



Lighthouse Bonsai Society



It's January!!! Time now to pay your Lighthouse dues!!!

Introducing Tree Tips!

Each Month we'll feature an article on Bonsai related tips from a Lighthouse Member. This month Tony Green talks about Winterization.

Next meeting Sat. January 24
9:00 till noon at Boca Raton Community
Center - 150 Crawford Blvd.
**Please bring a delicious snack and
something for the raffle table!! Thanks!!**

Here in South Florida, we live in temperate zone 10b, which is considered a tropical region. However, there are still some winter preparations we should take when caring for bonsai. Trees go into dormancy during the winter months, which means that their growth slows down considerably. For this reason, there is no need to fertilize your trees from late September through early March. Moving your trees out of the wind can help prevent leaf damage and discoloration. While winter temperatures rarely dip below freezing in this region, occasionally it can get pretty close. On those rare nights, you might want to bring your bonsai inside for the evening to protect them from low temperatures and cold winds--even a garage will suffice.



Juniper repotting this month!!!

Bring your Juniper (or other plant if you like) to Lighthouse on Saturday and learn the fine points of repotting. If you need soil we will have the finest soil mix available at \$15 for a gallon bag.

The slower growth of your bonsai during winter months can have its advantages. For instance, wire can remain on branches longer, giving them more time to set. This is also the time when you should remove the old fertilizer and top soil from your trees, and replace it with new bonsai mix just on top of the soil. So take advantage of this time and, most importantly, keep having fun doing bonsai.



Remember the two trees in one pot that Lindsay Sheba styled for us back in the fall? Well those wonderful trees have been living the life with John Evans these pasty months. Recently John was able to separate the trees and one of them will be raffled off on Saturday. It's your chance to own a Lindsay Sheba original.....but you have to be there on Saturday to have a chance to win!!!!

The Holiday Party was great fun!

