



# Bonsai Society of Brevard

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## Meeting Time is 1:00 PM

## October Program

For our October meeting Mike Rogers of Deland, Florida will style a semi finished Ficus Kingman that is already in a Bonsai pot.

This should make a nice prize for someone.

## Presidents Message

By Ronn Miller

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2011 Art Show. It was a great success. Next up is the show at the zoo. Be prepared to get with us at the meeting for your information on how much space that you will need for your display. We won't need specific tree information at that time, but we will need to plan on how many tables that we will be using. Last year we had a great display, probably the best so far. We had tables in the center of the room with several trees that could be viewed from all sides. I will make nametags after you decide what trees that you are going to show. I can take the information at the meeting or you can email me with it.

It is not too early to start making preparations for how you are going to protect your tropicals this winter. Last year we had our first freeze in November. Let's hope that we will be lucky this year but we will still need to be ready.

The website is running and I have finally figured how to update the events calendar and I am working on posting the newsletters. Paul has set up a lot of links on the home page with lots of information on bonsai. Please send me any improvements that you would like to see on the website. See you at the meeting. I expect a rather large audience like last year after the art show. Donnie has purchased a very large specimen Ficus from Dragon Tree nursery for Mike Rogers to work on. Mike is a very experienced bonsai artist and this is his

first visit to our club. The Ficus will be raffled at the end of the meeting. It will be a showcase tree in the near future.

## Melbourne Mainstreet Fall Arts and Crafts Festival

Thousands of people saw our trees at the Melbourne Art Festival. We sold all of the starter trees and a lot of raffle tickets. I am sure that our Treasurer and Show Chairman will have a more complete report at the October meeting. These pictures are from Sunday since your editor forgot his camera on Saturday.



This Schilling's Holly was in front of our booth and got a lot of attention, even from those who didn't walk through the display.

## September Meeting



Portia helped sell a lot of tickets for the raffle tree.



Mike Cartrett was our speaker; here he is assisting Ethan Block with the design of a *Ficus microcarpa*.



This is a view down through the display.



A few of the trees that Mike brought for sale to members. The choices were *Portulucaria afra*, *Ficus microcarpa* and *Budicia spinosa*.



Chuck Dear chose was a Portlucaria afra that he worked on at the meeting.



Mike toured the room helping members with initial styling of their purchase.



Kathy and Vi discuss Kathy's Jade and how to get Vi's plant to that point.



Robert Mandel also chose a Portlucaria afra.



Lots of choices on the raffle table.

## Heathcote Botanical Gardens Bonsai Garden

Just a reminder that the Jim Smith exhibit at Heathcote is open. There is a small charge to visit the gardens that includes the Bonsai section.

Your editor had a training to attend in south Florida on 10/7 and stopped at Heathcote on the way. As it turned out, this was a free day.

The following are photos from the Jim Smith display including the stand sponsored by our club.



Stand and plaque sponsored by Brevard club.



Detail of plaque



Garden entrance.



View of trees near the entrance.



View of trees and pavilion.

## 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 John's teachings in the tree they have created, a requirement requested by Alice Naka, John's 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](http://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](mailto: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

## Show and Tell



Reggie Purdue with a Ficus salicifolia



Kathy Wotring with a shohin Portlucaria afra.



Bob Block with a Ficus microcarpa.

## Miami Bonsai Show and Sale

October 15 and 16  
Pinecrest Gardens  
11100 Red Road  
Pinecrest, Florida

(This is just south of Coral Gables and Fairchild Gardens where this show was held for many years.)

## Calendar

**10/15 Regular Meeting at 1 PM, Mike Rogers with a Ficus Kingman.**  
**11/5-6 Zoo Show**

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