

NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

April 2024

NFBC Bonsai Events

- April 8th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Topic TBD
- April 14th Special Event @ 10am
 - Japanese Maple tour and buying event at Bobby Woodard's house (Details below)
- May 3-4th Plant Sale with Mandarin Garden Club
 - Friday & Saturday 9am – 2pm
- May 13th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Brazilian Raintree demo/discussion
- June 10th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - Neea Buxifolia workshop with Abner Cruz



The latest tree to join the US National Arboretum Bonsai collection in Washington DC. A Douglas Fir from Bjorn Bjornholm (Artist) & Richard Le (Collector).



The 50th BSF convention will be happening over Memorial day Weekend 2024.

Registration is now open!!

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/>

April Meeting

The next North Florida Bonsai Club meeting will be Monday April 8th at 7pm. This month's meeting topic is still being determined so prepare to be surprised.

Special Event - Japanese Maple Sale

Friend of the North Florida Bonsai Club and local nursery grower Bob Woodard has invited us to visit his garden Sunday April 14th at 10:00 am. Bobby's garden used to be an annual event but it has been a few years since we have organized a group visit. This is something to really look forward to because the quantity and quality of material Bobby grows is fantastic.

Bobby focuses on Japanese maples in all varieties and sizes probably 1,000+ maples in total. Although he focuses on maples he also has Japanese Black Pines and other unusual species.

This will be an amazing chance to see over 40 varieties of Japanese maples and buy directly from the man who supplies Japanese maples to most of the nurseries in town. The trees will be in full spring color and will be a sight to behold.

Bobby's address is 10070 Chesterton Road. (Near Sam's Club on Beach Blvd).

Come to enjoy the beauty of maples in their spring color or come to buy something new for your own garden. Can't wait to see you there!!

For those who cannot make it at this time Bobby said you are welcome to contact him directly and arrange an alternative time. His number is 904-248-2081.



June Workshop

NFBC is very excited to be hosting guest artist Abner Cruz for multiple workshops in June. Abner is an accomplished Bonsai artist from Deltona, FL. (full bio forthcoming) and we are lucky to be able to have the opportunity to work with him.

There are three opportunities to work with Abner 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 any of these events please contact Josh ASAP at joshuareubenbrown1@yahoo.com as seats are limited.

Full Day Workshop

Abner will lead a full-day bring your tree(s) workshop. Participants are asked to bring tree(s) to work on and/or Abner will have larger Neea material available to purchase for the workshop. Given the time of year Abner will be focused on tropical trees but is willing to expand into whatever seasonally appropriate work participants might want to cover.

Date: Sunday June 9th

Time: 9am-5pm with break for lunch

Number of Participants: 6-8

Cost: \$70-90 depending on number of participants

- Neea trees can be purchased separately from Abner with prices between \$150-250
- If you're looking to reserve something specific for the workshop please contact Abner directly at 321-420-3640

Location: Event to be held at Josh's Garden

One on one

Abner 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 Abner 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 June 10th (Morning/Afternoon)

Time & Cost: TBD but it should cost approx. \$300 for a ½ day session.

Location: Your Garden

Club Meeting Workshop

Last but not least, Abner will conclude his NFBC tour with a Neea workshop as part of our regularly scheduled June meeting. Think of this as an intermediate workshop but enthusiasts of any level are encouraged to participate. Abner will give an overview of the Neea species and guide participants on styling their workshop tree. Abner will also be bringing in some of his own trees as inspirational reference material for the club.

Date: Monday June 10th @ 7pm

Location: Mandarin Garden Club

Number of Participants: 10-12

Participant Cost: \$100 (includes the price of the tree)

Observers: Members are free to observe and ask questions



Bonsai Societies of Florida News

- 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 are available website March 1st with details on the workshops, demos and full calendar.

2024 BSF CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday, May 24, 2024	Sunday, May 26, 2024.	Saturday, May 25, 2024
8:00am- 3:00pm Registration Open	8:00am- 3:00pm Registration Open	7:00am- 8:00am BSF Board Meeting – <i>Legacy North</i>
8:00am- 5:00pm Bazaar/Raffles Open	8:00am- 5:00pm Bazaar/Raffles Open	8:00am- 3:00pm Registration Open
8:00am- 9:00am EXHIBIT CRITIQUE 1 – <i>Walter Pall</i>	8:00am- 9:00am EXHIBIT CRITIQUE 3 – <i>Ed Trout</i>	8:00am- 5:00pm Bazaar/Raffles Open
9:00am- 5:00pm Exhibit Open	9:00am- 5:00pm Exhibit Open	8:00am- 9:00am EXHIBIT CRITIQUE 2 – <i>Mauro Stemberger</i>
9:00am-12:00pm Preview: FL Bonsai Documentary – <i>Board Room – MAX 12 per showing; Must pre-register</i>	9:00am-12:00pm Preview: FL Bonsai Documentary – <i>Board Room – MAX 12 per showing; Must pre-register</i>	9:00am- 5:00pm Exhibit Open
9:00am-12:30pm WORKSHOP 1 – <i>Legacy South 3</i> <i>Reggie Perdue – Green Island Ficus</i>	9:00am-12:30pm WORKSHOP 6 – <i>Legacy South 3</i> <i>ALL DAY: Mauro Stemberger – Hollywood Juniper</i>	9:00am-12:00pm Preview: FL Bonsai Documentary – <i>Board Room – MAX 12 per showing; Must pre-register</i>
9:00am-12:30pm DEMONSTRATION 1 – <i>Legacy North</i> <i>Ed Trout & Betty Siskind – Buttonwood</i>	9:00am-12:30pm WORKSHOP 7 – <i>Legacy South 1&2</i> <i>ALL DAY: Walter Pall & Jennifer Price – Bring Own Tree</i>	9:00am-12:30pm WORKSHOP 3 – <i>Legacy South 2</i> <i>Reggie Perdue – Lime Berry</i>
9:00am-12:30pm DEMONSTRATION 2 – <i>Legacy South 2</i> <i>Larry Naeder – Bougainvillea</i>	9:00am-12:30pm DEMONSTRATION 8 – <i>Legacy North</i> <i>(Dueling Demo) – Larry Naeder – Juniper</i> <i>Janice Barnes – Crepe Myrtle</i>	9:00am-12:30pm WORKSHOP 4 – <i>Legacy South 3</i> <i>Ed Trout & Betty Siskind – Shohin Bougainvillea</i>
1:30pm- 5:00pm Preview: FL Bonsai Documentary – <i>Board Room – MAX 12 per showing; Must pre-register</i>	1:30pm- 5:00pm Preview: FL Bonsai Documentary – <i>Board Room – MAX 12 per showing; Must pre-register</i>	9:00am-12:30pm DEMONSTRATION 5 – <i>Legacy South 1</i> <i>Walter Pall – Large Trident Maple</i>
1:30pm- 5:00pm WORKSHOP 2 – <i>Legacy South 3</i> <i>Adam Lavigne – Dwarf Jade</i>	1:30pm- 5:30pm DEMONSTRATION 9 – <i>Legacy North</i> <i>(Dueling Demo) – Ed Trout and Reggie Perdue</i> <i>Hackberry and Cedar Elm</i>	9:00am-12:30pm DEMONSTRATION 6 – <i>Legacy North</i> <i>ALL DAY: Mauro Stemberger – Large Japanese Black Pine</i>
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1:30pm- 5:00pm DEMONSTRATION 4 – <i>Legacy South 1&2</i> <i>Ed Trout- Weeping Ilex</i>	1:30pm- 5:00pm WORKSHOP 7 – <i>(CONTINUATION!)</i> <i>ALL DAY: Walter Pall & Jennifer Price – Bring Own Tree</i>	1:30pm- 5:00pm WORKSHOP 5 – <i>Legacy South 3</i> <i>Ed Trout & Betty Siskind – Shohin Cedar Elm</i>
6:30pm-10:30pm BONSAI INSPIRATION – <i>Legacy North</i> <i>Walter Pall, Mauro Stemberger, Ed Trout, Jennifer Price</i>	6:00pm- 7:00pm Cash Bar & Auction Preview – <i>Legacy North</i>	1:30pm- 5:00pm DEMONSTRATION 7 – <i>Legacy South 1</i> <i>Cosette Perdue – Pottery</i>
	7:00pm- 8:45pm Annual Banquet, Special Awards – <i>Legacy North</i>	1:30pm- 5:00pm DEMONSTRATION 5 – <i>(CONTINUATION!)</i> <i>ALL DAY: Mauro Stemberger – Large Japanese Black Pine</i>
	9:00pm AUCTION	1:30pm- 5:00pm Scholarship Competition – <i>Legacy South 2</i>
		7:30pm-11:00pm CLUB NIGHT! – <i>Legacy North</i>

Seasonal Advice

Now that we are seeing spring temperatures our soil has warmed causing root growth followed by a spring flush on all temperate trees. Tropical trees should be following the same pattern just slightly later, they just require a higher temperature for root growth to initiate.

Deciduous Trees – Spring is fully here and all of your deciduous trees should all be leafed out. Wait to fertilize until after the spring flush has hardened off. For instance, if you look at new maple leaves they will be very soft and have a slight red hue. These leaves have not gotten to the “leather hard” stage where their outer cells harden to prevent excess moisture loss and sunburn.

Broadleaf Evergreens – These can still be repotted but some care must be given if our temperatures raise dramatically. Now is a good time to conduct detail pruning and leaf reduction to lighten the canopy and allow light into interior branches.

Conifers – Their roots should be mostly left alone until fall. Wiring and pruning can still be done.

Tropical Trees – Tropicals should be coming out of the greenhouse. They can be pruned if necessary. It’s still not warm enough to repot them yet with nighttime temps still dropping below the 60’s on occasion. We are getting closer and repotting can probably begin in late April or early May.

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 artist 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
June	Red Maple	Buttonwood	Ficus & NFBC Club trees	Black Pine	Ficus & NFBC Club trees	Guest artist Abner Cruz
July	Beginner Workshop	Beginner Workshop	Black Pine	Summer Maintenance	BYOT	
August	Wiring	Beginner Workshop	Guest artist David Cutchin	Air Layering	Beginner Workshop	
September	Find the Front	Guest artist Reggie Perdue	Beginner Workshop	Guest artist 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	Holiday Party

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