

Gustavo Burés

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Gustavo Burés, born in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 1966, was introduced to



bonsai when he was thirteen years old, at which time he joined the Club de Bonsai de Puerto Rico (CBPR). Gustavo started taking bonsai lessons with his "sensei" Adan E. Montalvo (one of the pillars of the Club de Bonsai de Puerto Rico and considered the father of bonsai in Puerto Rico). During that time Gustavo



became the youngest member of CBPR. He is one of the finest bonsai artists in Puerto Rico and also a qualified bonsai instructor of CBPR for over twenty years.

He has been fascinated with nature and plants from a very young age. Gustavo holds a Bachelors degree in Landscape Design and Management from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida. Currently, Mr. Burés has



a landscape design firm in Puerto Rico. Gustavo also teaches three courses on landscape design at two major universities on the island.

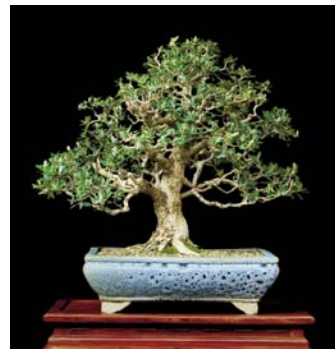
Mr. Burés is interested in Asian arts and has a varied collection of objects d'art in addition to his extensive bonsai collection. Many of his antiques and collectibles were bought while traveling in Asia.

He was part of the delegation of the first group

that traveled to China in 1994 to study and visit bonsai collections and Chinese gardens. The delegation was organized by Mike Hansen, former president of BCI, and represented by the USA People to People, a program of cultural exchange with the Peoples Republic of China.

Gustavo's basic bonsai philosophy is that everyday you learn something new from someone. Like all good bonsai artists it is important to keep an open mind.

He has attended several conventions throughout the states including: Washington DC., Hawaii,



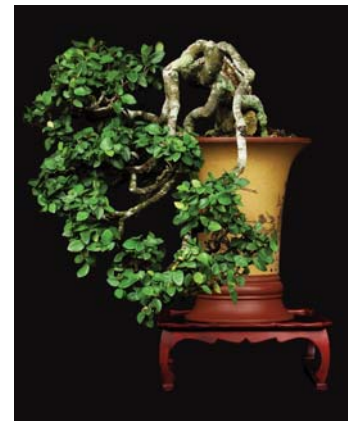
Chicago, San Francisco, Florida and Memphis.

He has attended the WBBF conventions in



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Seoul, Korea, Washington, D.C., Taiwan and will be instrumental in next year's event in Puerto Rico.



In 1992 while attending the BCI Convention in Orlando, he was awed by the exhibit and its representation of Florida species like Buttonwood and Bald Cypress.

While in Japan he attended the Kokofu-ten exhibit, as well as masters Kato, Takayama, Kimura, and Kobayashi and The Takagi Bonsai Museum, as well as master Joung Tae Bong of Korea. He

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also visited the collections of BCI President I.C. Sui and Amy Liang in Taiwan.

In 1998 Puerto Rico was the host for the BCI convention and Gustavo was one of the demonstrators. He also opened his beautiful garden for attendees to visit as part of the convention bonsai tour. Gustavo participated in this event in 2007 and will again for



the WBFF convention in 2009.

Mr. Burés has traveled throughout the Caribbean giving lectures and



demonstrations, sharing his bonsai knowledge.

In 2005 Gustavo traveled to China and attended the bonsai convention at the city of Chengkung where he had the opportunity to see the largest bonsai exhibit in the world.

Most recently Gustavo attended the ASPAC 2007 event on the beautiful island of Bali in Indonesia where he enjoyed the quality Indonesian bonsai.



Mr. Burés was awarded with the Chase Rosade design award for his



Casuarina bonsai in the exhibit at BCI 2007.

In 2009 Puerto Rico will host the

World Bonsai Friendship Federation where he hopes to see his many friends from Florida.



Gustavo has an eclectic bonsai collection including native and exotic species. His bonsai are displayed in a beautiful, tropical, Asian-inspired garden making this a very unique experience with a great sense of style and aesthetic sensibility.



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