

NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

January 2023

NFBC Bonsai Events

- January 9th 2023 NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Guest Artist Jeanne Cosenza
 - Kusamono Workshop
 - \$45 per participant
- Soil Mixing Event to be scheduled
- February 13th 2023 NFBC Meeting
 - Meeting topic TBD, ideas welcomed



2022 Kannapolis Winter Silhouette show.

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KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY PRESENTS:

17th Annual
Joy of Bonsai 2023

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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	Workshop 1: Bald Cypress Jennifer Price
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Workshop 2: Premna Mike Lane
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Workshop 3: Trident Maple Jennifer Price
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Workshop 4: 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	Workshop 5: Black Pine Jennifer Price
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Demo 1: Crepe Myrtle Mike Rogers
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch People's Choice Awards
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Workshop 6: BYOT Jennifer Price
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Demo 2: Orange Jasmine Abner Cruz
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Live Auction

Joy of Bonsai 2023

Other Bonsai Events

- Kawa's Joy of Bonsai
 - February 3-5th 2023 9am-5pm daily
 - \$10-15 Admission fee
 - Registration available at KawaBonsai.com

January Workshop

NFBC will be hosting guest artist Jeanne Cosenza along with her husband Chris or our January 9th 2023 workshop. This is a great 2-for-1 deal with two incredible artists bringing their talents to our club.



This is something many of us are really excited for. This is the first time NFBC has ever had a Kusamono workshop!

Jeanne will be providing the material (Pots, minimum of 3 plants, soil and some moss). The costs of the workshop is an incredibly reasonable \$45. We have 19 people already signed up but Jeanne has agreed to add up to three more spots as long as you give notice soon. Please email joshuareubenbrown1@yahoo.com ASAP if you would like to join and haven't already reserved a spot.

Even though participants are limited, to ensure Jeanne is able to provide enough material, we encourage EVERYONE to attend. The program is free for observers and it is amazing what you will be able to learn just listening to the discussion. Observers are also welcome to ask questions to help everyone learn.

Guest Speaker Biography

Jeanne has been passionately immersed in bonsai culture for more than six years, volunteering as program director for the Suncoast Bonsai Society, BSF District 5 Trustee and co-chair for this year's BSF Convention Exhibit. She has participated in numerous workshops and studied under the nations top Kusamono, Shitakusa and Kokedama instructors.

Two years ago, as a BSF Exhibit assistant, Jeanne's reputation for making beautiful accents led to her being commissioned to make six Shitakusa displays for the exhibit. Her accent pieces drew such acclaim, it inspired BSF to create an award for the discipline and kick started her remarkable journey into the world of Kusamono.





When Young Choe, arguably the nation's leading Kusamono authority, sought out someone to represent Florida for her special Kusamono exhibit at the 2021 U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition in New York, two names kept coming up: Martha Goff and Jeanne Cosenza.

All told, Jeanne made 10 Kusamono displays for New York, and when a handful of bonsai entries were forced to drop last-minute from the exhibit due to Covid-19, Bill Valavanis used many of Jeanne's Kusamono to fill the void. Young was so enamored with one of the pieces that Jeanne gifted it to her, and Young promptly displayed it alongside Mary Madison's famous buttonwood at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum at the U.S. Arboretum in Washington D.C.

In 2022, Jeanne won the Best Companion Award at the BSF Convention Exhibit and has given numerous demonstrations on Shitakusa, Kusamono and Kokedama.

Help NFBC grow, join the board!

The NFBC is still looking for people to join the Board for 2023. We are still lacking volunteers, and may have to scale back on the activities we organize next year if we are unable to find people to help out.

Board members are in charge of the regular operations of the club. **You do not need to be an experienced bonsai practitioner to be on the board.** In fact, the NFBC appreciates the diverse, non-bonsai skillsets that its members bring to the board.

Current and past board members will make themselves available as mentors to new members taking on these roles. If you are interested in volunteering or want to learn more, please send an email to joshuareubenbrown1@yahoo.com. The club thanks you for your help!



December Recap

Our annual holiday celebration was fantastic. The tree decorating contest is always a crowd pleaser and we were fortunate to be able to have a big potluck again this year. There was a little something for everyone and it brought joy to our hearts and stomachs.



The Florida Bonsai Magazine

Presenting Florida Bonsai to the World

All active members should have received the Autumn Edition of the Florida Bonsai Magazine from BSF. For those that haven't seen it (or had it sent to their SPAM folder) you can follow the link below.

[The Florida Bonsai Magazine: Autumn 2022](#)

Winter Silhouette Bonsai Show

In the words of Bill Valavanis "... Winter Silhouette Bonsai Expo did it again". 2022 marked the tenth year of the event and they are already planning for the 11th event next December. Steve Zeisel organizes the event to promote bonsai and allows exhibitors to express their bonsai and creative displays in their winter appearance.

The show leadership has generously made professional photos of the exhibit available to the general public. Please enjoy some high quality photographs of outstanding trees.

[2022 WINTER SILHOUETTE EXPO - Google Drive](#)

Seasonal Advice

January is normally our coldest month and a quiet month for bonsai.

Tropical Trees - We shouldn't be doing any work on tropical trees. Our primary goal this month is protecting trees as temperatures drop below 45 for our most sensitive species (i.e., buttonwood, black olive, etc.) or the low 40's for other tropical trees. A frozen tropical tree will sustain serious damage that is sometimes fatal.

Deciduous Trees - These species need a winter dormancy period to remain healthy. Once deciduous trees have gone fully dormant it is a good time to do structural pruning since you can see the full winter silhouette and identify potential areas for improvement.

Conifers and Broadleaf Evergreen Trees – These species need a winter dormancy period to remain healthy. It is also time to begin preparing for repotting. Make sure you have the pots, soil, tools, you need once the repotting window begins later in the month.

2023 Membership

We have submitted our initial 2023 roster to BSF. Please see Bruce at the next meeting if you haven't already renewed your membership for the New Year.

The following members have paid their dues for 2023. If your name is not on the list but you have paid your dues, please contact me at Joshuaebrown1@yahoo.com so we can get it corrected.

Bruce Washington

Chris Sarama

Craig Meyerer

Dave Sanders

David Ruth

Jami Kincaid

Joseph Stumpf

Josh Brown

Michael Allan

Noel Reforma

Pamela Young

Ronald Brown

Steven Davies

Tristan Kincaid

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 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 for information.
- Ryan has broken ground on Komorebi bonsai garden. Please contact him at Ryan.L.Northrup@gmail.com to buy, sell, or get more information.



NFBC Officers

Tristan Kincaid	President
Ryan Northrup	Vice President
Bruce Washington	Treasurer
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