

NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

June 2023

NFBC Bonsai Events

- June 12th 2023 NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Ficus care and working on the Bob Nevis legacy ficus trees
- July 10th 2023 NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Topic TBD
- Beginner Classes
 - Timing TBD



A podocarpus on display at D&L's 2023 annual customer appreciation day event. It was a great event that I encourage everyone to attend in the future.

Nothing in bonsai is a failure if you learned something from your mistakes.

**First
Attempt
In
Learning**

Other Bonsai Events

- Epcot Flower & Garden
 - Bonsai trees from around Florida will be on display March 1st – July 4th
- 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

June Meeting

The North Florida Bonsai Club meeting will be Monday June 12th at 7pm. We will be working on the club's large willowleaf and benjamina ficus. These are two trees that were donated to the club a few years ago by Bob Nevis. Joe Stumpf did the initial restyling on the willowleaf in 2021 and it was worked on again in 2022 (I just can't find a photo). It will be exciting to see how it has grown and developed into the structure. These are large trees that will need a lot of extra hands so come ready to help.



2020



2021

If you have a ficus bring it to the meeting and we will talk about styling and care. See you there!

May Recap

David's presentation on Mame bonsai was fantastic! Personally I know he inspired me to create some "cheap and cheerful" little trees.





May is a busy bonsai month with World Bonsai Day and the Annual BSF convention. There is lots for everyone to enjoy and it is an ideal month to celebrate our love for the trees.



Xavier's Tree on Display

Seasonal Advice

Now that June has started we are entering our rainy season with pop-up afternoon showers commonplace. Tropical trees will love this heat and humidity and their growth will kick into high gear. All of your tropical trees can now be repotted, pruned and worked on safely.

Make sure you stay on top your watering and give your trees a little extra attention on windy and hot days. Remember plants use water to cool themselves so even a short time drying out can damage a tree or significantly weaken it.

Some deciduous trees and broadleaf evergreens may appreciate a little afternoon shade, if possible. They can handle the summer sun but seem to stay happier with afternoon shade.

You can continue to prune tropical, broadleaf, and deciduous trees that are rapidly growing. The removal of branches will encourage new growth. For non-tropical I would suggest a lighter approach during the hottest months. Temperate trees are typically under more stress during high temperatures and that should be considered when pruning.

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	
August	Wiring	Beginner Workshop	Guest Speaker David Cutchin	Air Layering	
September	Find the Front	Guest Speaker Reggie Perdue	Beginner Workshop	Guest Speaker Robert Kempinski	
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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