

# NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

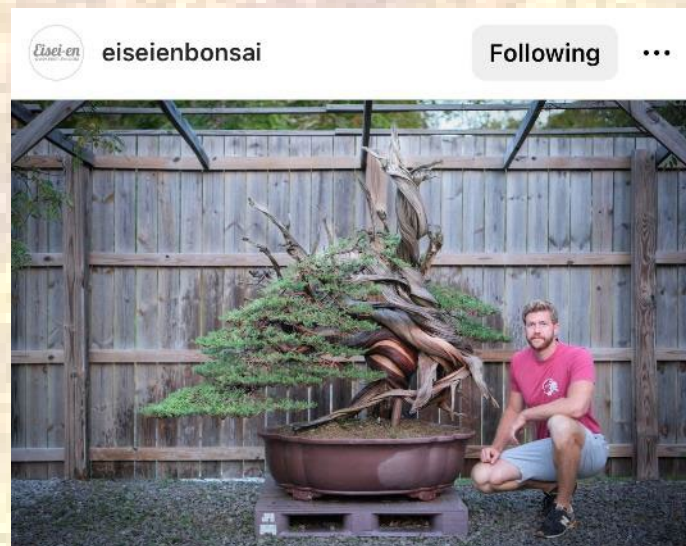
## October 2023

### NFBC Bonsai Events

- October 9th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
  - Working on the other Club Legacy Ficus
  - Bring Your own Tree working session
- November 13th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
  - Juniper cleaning, thinning and cutback led by David Ruth
- December 12th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
  - Holiday Celebration & Tree Decorating Contest
- Club styling competition
  - TBD likely scheduled during a Winter meeting

### Other Bonsai Events

- Winter Silhouette Bonsai
  - Kannapolis North Carolina
  - December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Midwest Bonsai Central
  - St. Louis Missouri
  - May 3rd-5th



Bjorn Bjornholm and his famous one-seed juniper twister. This tree is now headed to a new home as Bjorn has announce he is leaving Nashville to move back to Japan.

### Florida Bonsai Events

- Multi-Club Auction & Picnic
  - October 28<sup>th</sup> in Cocoa FL
- Kawa's Joy of Bonsai
  - February 2-4<sup>th</sup> 2024
  - See Kawabonsai.com for details
- Epcot Flower and Garden 2024
  - BSF is now accepting applications for next year's show. See the BSF website for details

## October Meeting

The upcoming North Florida Bonsai Club meeting will be Monday October 9th at 7pm. We will be working on the club's large benjamina ficus. This tree was donated to the club a few years ago by Bob Nevis and we haven't ever worked on it as a club. It will be exciting to see how it has grown and developed so we can set the structure. This is a large tree that will need a lot of extra hands so come ready to help.

Note: We this is at the very end of the available window to work on a ficus. It is still safe, with proper aftercare and a greenhouse; however, we wouldn't recommend it broadly.

We will also be hosting an open bring your own tree working session. It is a perfect time to wire/unwire or generally prepare your trees for fall. 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 are working on.

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## Upcoming Event

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Multi-Club Picnic and Auction

This is a great event and great opportunity to meet members of other clubs. There are lots of bonsai related items at very reasonable prices. As with any auction, you never know what you will find.

The Auction is held at the F. Burton Smith Regional Park (7575 W. King Street Cocoa, FL) on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>. The event is held under a huge pavilion with a lot of picnic tables. Bathrooms are readily accessible and there is easy access to parking right by the pavilion. If anyone is interested in selling material there is no fee but a portion of the sales do go to your associated club (I believe it is 10%). There is a registration form that needs to be completed so please arrive a little early if you are planning on selling anything.

There will be a potluck also so please bring a dish to share.



## SAVE THE DATE

KAWA Bonsai Society  
Presents:

## JOY OF BONSAI 2024

February 2-4, 2024

at Schley's Bonsai and Supplies  
2745 Audubon Ave, Deland, FL 32720.

*Accommodations with breakfast will be available at a local Holiday Inn*

**BONSAI HEADLINE GUEST ARTIST**

**SEAN SMITH**

**OTHER BONSAI ARTISTS**

**JEANNE COSENZA & OTHER TBA**

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## Seasonal Advice

October is the month in which we can expect our temperature to moderate and we will get a break from the heat. With cooler night time temperatures we should minimize work on tropical trees. They can still be pruned but it is too late for root work.

October is usually the end of our rainy season. Continue to monitor your bonsai for their watering needs. When you water your bonsai, you will soon notice that some need less water than others. Our days are getting shorter and our temperature cooler, causing some plants to start their period of dormancy. Other plants will still be growing vigorously and should be fed, if needed. At this time of the year, it is wise to use a fertilizer with less nitrogen.

Now is a good time to wire trees that are going dormant. Wire can generally be left on longer now but still needs to be watched as trees put on a lot of their woody tissue (trunk growth) this time of year.

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## 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](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.
- AncientCityBonsai will be coming soon to St. Augustine. More information will be posted as it becomes available.



## 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	NFBC Club tree & BYOT
November	Styling Competition	Winter Prep	Pot Selection	Styling Competition	Juniper Trim & Thin
December	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party

### NFBC Officers

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