



# Lighthouse Bonsai Society



## A Note from the President

It is fall and the leaves are turning the colors of fire. The air is crisp in the early mornings. I know all these things are happening somewhere but we don't really get a break from summer for a few more weeks. Lots of activities again become available as we get into season as it is called. Bonsai events abound. This month we will have a visiting guest Toby Dias. We have had Toby in the past and he is a great artist and fun to work with. We will have a workshop so bring in your tree that you would like to share with the group or one you can't figure out what to do with and get a different perspective on it. If you have a tree that you would like detailed by Toby please pre wire it so we can use his time to get to all the trees. Last month we had a great raffle table. I cleaned out a part of my yard I had not visited in a while and found some more items that I will bring this month. Check under your tables and bushes and bring in something. If not Bonsai related, we all like to eat so bring food! See you there.

*Bob Holechek*

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

**Bonsai Celebrated Artist Toby Diaz  
is conducting a Workshop. Bring your  
wired tree. First come first serve will  
get the 12 spots.  
OR  
Just come, enjoy and learn!!**



Toby's Bonsai journey began when he purchased a small tree from Mary Miller's store "Bonsai Bench". He then took the next step as he began learning Bonsai with artists Carlos Consuegra, Lui Rayon & Mary Madison. His mentor Lui Rayon, would have Toby wire trees up to seven times in order to hone his skills, demanding perfection from Toby while he practiced appropriate bending angles and wire positioning over and over. Toby's Bonsai talent has earned him two BSF tree of the year awards. He has exhibited in numerous shows and has participated as a headliner in four state

**LINDSAY SHIBA was INCREDIBLE!!!!**  
He took us from what looked like one huge, fairly uninteresting tree to two spectacular trees at Ed Whalen's Clubhouse. Everyone who attended was so impressed with Lindsay's skills!!

The trees, living with John Evans at the moment, will be raffled off at a future meeting this year.

Mike Bloom was welcomed as he styled a podocarpus for us during the September meeting. We all enjoyed the presentation.

**Raffle Table, Raffle  
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