

Clippings



The newsletter of the
Treasure Coast Bonsai Society

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Photos and pots and trees, oh my!

By Tom Kehoe

November's program is a two-for-one deal: A chance to get a professional-quality portrait of your favorite trees, and a lesson in the proper pairing of tree to pot.

Flashback to 2007: Members of the Treasure Coast Bonsai Society provided 16 of the 30 trees for the annual EPCOT bonsai show. The entry photos of those trees were kindly taken by Ray and Tammy Malin. Here's our chance to again show the superb quality of the trees raised by TCBS members.

In essence, the EPCOT show is as much a photo show as a bonsai show. To get a tree into the show, you need a great photo. And that's where Ray and Tammy come in. They take GREAT photos.

Bring your favorite trees (one or two only, please), those that you think might make it into the EPCOT show, and during the meeting, the Malins will make a portrait of them.

And while you're waiting, JJ Turner will explain everything you always wanted to know about potting bonsai, but were afraid to ask.



Photos by Ray and Tammy Malin

These magnificent trees were photographed by Ray and Tammy Malin so that the trees could be submitted for entry to the 2007 EPCOT display.

Glazed or natural, round or oval, rectangular or square, deep or shallow, pots come in bewildering array of shapes, sizes and colors. And being able to pair the perfect pot to a prized tree is an art in its own rite, with its own set of rules. Here's a chance to practice them.

To help out with the lesson, please bring a favorite pot that you can discuss.



A few quick notes:

Our friends at the Bonsai Societies of Florida want to remind everyone that the 36th annual state convention is scheduled for March 20-22 at the Ramada Orlando Celebration Resort.

Suthin Sukosolvisit and Boon Manakitivi-part are headlining the convention. Each will do four workshops, with materials ranging from Mexican Cypress

and Saunders boxwood, to black pine and Ficus Retusa.

Our own Jim Smith and Jim VanLandingham will conduct demos.

For full details, go to <http://www.bonsai-bsf.com/events/2009/convention/registration.php>.

– December’s meeting of the Treasure Coast Bonsai Society will fea-

ture our annual holiday celebration and forest planting. It’s always a blast, and some lucky member walks away with a gorgeous forest.

– Catch the holiday issue of *Spaces* magazine, a locally produced journal devoted to home and garden in Central Florida.

The issue features a nine-page spread on bonsai, and focuses on local artists including Jim Smith and Rob Kempinski.



Ben Oki photo

Renowned bonsai artist Ben Oki will visit TCBS on Monday, January 26. Because it’s not one of our regular meeting nights, the location will be announced.

About Treasure Coast Bonsai

The Treasure Coast Bonsai Society is a non-profit, educational organization for the advancement of the art of bonsai.

All are welcome to join.

It meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lucie Agriculture Center at 8400 Picos Road, Fort Pierce, Florida.

Meetings feature a demonstration or workshop on some aspect of the art of creating bonsai, a raffle, some snacks, and fellowship with a very dedicated group of bonsai artists.

The TCBS website is at www.treasurecoastbonsaisociety.org. The webmaster is Tammy Malin, 772-466-0054.

There are two study groups associated with the club: One on the fourth Sunday of each month at the Dura-Stone Nursery in Vero Beach (contact Jim Smith at james@gate.net), and one on the second Sunday of each month at Dragontree Bonsai in

Palm City (contact Robert Pinder at dragontree@bellsouth.net).

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