

# TREASURE COAST BONSAI SOCIETY

## JANUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jim Van Landingham

Happy New Year to all. My holiday season was great.....got to spend some time with family and spent a couple of days on the banks of the Peace River (fossiling)! I hope your holiday was as good as mine. By the way, Jim did give me Christmas and New Year's Day off. With the weather being unusually warm, the plants are growing almost as fast and in the Summer time. Don't be fooled by the warm weather.....keep in mind that it only takes one freeze to wipe your unprotected plants out! So, take care of them.

Looking back on 2006, it was a good "bonsai year" from my prospective. We had interesting visiting artists teaching us how to create and take care of our trees. I particularly enjoyed our Christmas program with all of the good food and the forest planting that followed. Good work by all!!!! A special thanks to Joe Verone for being the guinea pig putting the forest together the first time. Jim Smith is very talented with putting a forest together. He even told me once that the forest planting, for him, is the style that he enjoys most. Congratulations to Richard Turner for winning the planting in the raffle. We also have a good year lining up for this year, so stay tuned for the list of programs coming up. We are in an enviable position because we have such a good list of artists to choose from.

I could use some help in three areas:

1) I am still looking for a candidate or candidates to be president of the club next year. I know that we have leadership talent in the club in this area. I feel that we need good leadership to keep the club healthy and to continue into the future. We can use 2007 as a training opportunity to get the new person up to speed to take over in 2008. If you would like to be a candidate or know someone that would be good in this position, please pass the names on to me.

2) I just read the Bonsai Society of Miami's Newsletter. It is well done and I think that our club deserves a newsletter like theirs. Charles is recovering very well, but he is going to graduate from high school in five months, so we need some new blood. I will do all of the writing, which I don't have much of a problem with, but putting into a good looking format is not in me. I will be glad to help get the new editor set up with a good program to get this project kicked off, so the club gets what we deserve!! If you can help, please get in contact with me.

3) I would just like to mention that if you don't receive the newsletter in time, please get in touch with me to see if you have been dropped off the mailing list. This has happened to me a couple of times, which I don't understand, but it happens!!! So, just send me an email or call me and ask what is going on????? [jimvanlandingham@vero-online.net](mailto:jimvanlandingham@vero-online.net) (321) 514-3738

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please get in touch with Ray Malin and take care of that so you can enjoy 2007 with us!

**BEN OKI TO VISIT ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**by Jim Van Landingham**

Ben will be visiting us on Thursday nite, so we will not be having a meeting on our regular nite. Ben will be at the Ag Center at 7:00 pm. He will be doing a workshop for us, so bring a tree for him to work on. Ben is one of the most fun visiting artists that have been to visit us. He does a great job on our tropicals and can teach you a lot about styling your trees. It will be a fun nite, so don't miss it!!

**PROGRAMS FOR 2007**

DATE	ARTIST	PROGRAM	HOST
January 9	No Meeting		
January 11 (Thur)	Ben Oki	Workshop	Bill Zeigler
February 13	Rob Kempinski	Demo	
March 13	Vlad Foursa	Demo	
April 10	Ed Trout	Demo	JJ & Richard Turner