

NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

December 2023

NFBC Bonsai Events

- December 12th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Holiday Celebration & Tree Decorating Contest
- **Special Event** January 7th 2023 (Sunday)
 - All Day BYOT(s) workshop with Guest Artist Andrew Giles
 - Spots for 6-10 Participants
 - Cost \$80-130 depending on number of participants
- January 8th 2023 NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Guest Artist Andrew Giles
 - Demo on Nebari Building and “Ebihara” Techniques
- Club styling competition
 - TBD at an upcoming 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.



Meet Andrew Giles, NFBC's guest speaker for the January 2024 meeting. We have organized multiple opportunities for everyone to learn from Andrew on January 7th and 8th.

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
 - Submission deadline is December 31st
- Midwest Bonsai Central Show
 - St. Louis Missouri
 - May 3rd-5th

don't forget

2024 MEMBERSHIPS
ARE DUE NOW

December Meeting

December is the time for wonderful holiday celebrations with all our bonsai family. We will celebrate together during our December meeting by hosting a potluck, so bring a dish to share.

We will also be having our annual tree-decorating contest. Bring your favorite bonsai tree in its holiday finest. Be creative and have fun giving your tree a makeover. The winner, decided by people's choice vote, will receive a \$25 gift card.



Similar to last year, we will have raffle tables that are always very popular. Make sure to bring money for tickets. Additionally, if you have anything you would like to add to the raffle tables please bring it along.

We can't wait to see you for food, fellowship, and tiny trees!



January Guest Artist

NFBC is very excited to announce that we will be hosting guest artist Andrew Giles in January. Andrew is an artist from Spring Hill, FL and runs New World Bonsai. Andrew has recently done presentations for the Sho Fu and Suncoast bonsai societies and we are lucky to be able to have him present for us.

There are three opportunities to work with Andrew during his time here and I welcome everyone to take advantage of the opportunities that we have lined up.

If you have any questions or want to sign up for the workshop or one-on-one opportunities please contact Josh at joshuareubenbrown1@yahoo.com.



Workshop

Andrew will lead a full-day bring your tree(s) workshop. Participants are asked to bring a couple trees to work on for the event. Given the time of year Andrew will be focused on root work and root development techniques but is willing to expand into whatever seasonally appropriate work participants might want to cover.

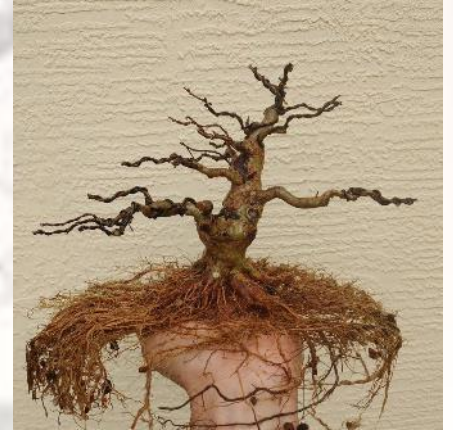
Date: Sunday January 7th

Time: Tentatively 9am-5pm with break for lunch

Number of participants: 6-10

Cost: \$80-130 depending on number of participants

Location: Event to be held at Josh's Garden



One on one

Andrew has availability on Monday before our club meeting to conduct a ½ day session with the first interested club member. This is a very special chance for someone to have Andrew tour their garden and work individually on whatever needs to be done. I think you will be amazed at how much you can learn in a 1-on-1 session and I would highly encourage anyone who is interested to speak up because we only have one spot available.

Date: Monday January 8th (Morning/Afternoon)

Time & Cost: TBD but it should cost approx. \$400 for a ½ day session.

Location: Your Garden

Demo

Last but not least, Andrew will conclude his NFBC tour with a presentation for the entire club as part of our regularly scheduled meeting. He will demonstrate some of his successful root development techniques and answer member's questions.

Date: Monday January 8th @ 7pm

Location: Mandarin Garden Club

Cost: Members will be free and visitors will be \$10.

Guest Speaker Biography



Sorry I ran out of time and this newsletter is already pretty full. Be on the lookout for a full Bio for Andrew coming later this month.

Joy of Bonsai

Registration is still available for Joy of Bonsai 2024!

The event is being held at Schley's Bonsai once again this year. If you have not 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 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

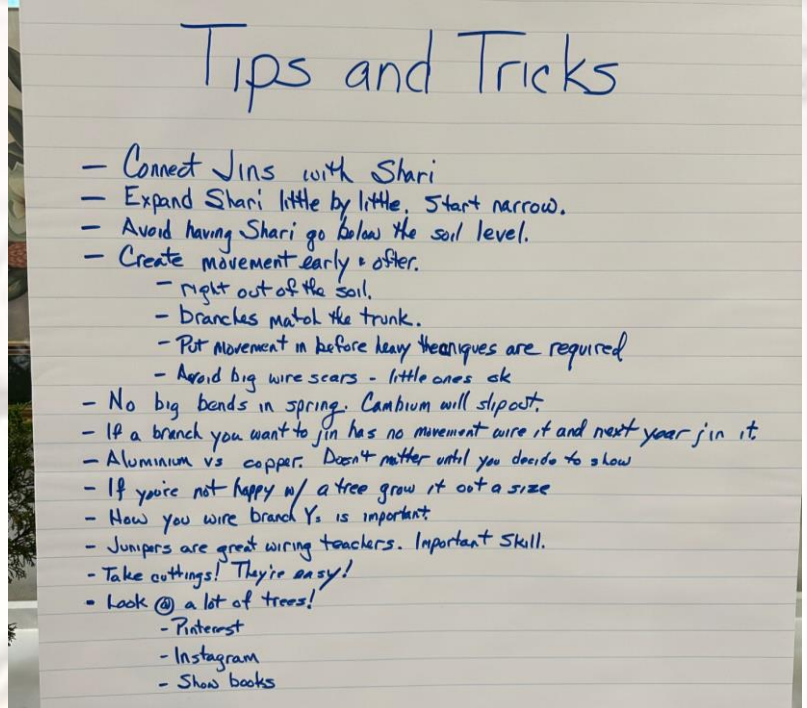
8:00 AM	Registration Opens
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Workshop 1 - Sean Smith Multi-Size Bonsai Display Table
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Demo 1 - Jeanne Cosenza Kusamono/Kokedama
11:00 AM	BSF District 6 Styling Competition
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Workshop 2 - Sean Smith Shimpaku Juniper
1:30 PM -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

November Recap

The November meeting was really well done and kudos to David for all the work he put into the presentation. Although he presented on Junipers, much of his wisdom applied to general best practices in bonsai. I have attached some tips and tricks he provided since it was an excellent summary. If you missed it, I would welcome you to talk to David at the Christmas party as he is a wealth of knowledge.



Seasonal Advice

December means your winter protection should be in place and the weather should be monitored. Once nighttime temperatures are 45 or below we have to start protecting for our most sensitive species (i.e., buttonwood, black olive, etc.) other tropical trees will start needing protection once the temperatures reach the low 40's to upper 30's. When in doubt it does not hurt to be conservative. Trees can be overwintered in a greenhouse, garage, or inside as long as you properly account for changing light levels and temperatures. Some leaf drop will be expected if light levels are altered dramatically. Feel free to reach out to a more experienced member if you have concerns about changes to your trees.

Cold hardy species (i.e. ilex, elm, maple, boxwood, crepe myrtle, pine, juniper, etc.) should remain outside throughout the winter. These species need a winter dormancy period to remain healthy. If you are concerned, setting the plant on the ground and providing some wind protection can provide a little extra piece of mind for these cold hardy trees.

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 should not be putting on much growth due to a combination of shorter daylight hours and cooler temperatures.

2024 Membership

NFBC will submit our initial 2024 roster to BSF following the December meeting. Please see Bruce at the meeting if you have not already renewed your membership for the New Year.

The following members have paid their dues for 2024. If your name is not on the list but you have paid your dues, please contact me at Joshuareubenbrown1@yahoo.com so we can get it corrected.

Jim Lieb

Ken Ansotigue

Joseph Stumpf

David Ruth

Josh Brown

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	2024
January		Pesticides, fungicides and fertilizers	Juniper	Styling Competition	Guest Artist Jeanne Cosenza	Guest Artist Andrew Giles
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	

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