

SHO FU BONSAI

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Joe Moreno and David Ebinger had fun playing to a full house at this month's auction which took in over \$2,000 for members and the club. More Photos inside.

Auction Photos by Barbara Bauman

From Our New President

Mopping Up Mud to Raking in the Dough

By John Petterson

We just finished a very interesting and successful year with many functions and experiences. We literally started out in mud with our January dig. The ground was very wet from the 2004 hurricanes, but we were able to find many collectible trees and I understand many are still alive.

The workshops and/or demonstrations were well attended and informative. When you have the talents of Ben Oki, Suthin Sokosolvisit, Mary Madison, Hal Mahoney,

Mary Miller, Erik Wigert, and Jim VanLandingham helping us with our bonsai knowledge and trees, you know you have had an exceptional year. Possibly even better, we had an impromptu demo by our own new member Roberto Gerpe and a special night of critiques and advice from Ernie Fernandez of Fort Myers. All in all, everyone in our club had many special opportunities to learn and participate.

We had our annual Selby show in May that was well attended despite the confusion caused by a competing photo contest. The proverbial frosting on the cake was our annual auction with an unusual lack of rootage, trunkage,

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PARTY, PARTY, PARTY

By Julie Trigg

Don't forget our Annual Christmas Party at our house on the 4th of December, starting 5 PM.

A lot of you signed up to attend the party at the auction, but if you were not there that night, we still want you to come to the party! Call me (355-9186) and I will put you on the list. So far we have 29 members that said they

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Next Meeting Jan. 5th
Program: Hal Mahoney
will be doing a penjing forest on a slab

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM Waterside
4540 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota
Board meeting Jan., 5th. 6:00 PM

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

November 3, 2005

New Business:

1) Joe stated that all announcements would be made after the mid-meeting break.

2) Introduction of visitors: Terry from West Palm Beach and Judy Gore, BSF district representative for our area. She is from Fort Myers.

3) Carrie reiterated the auction payment rules that all payments must be made by cash or check, and that no money would be accepted until the end of the auction.

Program: With David Ebinger as auctioneer, the main business of the evening got underway, and the plants, pots, and books donated by the members were eagerly bid upon by the members, with everyone getting a bargain.

Mid-Meeting Break / Announcements / New Business:

1) Nomination of officers for the coming year: After a call for nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that nominations be closed. The slate proposed by the nominating committee was unanimously elected.

2) Club Christmas party: The sign-up sheet and "bring sheets" were passed to the members.

3) BSF: Julie presented the club treasury a check for \$859.78, which was the amount earned by ShoFu members who worked very hard at the BSF State Convention.

4) Visiting Masters:

A-)Suthin Sukosolvisit will not be able to visit in January. He will be attending the wedding of his son in Thailand.

B-) Ted Matson is scheduled to be in Sarasota on Sunday evening, February 19, 2006. He will do a demo that evening, and hold a workshop on Monday morning, February 20, 2006.

5) Workshops: There will be no club workshop in November, but there will be one in December.

Program: With David as auctioneer, and with Joe labeling each item with the number of the bidder, so that there would be no confusion as to what belonged to whom, the auction resumed with active bidding and more bargains. Meeting adjourned 10:10PM

Respectfully submitted

Thelma Thompson, secretary.

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were coming. So, bring an inexpensive, wrapped gift to exchange with other members and bring a dish to share with about 4 or 5 other people. The club will be providing the libations and paper products, etc. Best of all, Steffony Wells has agreed to make Chicken 'n dumplings' for everyone, using her grandmother's recipe! **So be here or be nowhere.** Just heard from Mary Madison and she will be here as well! If you need directions call me. We are at 4014 Bay Shore Road in Sarasota.

A Short, Short Note from Joe, Our Past President

I would like to thank all of you for making our club a fun and exciting place to meet every month. I know how hard all of you worked to make it a success.

Believe me I know how difficult it can be to find the time to put into an extra endeavor like this. But all of you made 2005 a success and I look forward to 2006. Hope to see all of you at the party!

A Short Note from David, Our Club Auctioneer

By David Ebinger

I had a great time at the auction this year. We had a full house with an out-of-town guest from the Palm Beach area, and a new member thanks to Wallace.

After a brief election of officers (Congratulations!), the bidding began.

With Joe assisting, we moved right along. Not too many hurt feelings from the tree-that-got-away. Almost everyone purchased items, including my wife who agreed that we had too many trees already, but went home with the tree she wanted.

Thanks to all, especially the cashiers, headed by Carrie. They all did an excellent job.

A Longer Note from Carrie, Head Cashier

By Carrie Ebinger

Just a short note to give you a few details concerning the November auction. It was good to see that there were a lot of quality trees for sale. Am sure that everyone went home happy with their purchases.

This year there were only nine members who participated by selling trees or other items. This blows me away considering the many, many items offered for sale. We had a record dollar amount in sales. (Note: In 2004 we had 12 members who sold items.)

I would like to thank Thelma Thompson and Jean Schneeberger for all their help. Thank you ladies, great job! We BALANCED!

Oh yes, in case you missed it David slipped once and used the word trunkage. He got so flustered that he forgot to give away the chopsticks (No steak knives this year) that he had purchased as consolation prizes to the low bidder. However he did redeem himself and passed them out at the end.

Hope you have or had a great Thanksgiving!!!!!!



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Photo by Barbara Bauman

John makes notes, Judy and Vito pay close attention and Julie decides to make a bid during the November auction. We had some great items this year. Judy Gore, visiting from Fort Myers, snagged the best buy of the night with the purchase of a John Nakka book that Lois brought for an unbelievably low bid..

Our President, Continued

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and potage but with many fine bonsai going for fantastic prices.

Many of our members attended the World Bonsai Convention in Washington, D.C. over the Memorial Day weekend and then turned around and attended our State Convention in Cape Canaveral over the July 4th Holiday. Some of our members helped with various chores, especially Julie Trigg, who served on the convention planning committee. Sho Fu was rewarded with a check of over \$859.00 for her efforts. Thanks, Julie!

In October our club was once again well represented at Fairchild Gardens in Coconut Grove at the Miami Bonsai Society's annual show. (I suggest that everyone try to attend that show sometime)

Finally, we did dodge another hurricane and got away with a minimum of mop up.

WHAT A YEAR! And it still isn't over. Don't forget the Christmas Party at Julie's on Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 pm.

We are on track to equal or surpass 2005 in 2006, but we need participation and a lot of volunteers. More on that next month.

Looking forward to another great year.

Reminder: **Club dues due by Dec 30!**

If you haven't already paid your dues for 2006, please get them to Cindy Petterson ASAP. She has to send a part of everyone's dues to the state by a certain date and that is how you get the Florida Bonsai Magazine four times a year. See top left of page for Cindy's address.

Bonsai Calendar for November - Zone 9

■ **Weather Protection and Location**

Now is the time to prepare for winter protection for plants that need it, if not done last month.

■ **Watering**

Probably will not have to water as much, but do not let plants get dry. Watch out for dryness on windy days.

■ **Feeding**

Continue low-nitrogen fertilizer.

■ **Styling**

Low-nitrogen fertilizer should slow growth, so little or no pruning should be needed. Watch for wire damage. Styling and wiring can be done.

■ **Repotting**

Can repot junipers if they do not need to have severe root pruning. Others are podocarpus and boxwood.

■ **Pest control**

Watch for borers and other insects - spray as needed.

■ **Special Notes**

Another good month for preparing soil, cleaning and sharpening tools and cleaning used bonsai pots to be used in the spring.

Compiled by Marian Borchers & Marian Rousseau of the Hukyu Bonsai Society of Tampa

MEMBERS CORNER



Vito digs and digs. Several members lent a hand digging up an old Ilex Schilling at Lois & Tom's house recently. Joe took it home and reports that it is "now a beautiful shade of brown." Below is how it looked when we finally got it out of the ground! It would be a beauty.



After Hurricane Wilma

■ {Editor's note: this email came in from Larry Duke, just after Hurricane Wilma}.

Dear Friends, I don't have time to send an individual message to all of our friends at this time. We have suffered significant damage to our landscape and bonsai nursery. My wonderful wife Judy has nine weddings scheduled for this weekend with no electricity to bake the cakes. What is worse is that some of these cakes were ordered by the brides a year ago? I have to go into town to receive email so it may be a few days until I reply to your messages. Be Safe & Grow. Thanks for your support during this trying time. Larry

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