

NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

July 2023

NFBC Bonsai Events

- July 10th 2023 NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Bring Your own Tree working session
- August 14th and September 11th Doors open at 6pm, Meeting at 7pm
 - Beginner Workshop classes
 - We are asking for member help assisting with the beginner workshop. Bring also trees to display and inspire our workshop participants.
 - We will open the doors an hour earlier than normal at 6pm for questions and start the program at 7



A thought provoking tree from PMB's Avant Garden exhibit the "Frankenpine." Per the PBM "Here bonsai artist Aarin Packard explores whether they (bonsai) can convey uncomfortable emotions, like pain and emotional turmoil." It's hard to see in this small photo but this tree had metal nails driven in the trunk and a piece of twisted steel affixed to it.



Joe Stumpf's water jasmine on display at the 2023 BSF convention. This was the NFBC club tree for flowering exhibit

Florida Bonsai Events

- Bonsai Society of Brevard
 - Brevard Zoo Show
 - August 19th & 20th
- Multi-Club Auction & Picnic
 - October 28th in Cocoa FL
- Kawa's Joy of Bonsai
 - February 2-4th 2024

July Meeting

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer solstice on June 21st which is the longest day of the year for the northern hemisphere. We don't feel the additional daylight quite as much here closer to the equator. However, if you decided to move to (or visit) Alaska you would get 20hrs of sunlight on the solstice!

The next North Florida Bonsai Club meeting will be Monday July 10th at 7pm. This month we will be hosting an open bring your own tree working session. It is a perfect time to work on tropical and you are encouraged to bring your own tree to work on with other members. This will be an opportunity to get styling advice, utilize extra hands for a complex project, or just generally show what you working on. These informal meeting are always a lot of fun.

Beginner Bonsai Workshop

North Florida Bonsai club will be holding a two part class inducing participants to bonsai. By the end of the class each participant should have an understanding of how to maintain, train and grow their own bonsai tree.

Each workshop seat includes the two (2) day course, bonsai tree and a training pot. Participants will leave with a styled and potted bonsai tree.

When: August 14th & September 11th
6pm-10pm (workshop starts at 7pm)

Where: Mandarin Garden Club
2892 Loretto Road Jacksonville, FL 32223

Cost: \$45

Material: Portulacaria Afra (Dwarf Jade)

These are FANTASTIC material for the workshop. Every tree has multiple styling options and there are both single and multi-trunk specimens. There is something from everyone.



To register please email Josh at JoshuaReubenBrown1@yahoo.com

June Recap

As I promised in last month's newsletter here are some photos from the 2023 BSF convention.



We had a good sized group put together this jungle "land and water" penjing scene for the Club Night competition. We were the only team to incorporate actual water into the design and it worked pretty well. What a fun event!

Joseph Pemberton represented NFBC for the BSF styling competition and did an excellent job. These were not easy trees but he put a lot of time into preparing for the competition and his work showed it. Congrats Joseph on making a great tree.



Upcoming Event

BONSAI AT THE ZOO August 19-20, 2023

Sponsored by the Bonsai Society of Brevard

Annual Bonsai at the Zoo

Is a 2 day cooperative event between Brevard Zoo and the Bonsai Society of Brevard (BSOB), where club members showcase their trees amidst the beauty and adventure of the Zoo atmosphere. Enjoy local bonsai, vendors, free demonstrations, Zoo cafe, and more!

Awards- Best Small Tree, Best Medium Tree, Best Large Tree, Best In Show, Peoples Choice.

For more information- vp@bonsaisocietyofbrevard.com

When: August 19-20, 2023 (10a-3p)

Tree Submission: Open to members of District 6 (BSOB, CFBC, Kawa),

deadline to submit- 8/1/23, with proper form

Where: Nyami Nyami River Lodge, Brevard Zoo, Melbourne, FL 32940

Entrance Fee: Included with Zoo Admission



Juniper, Informal upright



White Bougainvillea, Slanted style

Seasonal Advice

Here is some very practical and timely seasonal advice from Joe Stumpf

Well summer is here and the heat is turned up. Now is the time to be careful with watering. I water my trees about every other day. However, I noticed that of the trees that I use as indicators (i.e., they wilt in the afternoon) were still moist. Why would that be? Answer is they are not transpiring and actually go into a semi dormant state. So what does that mean? We could end up overwatering. If we just continue to water, the water lays at the bottom of the pot. Root rot could set in because of this condition. Our plant may need repotting if the soil has become compacted or the plant is root bound.

Also, look for signs of heat stress. If the soil is moist and the plant is wilting, especially in late afternoon, this is a sign the plant is stressed. You need to get it out of direct sun. Usually after sunset these plants will “perk up”. Best to keep those plants in dappled sunlight or in shade for a few weeks.

Bottom line is check your plants. If the soil is wet, don't water. Misting the foliage or bench will help to cool thing down.

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.

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.



Meeting History

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January		Pesticides, fungicides and fertilizers	Juniper	Styling Competition	Guest Artist Jeanne Cosenza
February		Repotting	Root over Rock	Wiring	BYOT
March	Convention Prep	Guest artist Adam Lavigne	Azalea	Guest Speaker David Cutchin	Azalea
April	Guest artist Adam Lavigne	Azalea	General care basics	Convention Prep	Tree Documentation
May	Ficus Propagation	Ficus Styling	Air Layering	Ficus & NFBC Club trees	Mame size
June	Red Maple	Buttonwood	Ficus & NFBC Club trees	Black Pine	Ficus & NFBC Club trees
July	Beginner Workshop	Beginner Workshop	Black Pine	Summer Maintenance	BYOT
August	Wiring	Beginner Workshop	Guest Speaker David Cutchin	Air Layering	Beginner Workshop
September	Find the Front	Guest Speaker Reggie Perdue	Beginner Workshop	Guest Speaker Robert Kempinski	Beginner Workshop
October	Dia de Los Muertos	Help trees recover	Bring your favorite tree	Beginner Workshop	
November	Styling Competition	Winter Prep	Pot Selection	Styling Competition	
December	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	

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