



# Bonsai Society of Brevard

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## Presidents Message.

By Gene Callahan

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! I hope that you all made a resolution to have better and improved bonsai at the end of 2008. To do that, we need to start this month and continue to work on our bonsai throughout the year. We will have many demonstrations and learning sessions this year to assist you with improving your bonsai.

This month we will have Rob Kempinski doing a demo utilizing a Rotussa Nidita. This is a good species and a well developed tree that I am sure Rob will do a super job with. Rob will not only develop and wire the tree, but will also pot it in a bonsai pot. The tree will be raffled and someone will have a very nice addition to their collection.

Ronn Miller is working to get some of Florida's best artists to visit our club and do demo's and workshops. He has tentatively got Dorothy Schmitz and Ernie Fernandez scheduled to do a dual demo in April. Dorothy is a newcomer to the Visiting artist tour, but has distinguished herself with appearances in Washington, D.C. and California winning the Individual Artist Competition in 2005, and doing demo's for numerous Florida Clubs. Dorothy specializes in junipers, and does a great job with them. The bonsai that Ernie develops are outstanding and we have an exceptional Ficus for him to work on. You DO NOT want to miss this meeting!

We will be discussing trips to Jim Smith's Nursery, Dragon Tree Nursery and maybe J.J. and Richard Turner's Nursery. Also, maybe a

trip to Andy's (The Pot Man) in South Florida. This is a way to buy cheap pots that are of good quality.

So, we should have a really good year of BONSAI ahead!!! ☺

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## Volunteers Needed for Zoo Cleanup.

We will be doing a minor renovation of the zoo exhibit on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month. If you would like to volunteer please let Rob, Reggie or Ronn know. We will get there about 8 A.M. and have to be done by 9:30 when the zoo opens. We will be picking up leaves, laying fresh mulch and cleaning the mold off of the display stands. The exhibit is a great success and we want it to look great for the public. As always, if you would like to display a tree there, get with Rob and let him know. RM☺

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## The Annual Christmas Dinner Club Meeting Had Lots of Great Food.

A great time was had at our Christmas dinner. There were plenty of special dishes brought by everyone. Reggie did a really nice planting of 5 Fukien Tea trees on a Florida Keys natural cap stone. My granddaughter Alaina, who loves to help me with my trees and is very keen on bonsai, was the lucky winner. I bought three tickets and I told her to pick one for herself and she picked the correct one.



**We filled up three tables with treats.**



**Great time was had by all.**



**Reggie prepares to wire in the trees to the stone.**



**Reggie and Alaina with a beautiful planting.**

Alaina has been helping me get my trees ready for the Epcot entries and on the way home from the meeting, she asked me if she could enter her forest. I told her that it unfortunately, would be a year or two before it will be ready.

(Note: Thanks to Billy Rhodes for the pictures.)

RM ☺

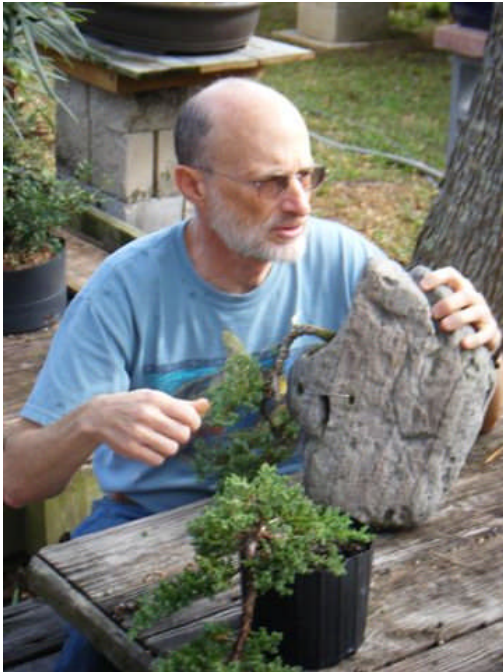
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## **Fun Time at Study Group**

Reggie sponsored a study group meeting at his house on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January.



**Reggie shares some ideas with Bob Biggs on his ficus.**



**Dr. Marty attaches a juniper to featherstone.**

(Note: Thanks to Billy Rhodes for the pictures.) RM☺

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## Morikomi Hatsume Festival

Billy has confirmed a date with Andy the pot guy for us for February 23. That date is also the Saturday of the Hatsume Festival. We can buy advance tickets to the Hatsume Festival for \$8 (\$10 at the door) but, we would have to buy ten tickets. We will take a count at the Jan. meeting to see if we have interest. RM☺

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## Joy of Bonsai

The Joy of Bonsai sponsored by the Kawa Club, will take place this coming weekend. Our meeting is Saturday but that leaves Fri night and Sunday to visit this great event. Jose' Luis Rodriguez Macias, from Puerto Rico, will be there as the headliner for workshops on Friday and Saturday. Sean Smith will be here, not only as a vendor and workshop presenter but also for the Friday night program of The Art of Display. Mike Cartrett and Mike Rogers will also be vendors and presenters. Other vendors for Joy of

Bonsai are Jason Schley, Glenn Partelow, and Barbara Poglisch. This will mean there will be lots of variety to pick up all your bonsai needs. Costs for the weekend are very inexpensive compared to traveling around the country for various conventions. The cost of Friday night's presentation is \$4.00 which is waved if you are signed up for the Tokonome workshop. The rest of the weekend is \$15 for two days and \$10 for one day. If you are interested in taking any of the workshops, you can find the information on our website [www.kawabonsai.com](http://www.kawabonsai.com). Try to sign up for those early since they are on a first come first served basis. The Friday night program will begin at 6:30 and the Saturday and Sunday program will begin at 9 AM and continue until 6 PM. This will all be taking place at the Flagler Extension Office on Sawgrass Road in Bunnell.

RM☺

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## Calendar

- 01/18, 19, 20 Joy of Bonsai, Bunnell.
  - 01/19 Club Meeting, Rob Keminski demo.
  - 01/26 Zoo display clean up.
  - 02/16 Club Meeting, program TBD.
  - 02/23 Trip to Andy's and Morikomi Gardens
  - 03/15 Meeting with Jim Vandlandingham.
  - 04/19 Meeting with Dorothy and Ernie.
  - 04/02 Michael Hagedorn 7P.M. Location TBD.
  - 05/17 Club Picnic. Location TBD.
- (Note: Jim V. and Dorothy & Ernie are tentative.)

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