



HUKYU BONSAI SOCIETY

of Tampa

This Month's Meeting—Christmas Party!

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Again this year, our annual Hukyu Christmas Party will be held at Marian Borchers' residence. Thank you Marian! All members are invited to attend.

The potluck dinner will **not** be Asian themed this time. The main dish will be a ham. Contact Vicki Yarbrough regarding what you'd like to bring. Vicki's number is 813-948-2835.

Officers will be elected at the Christmas Party as usual. 2009 will be an

exciting year for Hukyu as we have **six new memberships!**



miles south of Gainesville. At the end of the exit ramp, turn west and head towards "Brooksville"; in about half a mile, follow the sweeping turn to the right. Half a mile past the curve we are on the right. A tall wooden pole is on either side of the driveway; 18700 on the mailbox.

If you get lost, call Marian at **813-245-0237.**

Directions to the party: Take **I-75 to exit 293**, about 40 miles north of Tampa, and 80

Happy Holidays!

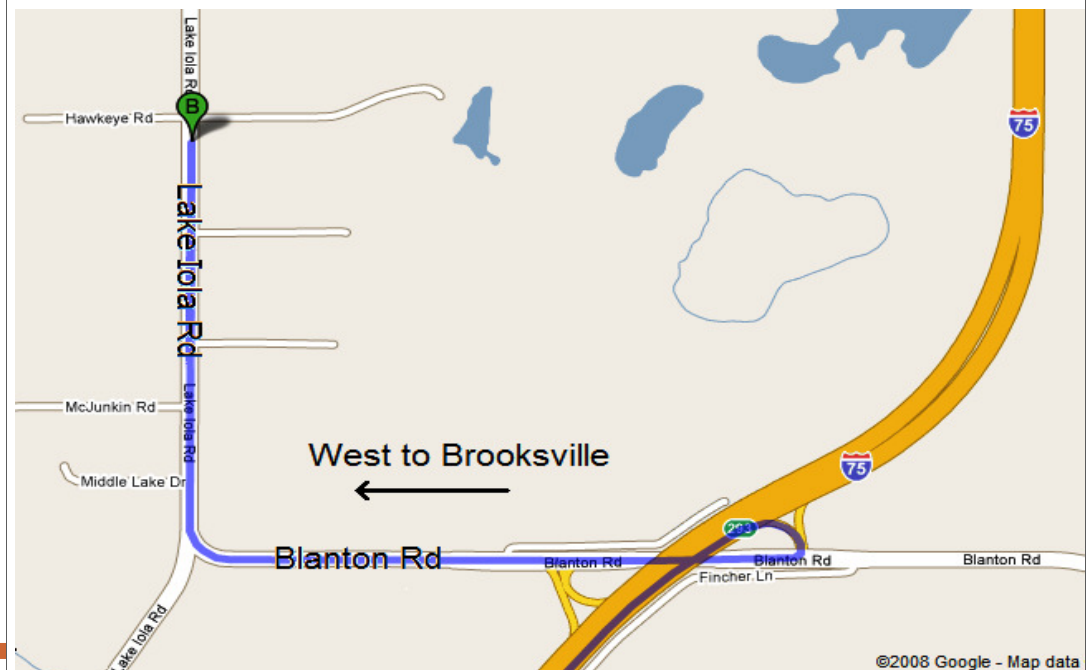


DUES ARE DUE!

- Pay at the Christmas Party or send a check to:

Vicki Yarbrough
23719 Lakehills Dr.
Lutz, FL 33559

- Dues are \$25 for an individual membership or \$35 per family.
- A portion of your dues are sent to BSF. If you don't pay your BSF dues, you won't receive the BSF Newsletter! **The BSF dues deadline is December 31!**





"Dante's Inferno"

Buttonwood (Conocarpus erectus)

By Robert_Kempinski

*39 inches wide, Chinese pot
Winner of the World Bonsai
Contest*

Photo by Joseph Mullan

Next Month

For our **January 17, 2009** meeting, Marian Borchers will present a **Phoenix Graft Demonstration**. She will supply the driftwood, participants should bring a "whip" size plant to graft into the deadwood. A "whip" is a very young flexible plant...tall enough so it will reach from the soil to where you want the greenery to appear on your drift-

wood. The stem of this plant will be fitted into a groove carved into the driftwood.

A buttonwood would be the best candidate for this grafting technique. It has been reported that young buttonwood can be found in the nursery department of Home Depot! Contact a club officer if you're having trouble find-

ing something for this excellent opportunity.

Also in January:

On Sunday, January **4th**, Clif Pottberg will be hosting a **bonsai soil** making "party" at his nursery. Follow the Christmas Party directions to get to his place or call Clif for more information.

352-424-6000

Upcoming Events

Jan. 17, 2009, 9am-12 noon (Saturday) - Sho Fu (Sarasota) will have **Ben Oki** visiting their club. ShoFu meets at Selby Gardens, 811 S Palm Ave., Sarasota, FL 34236 Contact: Mike Knowlton (941) 484-9952

Feb. 28 & March 1, 2009, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Selby Gardens' Asia Fest.

March 18—May 31, 2009 - EPCOT Flower & Garden Festival—email Paul Pikel (paul@orlandobonsai.com) for application & info. Your BSF dues must be paid up in order for your entry to be considered. Check with Vicki to see if **your** dues have been sent to BSF.

March 21 - 22, 2009, 11 am - 6 pm - Morikami's Hatsume Fair. Hatsume Fair features four stages of continuous entertainment including taiko drumming, Japanese tea ceremony, martial art and bonsai demonstrations! Also included are avenues of artisan booths, plant sales, anime dealers, a Bonsai exploration area, and Asian and American food vendors.

March 19-23, 2009 – Bonsai Societies of Florida 2009 Annual **Convention** "Bonsai in Florida Through the Years" at the Ramada Orlando Celebration Resort and Conference Center, in Orlando Florida. Guest artists will be Boon Manakitivipart and Suthin Sukosolvisit. See the article on page 3 for more information from BSF.

*Winter solitude--
in a world of one color
the sound of wind.
~Basho*



- The **BSF Website** will soon be updated with new content including an upcoming events section!
- Make sure your membership chair has your latest email and mailing address so you'll keep receiving your copy of *Florida Bonsai*, the BSF magazine!
- Good news for future members! BSF allows **pro-rated dues** for members joining after July 1 that year.
- **MEMBER POLL:** Is it okay to allow BSF to **discontinue the \$25 reimbursement** for visiting artist travel within the state?

December Guidelines for Care

Weather Protection and Location - All tropicals should be moved into protected areas during cold weather, especially from frigid winds. Remember 50 degrees is the danger point.

Watering - During cool weather there shouldn't be a need for as much watering, but never let the soil dry out.

Feeding - Continue using a low nitrogen fertilizer on all plants, only about once this month. Bloommaster, Bloombuilder, Magamp or other low nitrogen fertilizer may be used to "harden-off" plants.

Styling - All plants (except tropicals) can be styled, especially those that are to be repotted in January.

Repotting - Deciduous trees that have lost all their leaves (gone dormant) can be repotted.

Pest Control - Watch for borers and other insects - spray as needed.

Collecting - Any dormant deciduous plant may be collected in the Tampa area.

Special Notes - You should get pots, soil or any needed items ready for January potting and the busy months ahead.

BSF Board Meeting Report

As your District 5 representative for BSF, I attended the recent (12/06) board meeting at the Ramada Orlando Celebration Resort and Convention Center. I have a few things to report.

The venue looks nice. There is a lot of room for workshops, display, raffle, and vendors! It's immediately off I-4 on US 192 E (exit 64) so it's a very short drive for us in Tampa.

The deadline for the special early-bird convention registration price has been extended until January 1, 2009. I'm including the latest copy of the convention registration form. Please note that the mail-in location has changed, due to the resignation of Henry (treasurer) and Narelle (corresponding secretary) Robbins from the BSF board. I, for one, will miss them!

The current BSF president, Louise Leister, is planning a

very special Club Night event. Part of the festivities will be a 40th Anniversary party for the Central Florida Bonsai Club. There will be no scholarship competition this year and the club competition will be expanded, with cash prizes for 1st (\$500), 2nd (\$250), and 3rd (\$100) places. A revamped scholarship competition (patterned on the one held by ABS) will return in 2010.

The raffle will be hosted by an area of the state each day. There will be an award for the area that generates the most profit. Our day, Central Florida, will be Saturday. Please check around your house for any bonsai or Oriental-related items that you're willing to part with for this event! Books, pots, tools, plants (!), viewing stones, home décor—all is welcome and greatly appreciated! Contact me at trustee@hukyubonsai.com and I'll record your donation. I'll be in charge of distributing

the club portion of the profit (8% of the take), so I'll be carefully recording which club donations and raffle table volunteers are coming from! If you're a member of several clubs, please let me know where you'd like credit to go.

The Speakers Bureau asks that requests for Lance Laney visits be in by December 15. Sean Smith will also be visiting Florida this year. Clubs and individuals can select from his many talents for their program: Bonsai, suiseki, daiza carving, tokonoma and display stands!

Finally, The BSF Magazine needs articles. They are asking for each club to contribute one article per quarter. These articles may not appear in the very next issue but will be greatly appreciated and published when space permits! Long articles may be broken up across several issues.



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2008 Club Officers

- President: Gerald Wilson
- Vice Presidents: Scott Estes & Tony Sakaniwa
- Treasurer: Vicki Yarbrough
- Newsletter: Esther Searfoss
- Board: Clif Pottberg, Marian Borchers, Robert Yarbrough, Bill Henderson, Cathe Varn, Gena Derrevere

HUKYU SHIRTS & NAME TAGS

Contact Cindy Petterson @ 863-683-3555 to order magnetic name tags @ \$10.00 each. Contact Wes Miller @ 231-6837 to order club shirts @ \$25.00 each. We have men's shirts with pockets and a lady's style shirt. The name tags and shirts really look good at club events and club trips.

Do you have a special concern or interest you would like to see highlighted in the newsletter? Would you like to write an article, provide a picture or plant profile to share with your fellow club members? If so, please email them to:
newsletter@hukyubonsai.com

Are you in need of tools for our very important hobby? If so, please contact **Gerald Wilson**. He sells the **Joshua Roth Tool** line at a very reasonable price. See him at a meeting or contact him at: **813-655-9531**.