

Hi All, here is the July Newsletter!!!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jim Van Landingham

Boy is it hot!!!! Make sure that your trees are getting enough water. It doesn't take much, with weather like we have been having, for the pots to dry out. Also, it is a good time to think about fertilizing again. This is the growth season so "make hay while the sun shines"!!! Also for your finished bonsai, when the new growth breaks the desired silhouette, it is time to trim, trim, trim.

I had the opportunity to do 2 workshops and one demo for the Triangle Bonsai Society in Raleigh, NC. It was fun to see what is going on in bonsai outside the state of Florida. The folks were very enthusiastic and I hope that they learned a lot.....I sure did. On my way to Evansville, IN (Jim Smith's birthplace), I stopped by the NC Arboretum to see their new display of bonsai. There were some 30 trees on display in a very attractive setting. I also visited their greenhouses where they had about 50 nice tropicals that they were working with. If you get a chance, make it by there to see the gardens and the bonsai display.

Just a short report on Charles. He was in Melbourne for 5 weeks before being transferred to the Brooks Rehab Facility in Jacksonville where he has been for 4 weeks. He is recovering slowly. His appetite is voracious.....he eats everything that they bring. He is able to dress himself now with a little help. He has another 2 or 3 weeks before the left side of his body can bear weight, so he can start the process of learning to walk again. His cognition was affected by the injury to the brain and with the therapist's help he has gone from a 1st grade level to the 4th or 5th grade level during his stay. His spirits are bright and he is coming back. He should be clearing Brooks by the first part of August and coming home where he will most probably do rehab as an outpatient in a facility in the area.

MIKE CARTRETT DOES JABOTACABA WORKSHOP

by Jim Van Landingham

Mike Cartrett has agreed to do a jabotacaba workshop for us at our regular meeting on July 11th. Mike will bring the trees to sell for \$20 each. Then he will help you style the tree you select. Mike is always a lot of fun, so come on out and add a jabotacaba to your bonsai collection.

AUGUST REGULAR MEETING.....EPCOT PHOTOS by the MALINS

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I had a lot of good reports on the photo program that Tammy and Ray Malin did at our last meeting. That was the first of a two part program to make it easy for club members to get photos to enter into the EPCOT 2007 competition. The entry forms with photos are due by the end of this calendar year which is the reason we are getting ready now. So get your trees trimmed and fertilized so they are looking good for the August 8th meeting. I am looking forward to getting a lot of the TCBS trees selected for the display next year. Brevard had seven folks showing trees this year and TCBS only had four. I hope we do well in next year's selection process.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tammy and Ray for all of their help in getting good photos to show off our trees. It takes good folks like the Malin's to maintain a good strong club like we have. Thanks, thanks, thanks!!!!