



Bonsai Society of Brevard

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Meeting Time is 1:00 PM

August Program

Mary Miller formerly of Miami, now living in Mt. Dora will work on a *Gardenia jasminoides* 'Radicans' grafted to *Gardenia thunbergia* rootstock. Mary is well known for her work with tropical trees and is a pioneer of Florida Bonsai. Her book *Bonsai with Tropicals, Some Things I Learned Along the Way* is a must read for growers of Tropical Bonsai in Florida. Mary has a website and a newsletter that is free at <http://www.bonsaimary.com/>. For more on Gardenias in Florida visit www.university.uog.edu/cals/people/PUBS/ORNAME/NT/MG33600.pdf.

Presidents Message

By Ronn Miller

Thank you to Ed Trout for another enjoyable and educational program for our July meeting. For this month's meeting we are very fortunate to have Mary Miller. You will not want to miss this one.

Automatic drip systems are an efficient way to keep your trees watered. For anyone that may want to look into an automatic watering system for your trees there are several websites that provide information and sell hoses, nozzles etc. for drip systems. These are similar to the system that we have at the zoo. The websites are much cheaper than buying supplies from Lowes or Home Depot. There are several of us that will be glad to share information on how to set a system up. Here are the websites that I have bought my supplies from:
<http://www.dripdepot.com/>
<http://www.irrigationdirect.com/>

Our new website is up and running. We have just the basic site working that includes all of the

Bonsai Society of Brevard is a non-profit society meeting to further the artistic endeavor of Bonsai. The club meets the third Saturday of every month, 1 PM, at the Melbourne Public Library, Fee Avenue, Melbourne Check out the BSOB web site.
<http://www.bonsaisocietyofbrevard.org>

information that was on our old site. I would like to have suggestions on improvements that we can do and on additions such as members' trees and other additions.

Don't forget that the art show and the zoo show are just around the corner. This is a great time to show your art. Donnie will be the point of contact for the art show that takes place at the end of September. Reggie will be the point of contact for the zoo show. More to follow.

Please bring something for the raffle table and also bring a tree for show and tell. It can be a finished tree or a tree that is in a stage of development.

Last but not least, don't forget to bring that item that you might want to sell or trade to someone.

July Meeting

Ed Trout did a great job on a large *Bucida spinosa*.



Ed studied the large *Bucida* prior to working on it



The almost finished product.

Show and Tell

Since Ed Trout was working on a *Bucida spinosa*, a few members brought their own specimens for show and tell.



Donnie worked on this tree last month with Enrique Castano



Bob with a really nice cascade Ficus.



Bob Biggs is still into plants

Portia sends this about Bob who moved north. We are glad to see he is still active.



Lasagna gardens take over Independence Village

Independence Village in Brevard County is a beautiful community with a rich history. The village is known for its scenic views and excellent amenities. Recently, the village has seen a significant increase in the number of lasagna gardens, which are a popular feature in many homes. These gardens are a great way to grow fresh vegetables and herbs, and they are also a beautiful addition to any landscape. The village is proud to support its residents and their passion for gardening.

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.

Melbourne Mainstreet Fall Arts and Crafts Festival

This important event is scheduled for September 24th and 25th, with set up on the 23rd. In the last few years our club has had a major exhibit and we plan to do so again this year. Please "SAVE THE DATE" and plan to volunteer and provide display plants.

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

8/20 Regular Meeting at 1 PM, Mary Miller
9/24 – 25 Melbourne Mainstreet Fall Arts and Crafts Festival

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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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