

# NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

## June 2024

### NFBC Bonsai Events

- June 9th Guest Artist Workshop @ 9am
  - All Day BYOT(s) workshop with Guest Artist Abner Cruz
  - **1 spot remaining**
- June 10th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
  - Neea Buxifolia workshop featuring Guest Artist Abner Cruz
  - **Some spots remaining**
- July 8th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
  - Topic TBD



Azalea in full bloom at the Franklin Park Conservatory (Columbus Ohio) bonsai collection. Unfortunately, the conservatory doesn't publicly display the artist that originally created the bonsai.



Natal Plum at the Franklin Park Conservatory

### Other Bonsai Events

- Multi-Club Auction & Picnic
  - October 12<sup>th</sup> in Cocoa FL
- Winter Silhouette Bonsai
  - Kannapolis North Carolina
  - December 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

## June Workshop

The next North Florida Bonsai Club meeting will be Monday June 10th at 7pm. This month we will be hosting a workshop with visiting artist Abner Cruz. Abner is an accomplished Bonsai artist from Deltona, FL. and we are lucky to be able to have the opportunity to work with him. If you have any questions or want to sign up for the event please contact Josh ASAP at [joshuareubenbrown1@yahoo.com](mailto:joshuareubenbrown1@yahoo.com) as seats are limited and filling up fast.

### Club Meeting Workshop

Abner will lead NFBC on a Neea workshop as part of our regularly scheduled June meeting. The material (Neea Buxifolia) Abner has prepared for the workshop has a ton of potential and will make awesome trees. Don't miss out on these.

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 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Location: Mandarin Garden Club

Number of Participants: 10-12

### **Some Available Spots**

1. Shavone Steele
2. John Grizzard
3. Joe Stumpf
4. David Toncray
5. Joshua Broadway
6. Mark OConnell
7. Laura Lauer
8. Dave Lauer

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

Observers: All members are free to observe and ask questions



## 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 9<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9am-5pm with break for lunch

Number of Participants: 6-8

**(1 seat remaining)**

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 10<sup>th</sup> (Morning/Afternoon)

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

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## May Recap

We had a busy month of May with the MGC Plant Sale, World Bonsai Day, a club meeting about Raintree, and the annual BSF convention. Whew what a great month for bonsai!



More pictures from the convention will be coming in future newsletters. If anyone has pictures they would like to share please send them along.



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## Sponsorship

NFBC is now proudly sponsored by Florida Bonsai Nursery & Supply and Sunway Landscape Services. Through partnership with Jacksonville's first local bonsai nursery we hope to grow the art of bonsai throughout northeast Florida.

We encourage you to visit these sponsors



Club discounts for June 2024:

10% off of everything

20% off of everything on Father's Day weekend

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## Seasonal Advice

Now that June has started, we should be entering our rainy season with pop-up afternoon showers commonplace. Tropical trees will love this heat and humidity and their growth will kick into high gear. All your tropical trees can now be repotted, pruned and worked on safely.

**TEMPERATURES** – Your plants are probably drying out fast and most will need daily watering. Some will not be able to tolerate Florida's intense sunlight. Finding locations with afternoon shade will greatly increase the health of many plants.

Look for signs of heat stress. If the soil is moist and the plant is wilting, especially in late afternoon, this is a sign the plant is stressed. You need to get it out of direct sun. Usually after sunset these plants will "perk up". Best to keep those plants in dappled sunlight or in shade for a few weeks. Bottom line is check your plants. If the soil is wet, don't water. Misting the foliage or bench will help to cool things down.

**PRUNING** – You can continue to prune tropical, broadleaf, and deciduous trees that are rapidly growing. The removal of branches will encourage new growth. For non-tropical I would suggest a lighter approach during the hottest months. Temperate trees are typically under more stress during high temperatures and that should be considered when pruning.

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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

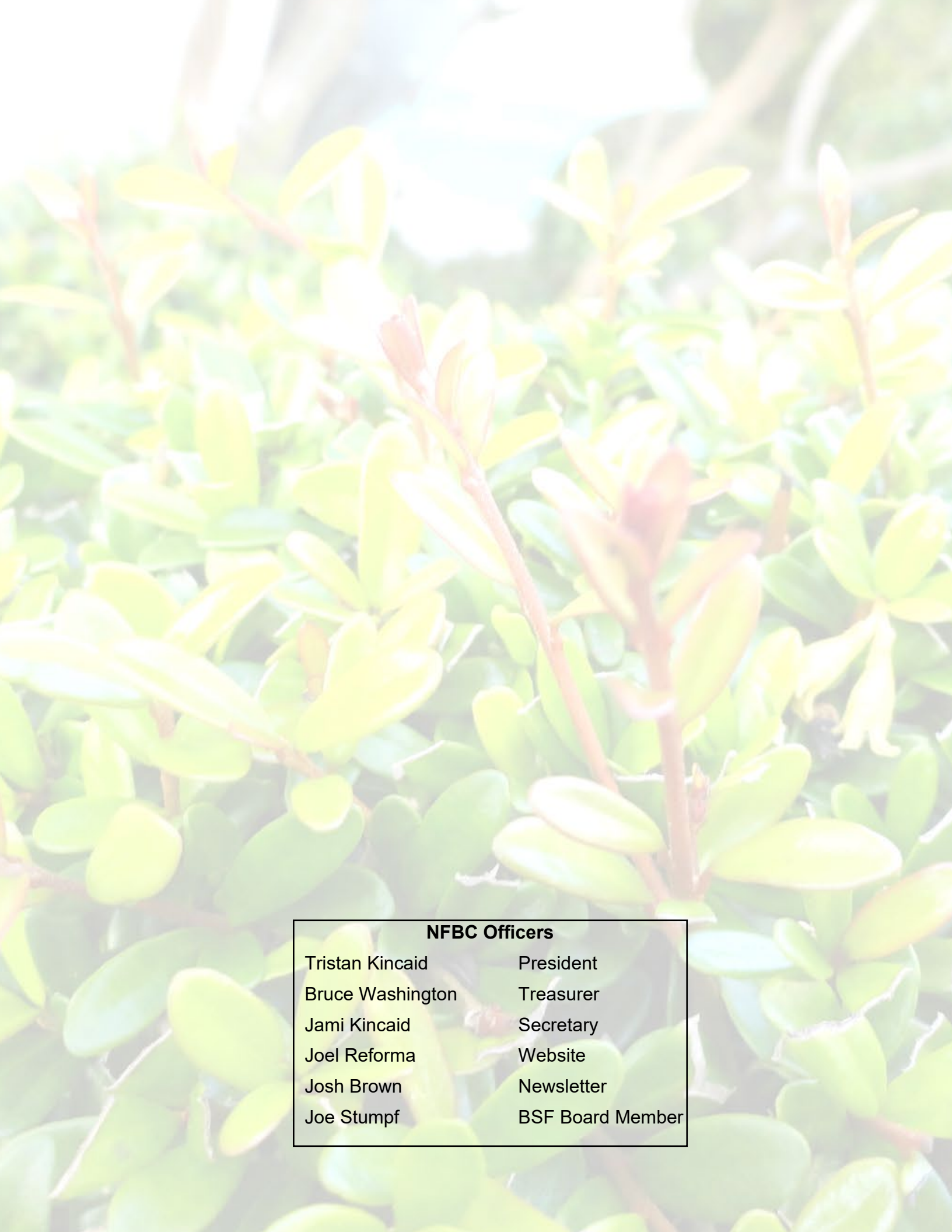
- The cost is \$25 for a five gallon bucket.

### Trees & Supplies

- Alex Stanford recently opened Florida Bonsai Nursery and Supply in Jacksonville. The nursery has a wide







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