

NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

March 2024

NFBC Bonsai Events

- March 11th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Bring Your own Tree working session
- April 8th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Topic TBD
- May 3-4th Plant Sale with Mandarin Garden Club
 - Friday & Saturday 9am – 2pm
- May 13th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Tentative Brazilian Raintree demo/discussion
- June 10th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Tentative Neea Buxifolia workshop with Abner Cruz



Award Winning tree from Joy of Bonsai 2024

The demos/workshops were great and the exhibit improves every year.



The 50th BSF convention will be happening over Memorial day Weekend 2024. Artist details are now available with more information to follow on March 1st and registration going live March 16th

Florida Bonsai Events

- Epcot Flower & Garden
 - Bonsai trees from around Florida are on display in Japan and China Feb 28th – May 27th
- Monthly Workshops with Schley's Bonsai
 - May 11th with Abner Cruz
- D&L customer appreciation day
 - May 11^h all day event
- BSF Convention
 - Memorial Day Weekend in Orlando, FL
 - Full Event calendar available March 1st
 - <https://www.bonsai-bsf.com/>

March Meeting

The next North Florida Bonsai Club meeting will be Monday March 11th at 7pm. This month we will be hosting an open bring your own tree working session. It is a perfect time to work on deciduous, broadleaf evergreen and conifers. 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.

We will also be soliciting ideas for future meetings to fill out the 2024 calendar. We look forward to hearing what you have to say. Don't miss this opportunity to contribute your ideas.

We have a couple very exciting events we are working on that we will release more details on in the coming months.



Another Award Winning tree from
Joy of Bonsai 2023

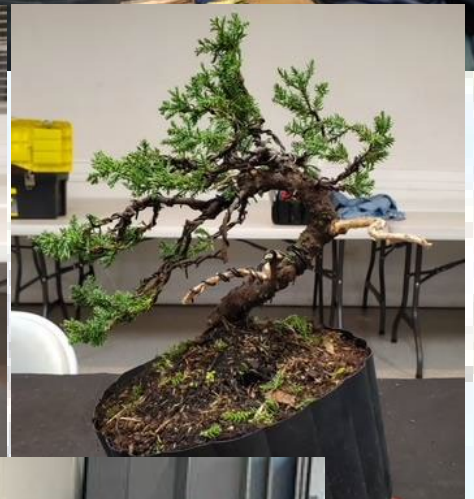
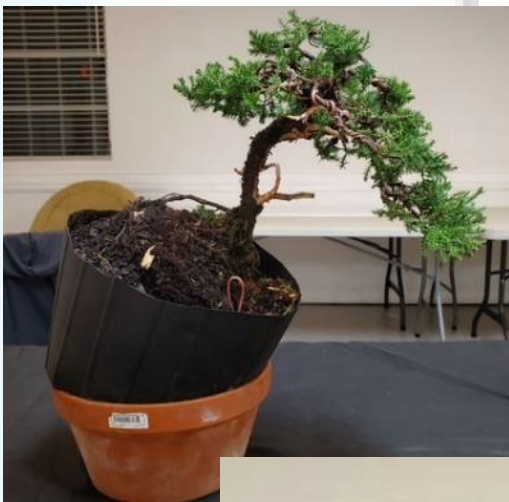
February Meeting

The North Florida Bonsai Club hosted the BSF styling competition during the February Meeting. Jami, Mike, Craig and David competed and did a great job on the junipers selected for the competition.

We had a little nicer material to work on this year and the results really showed. Everyone made really incredible trees in a very short timeframe. The peoples choice vote this year was a great addition and sparked a lot of great conversations about the trees. This helped really involve everyone in the decision and allow us all to think critically about how to make great bonsai.

After a very difficult selection process David was selected as our representative for the state competition during the 2024 BSF Convention. Please wish him luck and come to the convention to cheer him on.





Bonsai Societies of Florida News

- BSF has a NEW website. Please visit the site and check it out <https://bonsai-bsf.com/>
- BSF is gearing up for our 50th Annual Convention, taking place in Orlando May 24 to 26!
 - BSF has lined up an extraordinary list of visiting artists:
 - Walter Pall
 - Mauro Stemberger
 - Ed Trout & Betty Siskind
 - Reggie & Cosette Purdue
 - Jennifer Price
 - Full registration has been reduced to \$100 (when staying at the hotel) with daily registration \$50
 - Full registration details will be on the website March 1st with details on the workshops, demos and full calendar.



Seasonal Advice

The warm days keep coming and our winter should be behind us. Take time to enjoy all the signs of spring around your garden. With a garden full of flowers, fresh green growth, and nice weather it truly is a beautiful time of year.

Deciduous Trees – leaf buds should be swelling or fully opened. They can be repotted any time before the leaves fully emerge. After the leaves start to open its best to wait into next year to repot. Young soft leaves will transpire quite a bit so pay attention to your watering.

Conifers and broadleaf evergreen trees – We are reaching the end of their repotting window now. You can still trim and prune but be careful when wiring certain species (like juniper) as bark can very easily slip from the cambium this time of year.

Tropical Trees – We are getting closer but it's still not their time yet. You should be busy enough with deciduous that it won't be a problem to leave them alone for another month.

For all trees keep an eye out for any signs of pests. The new young growth is a tasty treat to all kinds of insects.

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 is coming soon to St. Augustine with a projected opening in Spring



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	Styling Competition
March	Convention Prep	Guest artist Adam Lavigne	Azalea	Guest Speaker David Cutchin	Azalea	BYOT
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	Raintree (Tentative)
June	Red Maple	Buttonwood	Ficus & NFBC Club trees	Black Pine	Ficus & NFBC Club trees	Neea Workshop (Tentative)
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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