

NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

November 2023

NFBC Bonsai Events

- 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
- Soil Mixing day
 - We have about 20 buckets remaining and are working on setting up a day before spring to mix soil and restock supplies.



A tree by David De Groot, Pacific Bonsai Museum. Celebrating a more Penjing style in celebration of BSF's new opportunity to Display Penjing at Epcot Flower and Garden 2024. More Details in the newsletter below.

Other Bonsai Events

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

Florida Bonsai Events

- Kawa's Joy of Bonsai Show
 - February 2-4th 2024
 - Registration now open
 - 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

November Meeting

The upcoming North Florida Bonsai Club meeting will be Monday November 13th at 7pm. David will be leading us in a discussion on Junipers. He plans to cover topics like cleaning, thinning and cutback. However you should come prepared to ask lots of questions and learn how to take care of these commonly utilized conifers.



October Recap

The October meeting was very interactive and entertaining. We worked on the club's large benjamina ficus and made some major changes to set the structure.



9th Annual Multi-Club Picnic and Auction

The multi-club auction was a great event again this year. We had multiple club members attend and everyone went home with some great trees. Although there was a good crowd again this year the bidding paddles were slightly less active. Overall things skewed to a buyers' market.



Joy of Bonsai

**Registration is now available for
Joy of Bonsai 2024!!!!!!**

The event is being held at Schley's Bonsai once again this year. If you haven't been before this is a fantastic opportunity to combine a trip to a great bonsai nursery along with a wonderful event.

The event includes everything you would expect from a bonsai exhibition with demo's, workshops, vendors, and an exhibit of high quality trees. The admission price is incredibly reasonable at only \$10 for the day or \$15 for a weekend.

I have already signed up for some workshops and look forward to seeing you there.

JOY OF BONSAI 2024 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Exhibit & Vendor Setup
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Judging & Awards
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Potluck, Hors d'Oeuvres, Light Buffet
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Exhibit Opens Exhibit Critique - Sean Smith

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM	Registration Opens
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Workshop 1 - Sean Smith Multi-Size Bonsai Display Table
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Demo 1 - Jeanne Cosenza Kusamono/Kokedama
11:00 AM	BSF District 6 Styling Competition
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Workshop 2 - Sean Smith Shimpaku Juniper
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Workshop 3 - Jeanne Cosenza Kusamono/Kokedama
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Live Auction

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 AM	Registration Opens
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Workshop 4 - Sean Smith Bonsai Root Stand (Dremel Needed)
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Demo 2: TBA
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Workshop 5 - Sean Smith Bring Your Own Tree
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Demo 3 - Multi-Person Round Table Open to all registrants. 1st and 2nd prizes will be awarded. Winners must agree to doing a demo at joy of Bonsai 2025. All trees will be entered in the live auction
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Live Auction

Epcot 2024

More details will be coming out from BSF soon but Disney has approved a second display for Epcot Flower and Garden 2024. Complementing the normal Japanese display there will be a display in the China Pavilion on Penjing. This is the first time in many years that BSF has had the opportunity to display Penjing. It is highly unusual for Disney to add an opportunity back after all this time so apply now!

Applications can be submitted through the BSF website on the Epcot tab.

Seasonal Advice

November is when we have to start thinking about winter preparation. The temperature should still be mild enough that plants will not have to be protected YET but you want to get prepared. Place all of your tropical plants in one area so you will not forget any if temperatures drop dramatically. Once night time temperatures hit 45 or below start protecting the most sensitive species (i.e., buttonwood, black olive, etc.) other tropical trees will start needing protection once the temperatures reach the upper 30's. When in doubt it doesn't hurt to be conservative.

With cooler weather water needs will diminish and trees should be watched to prevent the roots from staying too wet.

Pruning this time of year should be minimal. Trees shouldn't be putting on much growth due to a combination of shorter daylight hours and cooler temperatures.

With nicer temperatures it should allow you more time outside just enjoying your collection. If you grow deciduous tree you should also get hints of fall color as well. Spend time enjoying your trees beauty, after all that is why we go to all the effort to grow these tiny trees.

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.
- AncientCityBonsai will be coming soon to St. Augustine with a projected opening time later this winter



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

A photograph of a basket filled with autumn produce. In the foreground, there are several pumpkins of various sizes and colors, including white, yellow, and orange. Behind them are several red apples and some smaller gourds. The background is filled with a large quantity of small, purple flowers, possibly baby's breath, which are slightly out of focus. The entire scene is set against a dark, textured background, possibly the interior of a basket or a wooden surface.

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