

# NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

## February 2023

### NFBC Bonsai Events

- February 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
  - Bring your own tree, working session
  - Assist Josh with a trident maple forest project
- Soil Mixing Event to be scheduled
- March 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
  - Meeting topic TBD, ideas welcomed



A pine at Hidden Gardens Nursery Chicago

### Other Bonsai Events

- Kawa's Joy of Bonsai
  - February 3-5<sup>th</sup> 2023 9am-5pm daily
  - \$10-15 Admission fee
  - Registration available at [KawaBonsai.com](http://KawaBonsai.com)
- Epcot Flower & Garden
  - Bonsai trees will be on display March 1st – July
- BSF Convention
  - Memorial Day Weekend in Orlando, FL
  - Website active March 1st

KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY PRESENTS:

17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Joy of Bonsai 2023**

**FEBRUARY 3 - 5, 2023**  
**SCHLEY'S BONSAI & SUPPLIES**  
2745 AUDUBON AVE, DELAND, FL 32720

WORKSHOPS, DEMOS, AUCTIONS, RAFFLES + MORE

FEATURING

**JENNIFER PRICE**

WITH LOCAL ARTISTS

**MIKE ROGERS, MIKE LANE, & ABNER CRUZ**

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**KAWABONSAI.COM**

**\$15/WEEKEND; \$10/DAY**  
**VENDORS: \$50/WEEKEND**



### JOY OF BONSAI 2023 SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Exhibit & Vendor Setup
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Exhibit Judging & Awards
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Exhibit Opens   Exhibit Critique Light Refreshments Served

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM	Registration Opens
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>Workshop 1:</b> Bald Cypress Jennifer Price
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>Workshop 2:</b> Premna Mike Lane
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>Workshop 3:</b> Trident Maple Jennifer Price
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>Workshop 4:</b> BYOT Mike Lane
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Live Auction

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 AM	Registration Opens
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>Workshop 5:</b> Black Pine Jennifer Price
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>Demo 1:</b> Crepe Myrtle Mike Rogers
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch   People's Choice Awards
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>Workshop 6:</b> BYOT Jennifer Price
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>Demo 2:</b> Orange Jasmine Abner Cruz
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Live Auction

*Joy of Bonsai 2023*

## February Workshop

The meeting this month will be Monday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Since we have been leaving our trees basically alone all winter you're probably itching for some scissor time. Well good news, February brings our last frost date and the beginning of spring growth. Most trees are ready to be worked now and we will start the busiest time of the year.

We will have a very informal program this month. Bring whatever tree you want to work on (I recommend you wait to work on tropical trees for another few months). Let's help each other with pruning, wiring, repotting, styling, etc. This is a great opportunity to catch up on bonsai work that you have been putting off.

If you have a small collection, or otherwise don't have a tree that needs work, don't worry. I will be bringing some trident maples to setup a forest. I would love some extra input on the project and multiple hands to hold the trees are a MUST.

See you there.



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## January Recap

A huge round of applause to Jeanne for leading an absolutely fantastic Kusamono / Shitakusa workshop. The compositions came out fantastic and I hope everyone enjoyed learning more about this art.

Jeanne wanted me to remind everyone that, much like bonsai, these are not finished pieces. They will need care to develop over time and will reward you with continued beauty.



Attached separately is a handout from Jeanne that summarizes many of the points she mentioned in her presentation.



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## Workshop Opportunity

The St Augustine Garden club is hosting an Elm workshop on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>. Details are included in the imbedded flyer. There are still two spots available. If anyone is interested contact Steve Davies ([stmrdavies@gmail.com](mailto:stmrdavies@gmail.com)) for detail or to sign up.

*The Hibiscus Circle of the Garden Club of St Augustine is sponsoring a*

### **BONSAI WORKSHOP**



- Josh Brown from the **North Florida Bonsai Club** will be leading workshops on **Saturday, February 11, 2023**
- Participants will choose to style either a FOREST PLANTING (5-7 trees of varying trunk size) or a SINGLE COMPOSITION using *Chinese elm stock*.
- Tickets will be \$75 and includes tree(s), soil, wire, training pot and guidance from Josh on artistic and clinic techniques
- 2 sessions planned (9-12 and 1-4)
- All training to be held at the **GCSA Club House at 3440 Old Moultrie Road, St Augustine**
- **Limited spaces.**

Contact Steve Davies to reserve your spot now ([stmrdavies@gmail.com](mailto:stmrdavies@gmail.com) or 443-465-5818). \$40 deposit required.



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## Seasonal Advice

Winter is still upon us in early February even though it doesn't always feel like it. There have been some really cool periods mixed in with some mild Florida temps. A few of my trees got confused and just started to wake up early. Keep an eye on your trees to prevent new growth being damaged during cold nights.



Tropical Trees - We shouldn't be doing any work on tropical trees. Our primary goal is protecting trees as temperatures drop. A frozen tropical tree will sustain serious damage.

Deciduous Trees – These may start showing signs of “waking up” from winter. You will soon see buds beginning to swell and open for spring. That is your sign that the trees balance of energy has moved out of the roots and back into the core of the tree. Once this happens it's a great time to repot most deciduous trees.

Conifers and Broadleaf Evergreen Trees – These trees can now be safely repotted, trimmed and wired. If you do any real aggressive bending it is a good idea to protect the trees if temperatures drop below freezing. However, protection should not be necessary after a normal repotting and routine trimming.



BSF is gearing up for the 49th Annual Convention, taking place in Orlando May 26 to 28.

Congratulations to Hukyu member Dave Collom for winning this years logo contest.

BSF has negotiated special room rates (\$120/night) at the Florida Hotel during the event. BSF urges you to volunteer during the course of the weekend. This helps them offer a more successful convention, and helps YOU by saving you taxes and resort fees during your hotel stay! The convention website will go live on March 1, providing information on the headliner artists, demo schedule, workshop information, etc. Starting on March 16 at 8pm, you may register for the convention along with purchasing a spot in workshops.

2023 is an election year for BSF officer positions. All positions are automatically vacated at this years Annual Member Meeting May 26-28. The volunteers currently serving are willing to continue, however, BSF is soliciting self-nominations from the membership. If interested please contact [website@bonsai-bsf.com](mailto:website@bonsai-bsf.com)



## Bonsai Classifieds

If you have something you are interested in buying/selling please send contact information for inclusion in future newsletters.

### NFBC Membership

- Membership is \$36 for the year
- Visitors are always welcome at meetings and events

### Soil

- The cost is \$25 for a five gallon bucket.
  - o Supplies currently limited, pending pickup of new material
  - o Contact an officer if you would like a bucket brought to the next meeting.

### Trees & Supplies

- Josh has bonsai and pre-bonsai available. Please contact him at [joshuareubenbrown1@yahoo.com](mailto:joshuareubenbrown1@yahoo.com) for information.
- Ryan has broken ground on Komorebi bonsai garden. Please contact him at [Ryan.L.Northrup@gmail.com](mailto:Ryan.L.Northrup@gmail.com) to buy, sell, or get more information.



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