

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Almost another month has passed and the weather is getting hotter and with almost no rain. We are getting close to the rainy season, so hang in there a little longer and keep those plants watered. Jim Smith and I went to EPCOT on May 16 and trimmed the trees and they were looking good. As I said before, this year's display is quite good!!! We also just got back from the convention in Gainesville where we had a lot of fun. The convention was well attended and the Gainesville Club did an outstanding job for us.

I would like to thank Ed Trout again for his program last month. Ed always does a good job. He has a lot of bonsai knowledge and freely shares it with all. He is truly one of Florida's great masters.

MALINS DO JUNE PROGRAM ON PHOTOGRAPHY

(EPCOT Prep)

by Jim Van Landingham

Tammy and Ray Malin have a hobby in addition to bonsai and viewing stones and that hobby is photography. They have agreed to do two photography programs for us. One of the clubs on the West Coast of Florida had a program a couple of years ago where members brought their trees to a club meeting and the "pros" took pictures of their trees and then the photos were used with their EPCOT applications. I thought this was a good idea, so I approached Tammy and Ray to do two programs for us. The first would be a program on photography in general and the second program would be a "bring your tree in to be photographed" session. The first of these programs will be on June 13th and the second program will be August 8th. For your EPCOT application, you are sending a picture of your trees that you enter. So the selection committee is using that picture to select the 30 or so plants to be on display. Taking the picture in August will let you get a good picture of your tree in the growth cycle while it is looking good as opposed to taking the photo in December when the applications are due.

Right now is the time to start getting your trees in shape for the August "photo shoot". This year we had 4 exhibitors from Treasure Coast and 7 exhibitors from Brevard. I think that those numbers might be reversed for next year, so get out there and get those trees looking good! The EPCOT experience is super; Jim Smith can attest to that since he has displayed trees for all 13 years that the display has been done.

SHEILA HAYES PASSES AWAY

by Jim Van Landingham

Sheila died on May 20th after a short bout with lung cancer. She and Charles, her husband, were active members in TCBS. Sheila served one term as President of the Club. Charles always had the video camera running when the visiting masters came thru to see us. They both were very active in supporting the Japanese Garden at Heathcote. I can still remember them being "corner stones" for our outings there. Chuck has a commemorative plaque on the board down at Heathcote for his support to the Gardens. I recommend that we do the same for Sheila. Sheila, we will miss you!

CONVENTION IN GAINESVILLE

by Jim Van Landingham

TCBS was well represented at the convention over Memorial Day Weekend. The Club made a compelling statement at the convention by winning the "Club Nite" competition resulting in a trophy and a couple of hundred dollars for our treasury. All of this good work was led by Robert Pinder and assisted by Ray Malin and Stuart Denton; congratulations guys!!!! Bonsai is "alive and well" on the Treasure Coast!!!! We also had 4 participants in the sales area; Stuart Denton, Tammy and Ray Malin, Robert Pinder and Joe Winkler. There was a lot of good "stuff" for sale in the bazaar area.

BSF is trying to put together an abbreviated convention for next year and Ft. Myers has bid to do the convention in 2008. Stay tuned and plan to go to the next convention. They are always fun!

JULY PROGRAMS

by Jim Van Landingham

Suthin is coming on July 5th. Ann Warren is in the process of seeing if we can use the Knights of Columbus building in Ft. Pierce for this program. More on this later!

Mike Cartrett has agreed to do our program on July 11th. He will be bringing Jabotacobas for \$20, I think, to do a workshop for us. Mike always does a good job and he is entertaining as well. Plan to be there.

PROGRAMS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

June 13	Tammy & Ray Malin	Photography (bring cameras)
July 5	Suthin	Workshop
July 11	Mike Cartrett	Jabotacaba Workshop
August 8	Tammy & Ray Malin	Photography (bring trees)
Sept. 12	Jim Van Landingham	Heathcote Display Critique
Oct. 10	Dorothy Schmitz	TBD
Nov. 14	Charles Bevan	History of Bonsai in America
Dec. 12	All	Forest Planting

For the June program, Ray suggested at our last meeting that you bring your cameras if you would like and he will help you take "good" pictures with your camera