



Lighthouse Bonsai Society



Next meeting Sat. February 28, 9:00– 12:00 at Boca Raton Community Center
150 Crawford Blvd. **Please bring a delicious snack and something for
the raffle table!! THANKS!!!!**



Tree Talk
Winter Care for
Junipers
by Vlad Foursa



February Program—Team Competition
Join a team to create a beautiful Bonsai !
Work with your teammates to style a great tree!

*The winning team members will receive certificates and then all
the trees will be placed into a raffle. You could own the tree
your team works on and styles. Join the fun!!*

As always keep Juniper clean – remove all weak growth and growth from the underside of branches. Then balance the crown. Make sure the lower branches on the tree are as strong as the top branches. Do this throughout the year. Do not shear or pinch tips as it weakens the tree. It's a good time to repot Junipers. Don't completely bare root trees. If the soil is good and the roots are healthy rake some of the old soil from the bottom and trim hanging roots. Use tweezers to work the sides of the root ball, cut any circling roots and reduce roots that are getting too heavy. Small fibrous roots keep your tree healthy. If the soil is bad, bare root only partially. Plan to remove and replace all bad soil in two to three repottings. After repotting put the tree in the same place it was before. Putting it in the shade or drastically changing the amount of sun exposure will weaken the tree. This time of year the sap flow is slow. The bark is held tight against the wood therefore it is a good time to do major wiring and heavy bending/twisting on branches. Use wire that is slightly heavier in gage than the one you think will do the job. Junipers are very flexible, but also resilient – branches will return in their original place as tree starts growing if the wire is not thick enough. If you do heavy top work on the tree, then skip repotting to next year. The tree needs time to recover. Always do top work on strong trees. During the dry seasons spider mites attack Junipers. Watering overhead with a shower type nozzle is a good preventive measure to keep those pests in check. They are small creatures. To check for infestation hold a white sheet of paper under the branch and gently shake the branch. Look at the paper and if there are a lot of black dots moving around – you probably have an infestation. For heavy infestations use any horticultural soap or oil. Apply three applications with 7 days intervals.

Bonsai Artist
Peter Tea
To give a
Demonstration
For Lighthouse
Bonsai on
the afternoon
of March 14th



Peter Tea became interested in Bonsai in 2001. In 2002 he joined the Midori Bonsai Club and became the president in 2007 and 2008. Most of his Bonsai training came in 2003 when he met Boon Manakitivitpart. He signed up for Boon's Bonsai Intensive program after seeing him do a demonstration at the Sei Boku Kai Bonsai club meeting in San Mateo, California. Once he visited his garden he knew that Boon was the person to study with in the United States. After finishing his three year intensive program he graduated and decided joined the Bay Island Bonsai in 2007. In 2008 Peter started his own Bonsai business (Peter Tea Bonsai). He held workshops, study groups, demonstrations and sold bonsai related items. In 2011 he decided to change career paths and traveled to Japan to study Bonsai full time under Mr. Junichiro Tanaka at Aichien Bonsai Garden. He was an apprentice for over 2 years and with Mr. Tanaka's blessing he returned to the



Lindsay Shiba's second tree that he styled for us in the fall at an informative demonstration will be leaving John Evans' Bonsai haven on Saturday to be raffled off for a possible place in your collection. You have to be there to win!!

February is the last month to pay your dues and stay on the BSF membership roster!!!