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## THE NEWSLETTER OF



The Bonsai Society of Miami

### July 2008 - President's Corner

Hello Bonsai Friends,

After a real early wake up call on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, I was on the way to pick up a really good friend. Getting that necessary cup of mojo, the next thing you know we were on the turnpike heading for Cape Canaveral to attend the BSF annual State Convention. A couple of hours of driving and some good conversation we found ourselves there. Walking into the lobby we could feel that bonsai spirit. The first thing we saw was a large specimen *Ficus Nerifolia* owned and displayed by Jim Smith. In fact the exhibit was dedicated to Jim Smith. All of the years of his hard work and the love for his trees really showed. He had some spectacular trees on display.

The exhibit was wonderful and displayed many fine trees. Visiting some of the workshops, we found our own Toby Diaz working with participants on *Neeas*. What great little trees. He also conducted a *Bougainvillea* workshop. For those that didn't go, the workshop material included the *Neeas*, *Junipers*, *Podocarpus* and others trees that were very nice. The vending area was even better with a variety of trees, pots, tools, and just about anything else you needed. One of the best parts for me was seeing and talking to all my long time bonsai friends and vendor buddies. It was a great day (see pictures on the BSM website soon).

Last month, at the BSM General Meeting, we had an incredible demo by Ed Trout. His expertise and knowledge is so overwhelming I learn something every time. His material for the demo was *Ficus Nerifolia*. After seeing the tree he brought to work on, I couldn't understand what he could do with it and asked him why he picked that particular tree. He said 'I really don't know but there's something about it'.

Now let me tell you he's up to something after giving us a lesson on the importance of growing and working a tree. Water, soil, light, ventilation and fertilizer also trimming and repotting sure enough he took that four trunk tree and turned it into a three trunk and with some defoliation and wiring, it became a very fine future banyan tree. What a program! On behalf of the club we want to THANK YOU very much Ed for such a great job and spending your personal time to teach us such great lessons.

This month is Pizza and B.Y.O.T. night. So bring a tree or two and an empty belly. Come get some help if you need it and don't forget to bring your tools and wire. Lets have fun and eat some good pizza. Soda, water and other drinks will be furnished. If you can bring something for the raffle table it sure helps generate some needed funds for the Club. And don't forget to bring a tree or two for the display table and share your works in progress.

Have a Safe and Fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July and enjoy your independence...

See you at the meeting,

Glenn

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## **July 2008**

- 8th BSM General Meeting— Summer Pizza BYOT 7:30pm  
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd.
- 12th Gold Coast Bonsai Society, 9:00am  
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise
- 15th BSM Board Meeting 7:00 at Amos' Sports Grill (OPEN)  
US 1 & SW 104 St., All members welcome
- 19th Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon  
for more info call 305-258-0865
- 26th Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon  
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## **August 2008**

- 9th Gold Coast Bonsai Society, 9:00am  
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise
- 12th BSM General Meeting— Demo by Erik Wigert 7:30pm  
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd.
- 16th Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon  
for more info call 305-258-0865
- 19th BSM Board Meeting 7:00 at Amos' Sports Grill (OPEN)  
US 1 & SW 104 St., All members welcome
- 23rd Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon  
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## **September 2008**

- 9th BSM General Meeting- B.Y.O.T.- Prep your "Show Trees" 7:30pm  
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd.
- 13th Gold Coast Bonsai Society, 9:00am  
City of Sunrise Parks and Leisure, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise
- 16th BSM Board Meeting 7:00 at Amos' Sports Grill (OPEN)  
US 1 & SW 104 St., All members welcome
- 20th Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon  
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- 27th Workshop at Miami Tropical Bonsai, 9am to 12 noon  
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## BSM General Meeting June 2008



Ed begins work on his Nerifolia.



Ed removes one of four trunks.



Now he begins to refine the branches.



Mike helps Ed defoliate the tree.



Ed starts to wire the branches.



A "Master Piece" for the raffle table.

**BSM NEW BONSAI GEAR**  
*All with embroidered logo*  
*For donations at the next BSM meeting*

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| ○ Polo Shirt   | \$20  | Tool roll-6 pkt       | \$20 |
| ○ Cap  | \$15  | Tool roll/apron 10pkt | \$25 |
| ○ Work Apron   | \$21  | Wire caddy            | \$35 |
| ○ Club Super Pack : Shirt, cap,<br>apron, wire Caddy, tool roll (6pkt) | \$100 | Belt tool sheath      | \$10 |

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