has made a number of trips to Florida and if you have not seen him, don't miss this opportunity.

Spring is about to get here for us. All temperate plant collection is about over. If the cypress, maple and elm leaves are emerging, it's too late to collect them. However, it is not too late to plan for next year's collecting season. Just tag those trees and remember where they are. Temperate tree collecting season is roughly from Thanksgiving till the buds start breaking in the February time frame.

The leaves on ficus Salicifolia can come off now. The old leaves will turn yellow and fall off when our growing season starts around March 15th. So, I get a jump on things and defoliate them so when the growth starts you have nice green foliage on the plants. I started defoliating the salicifolia in Jim's green houses around the first of February. They have leafed out like crazy. I am now starting to defoliate the plants outside. After defoliating, I trim the limbs to get the pad development going in the right direction. Without leaves, you can see the branch structure, so you can do a better job in the styling process. Have fun!!!!

-Jim VanLandingham

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO EPCOT EXHIBITORS

EPCOT recently made public their selection of trees to be exhibited at EPCOT this year. Congratulations are in order for TCBS and Brevard Bonsai Society members that were selected to show their trees. From Treasure Coast there were Charles Bevan, Joe Winkler, Jim Smith and Jim VanLandingham and from Brevard were Reggie Purdue, Rob Kempinski, Tim Watts, Gene Callahan and Ronn Miller. As some of you remember, some of the Brevard folks are previous TCBS members. There were 29 total trees selected with 14 coming from our two clubs. Quite a showing I would say!!!! One of my personal objectives a few years ago was to increase the quality of the bonsai in our two clubs. The question is, how are we doing?????



**POT RAFFLE THIS MEETING**

We were fortunate to have had some pots donated to the club last year and approximately 1/5 of them will be raffled at our next meeting, so save your raffle material for a later meeting. The value of the pots to be raffled is \$150 +/-.

Roy Nagatoshi will be doing a demo on a tree that will be raffled in addition to the pots. This should be a fun activity for all purchasing raffle tickets.

**POSSIBLE BUS TRIP IN APRIL**

Brevard is trying to put together a bus trip for April 29th. The trip is to Ft. Lauderdale to visit Andy the Pot Man, Miami Tropical and Tropical Bonsai. The price for the trip is still being put together. Think about the trip and we will discuss it at our next meeting.

**Calendar of Events****March 14:**

TCBS will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, March 14, starting at 7:00 P.M. The Visiting Artists Program of BSF is coordinating a visit from Roy Nagatoshi. Stan Orsolek is the coordinator and has done all of the logistics for Roy's visit. Roy has visited Florida a number of times in the past. He is one of California's premier bonsai artist. I am sure we will all enjoy him. He will be doing a workshop for us, so bring some of your best trees that you need help on.

He was at the 2001 Convention in Orlando and the thing that I remember the most is his critique of my twin trunk salicafolia. He looked at it and walked around the tree to the back side and said, "Jim, this is a better front". Of course, I was embarrassed to have a major flaw pointed out in one of my trees.....in front of at least 50 people. It only took a couple of weeks before I changed the front. The tree was recently on display at the Brevard Zoo in the Brevard Bonsai Societies display at the zoo. I am now proud to show the tree!!!! That is part of learning all of the intricacies of bonsai. You are never too old to learn.....right Jim???????

**March 25:**

Mary Madison has kindly agreed to let us come over and select trees from her place to bring home with us. In the past, this has been one of the more memorable trips that we have taken. If you haven't made a trip to Mary's, you have missed out on a lot of fun!!!! Mary lives in Lake Placid on US 27 in the middle of the state. We will be using private vehicles for this trip. Narelle Robbins has agreed to coordinate this trip for us. If you need a ride or have space for someone, please get in touch with Narelle to let her know. Her contact information is:

Phone 772-220-8187

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I would suggest that we try to get to Mary's around 10:00 AM and leave around 4:00 PM to give Mary a chance to enjoy her weekend.

**March 26:**

Sunday, March 26, Dura-Stone Bonsai Nursery will host Bonsai Under the Oaks. Jim Smith and Jim VanLandingham have kindly offered their help, so do not miss out. Things usually begin around 10:00 A.M. and wrap up around 3:00 P.M., so be sure and bring a lunch. Bring a tree to work on, and have fun!

**April 1 and 2:**

On April 1 and 2, there will be a Stuart Flower Show. Robert Pinder has agreed to chair the bonsai activities at the show. He will be needing folks to man the display and talk to the visitors. He will have a sheet at our next meeting for you to sign up to help in manning the display. We will be doing a raffle on both days. In the past, bougainvilleas in bloom are the best plant to drag the \$1 bills out of the pockets, so if you have a nice plant that you would like to donate to the cause, it would be appreciated. He will also need to get sign-ups for trees to be displayed at our next meeting. Look around at your plants and pick out one or two for show. This is a good way to let people know what you are doing with your plant. Be proud of them and show them off!!!! Spring time is amongst us, let's enjoy it with a good show of good trees that we have developed!!!!

**2006 Calendar of Events**

March 14	Roy Nagatoshi	Workshop
March 25	Mary Madison	Visit
April 1& 2	Stuart Flower	Show
April 11	Toby Diaz	50/50 Workshop
April 22	Stuart Denton	Nursery Visit
April 28	Brevard Bus Trip	Possible...being worked??
May 9	Ed Trout	Demo
June 13	Ray Malin	Bonsai Photography
July 5	Suthin Sukosolovisit	TBD
July 11	Regular Meeting	
August 8	Ray Malin	EPCOT Photo Shoot
September 12	Jim VanLanding-	Heathcote Dis-
October 10	Dorothy Schmitz	TBD
November 14	Charles Bevan	History of Bonsai in U.S.
November 18-19	Heathcote	Display
December 12	Christmas Meeting	Forest Planting

Note: If you are interested in hosting a meeting or have a meeting idea, please contact Jim VanLandingham at: [jimvanlandingham@vero-online.net](mailto:jimvanlandingham@vero-online.net) or at 772-569-9806.

**Raffle Table**

Do not forget to bring items for the raffle table, and do not forget to buy tickets to help support your club.



This tree sold for U.S. \$330,000 at a Tokyo Auction Last Month!



A tree shown at Bonsai Society of Brevard's last meeting in the Show and Tell by Rob Kempinski. Possibly the World's Smallest Juniper Bonsai? Rob thinks so. Note the berries it is putting out. Photo by Rob Kempinski.

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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