

## **TREASURE COAST BONSAI SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

### **September 2006**

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**by Jim Van Landingham**

Boy what a picnic "Under the Oaks"!!!!!!! We had over 40 folks in attendance for Belinda and Tom's pulled pork barbeque.....it was outstanding, which was obvious by looking at the faces of the folks eating it!!! A hearty "thanks" to everyone for the food they brought and a special thanks to Belinda & Tom! The event made me think that maybe we ought to start a "picnic club".....uuuummmmmmm???? It was good to see Ray Malin and Charles Bevan in attendance. Both were looking fit and getting around well. It was fun seeing everyone there! I didn't even notice the heat??

September's program is a critique by me of the candidate trees to be shown at the November Heathcote Plant Sale. Please bring your show plants for the critique. If you want your plants critiqued, even if you don't want them shown at Heathcote, go ahead and bring them. It will make for a good program. I have asked Joe Verone and Ann Warren to host this event. This newsletter contains an article by Joe detailing some of their thinking on the event. If you have ideas, we can discuss them at the meeting. This is always a fun event to show our trees and get new members, so get involved.

#### **THE HEATHCOTE SHOW**

**by Joe Verone**

November 18 and 19 the Heathcote Tropical Gardens will hold it's annual flower show. Ann and I have been asked to host this year's show for the club.

We will set up our new tent with tables for trees to be raffled and for those members who would like to display some of their trees.

This is an excellent venue to show off some of your art work and perhaps entice new memberish into the club.

At the September 12th meeting, members are asked to bring in trees they wish to display at the show to be critiqued. This is a good way to get some expert opinions on your trees and should be a part of all our monthly meetings.

It should also be noted that at the show we will be trimming and shaping trees, so if you have some material you want to be worked on please bring it to the garden.

Last year's show was a little disappointing membership wise, hopefully this year will be a better turn out. Lets hope the weather cooperates.

## **SHEILA HAYES LEAVES PLANTS TO CLUB**

**by Jim Van Landingham**

We have picked up the plants and pots from Sheila's house and the plants have 5 weeks of recovery at Jim's nursery. There are about 25 small plants, 25 medium plants and about 10 larger plants. Jim and I have been talking about what to do with the plants; raffle, auction or maybe sell on ebay?? A couple of plants, with a little development, will be acceptable to display at Heathcote. I think that it would be a nice tribute to Sheila to have her plants on display. She and Chuck were staunch supporters of Heathcote. They were at most bonsai related functions at the Gardens that I attended.

We will discuss what to do with the plants and pots (about 10) at the September meeting. Don't let me forget!!

## **NEED FOR NEW DISPLAY TREES AT HEATHCOTE**

**by Jim Van Landingham**

The current set of display trees have been at the garden for over a year now, so it is time to refresh the display. I have talked with Richard Turner and he agrees, so this is an opportunity for new folks to display a tree at Heathcote. The display of trees that is currently there are a bunch of "good looking" trees, so we would like to keep the display at a high level. If you have a tree that you would like to display, please discuss it with Richard. If you have a tree that is not quite good enough yet, bring it to the critique this month and get some ideas on how to upgrade it to show quality. Maybe it will be good enough by next year!!!! I know that currently we have trees in the club ready for display, so don't be bashful.....let's put them on display!!!!

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

**by Jim Van Landingham**

As a reminder, here are the programs for the rest of the calendar year:

September 12	Heathcote Display Critique	Jim Van Landingham
October 10	Demo or Workshop	Dorothy Schmitz
November 14	EPCOT Photo Shoot	Tammy & Ray Malin
November 18 - 19	Heathcote Plant Sale Display	Ann Warren/Joe Verone
December 12	Christmas Forest Planting	Jim Van Landingham

Stan Orsolek, BSF Visiting Artist Coordinator, has advised us of the following artists and dates:

" A reminder that the 2007 visiting master season will feature Ben Oki in Jan., Suthin - Feb. 1-20, and again Aug. 13-31, and Ted Matson - March 10-26."

At the September meeting we need to select the artists that we would like to have, so I can inform Stan of our selections.

It would be good if we could also discuss at the meeting our thoughts on what else would be fun and affordable next year. Need some good new ideas of things that we could do. Maybe another display of plants other than Heathcote??? It is always fun and we usually get new members out of the shows. What about trips; they are always fun!!!

Are there any other "reach-out" activities that we need to be involved with. Garden Club programs are a good way for our members to get experience on giving programs. Do we have any "budding" presenters out there?????

It is time to start solidifying programs for next year. If we want Florida visiting artists, we need to get them signed up early before they get booked.

### **MIKE PAGE MAKES DONATION TO CLUB**

**by Jim Van Landingham**

Mike Page is from San Francisco and was the winner of the AoB display contest. He won a \$100 tropical plant from Jim Smith and in turn he has donated the plant to the club. We have selected a ficus Salicafolia for the plant to be donated to the club. At the September meeting, we need to decide what to do with the plant; door prize, raffle, auction or something else??????