



Bonsai Society of Brevard

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Meeting Time is 1:00 PM

November Program

This month's program will be Dorothy Schmitz and Ernie Fernandez doing a duel demo on nice junipers. This couple is fantastic bonsai artists who share their experience and always present a great show.

Presidents Message

By Ronn Miller

First, I would like to say thank you to all that participated in the 5th annual show at the zoo. I believe that it was our best effort up to now. I received an abundance of feedback from the public on how they appreciated the show. There were many spectacular trees this year. I think that most of the trees would be candidates for any convention exhibit. A special thanks to all who got there early to set up and to all that stayed to help everyone pack up. Mike Cartrett and Barbara say that they are appreciative of all of the help that they get from us.

It is important that we please pay our dues at the next meeting so we can get our registrations in by the end of the year.

Elections

We have our elections for officers coming up at the next meeting. We are doing something a little different this year. I hope it will be an improvement for the selection process over the past elections. We are going to use a nomination committee system that will work as follows. The Nominating Committee helps identify the candidates with the best qualifications to fill a variety of volunteer roles. It will also insure that the folks nominated are willing to run for a position before the meeting. Additionally, it will insure that a list of names is ready before the meeting. In the past, we have just come up with names at the meeting and then voted on them. It will also make it available for someone that cannot to be at this meeting and wants to run. Dr Bob Mandel has volunteered to head the committee. Members, who would like to volunteer for a particular office seat, please contact Dr Bob by email or phone before the meeting.

His email is: wood-doc@cfl.rr.com Phone 321-777-3150

The following is a brief explanation of positions and duties:

President--Responsible for organizing meetings, events and second signature on checks.

Vice President-Responsible for programs, material and support president

Treasure--Responsible for accountability of spending and income for the club.

Secretary--Responsible for recording of minutes of meetings.

Corresponding Secretary—Responsible for maintaining current membership lists.

October Meeting

Mike Rogers did a great job with a Ficus retusa “Kin Min.”



Mike spent some time studying the tree before beginning.

Show & Tell

Since the subject was Ficus, members brought in examples.



Robert Block



Bill Crabtree won the raffle. (Gene Callahan was not there)



Rob Kempinski brought in a Russian Olive,



Donnie E with a Ficus



A long table of Show & Tell trees.

Zoo Display Decorated for All Hallows Eve



Mike Wright brought in a Jade he worked on at the last meeting with Mike Cartrett.

Zoo Show



We had a nice sign at the entrance along with a Bougie in bloom.



Self promotion. Your editor's table with Ronn and Elaina in the background.



Large Bald Cypress with some visitors in the background.

You should have been there!!

Upcoming Events

WIGERT'S BONSAI 6th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Dates: November 12 and 13 2011 9am- 5pm daily

Location: Wigert's Bonsai Nursery,
North Ft Myers FL

Joy of Bonsai

Flagler County Extension Office

150 Sawgrass Road, Bunnell, Florida 32113

JANUARY 13-15, 2012

Friday 6 PM – 10 PM; Saturday 8 AM – 6 PM

Sunday 9 AM – 6

The Bonsai Societies of Florida

First annual Photograph Competition is open to all BSF Members at least 18 years of age and in Good standing.

Judges of the BSF Photo Contest and their immediate families are not eligible.

John Naka award

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Dear Members of Bonsai Societies of Florida,

The great American Bonsai Master, John Naka is known throughout the entire world as a wonderful teacher and a true ambassador for bonsai. Did you know that John was also the FIRST bonsai artist to tour Florida over 40 years ago as a BSF-sponsored speaker? John came to Florida quite often; leaving those he taught yearning for more and better appreciating the Art of Bonsai. He was a very important catalyst that propelled us to where we are today. We owe him much!

The American Bonsai Society has created a contest to honor John, and demonstrate how much his influence shows in our own trees. The John Naka Award is given every year to an artist who displays the influence of Johns teachings in the tree they have created, a requirement requested by Alice Naka, Johns wife. It is a very prestigious award!

I know that there are many, many bonsai trees in the State of Florida, created per the requirements of this contest, by artists who meet the criteria requested by

the Naka family. And because John had such roots in the advancement of bonsai in Florida, I firmly believe that we should have a significant representation of work submitted for this Award.

Therefore, I would request that each Bonsai Club in BSF consider selecting a tree from its membership to submit to this contest. The details on submission, and requirements are available on the ABS website at www.absbonsai.org. If there is any way I can help in this project, or you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at figus@aol.com

I would really like to see Florida Bonsai well represented at the 2012 John Naka Award ceremony in Denver.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Trout

Calendar

11/21 Regular Meeting at the Library.

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(Note: these are not paid ads and are provided for the information of members looking for supplies and material.)

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