

NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

October 2024

NFBC Bonsai Events

- October 14th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
 - We are working on securing material for a workshop and the annual styling competition.
 - We are not sure if we will have it in time for the October meeting or will need to defer to November



California Juniper on display at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in Pasadena California. The bonsai collection there is very nice and the gardens are a very well cared for.



Giant Sequoia at Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park. Everyone should have the opportunity to see these magnificent trees in person. I am only sorry I took me so long to visit this part of the country. I was blown away by their presence.

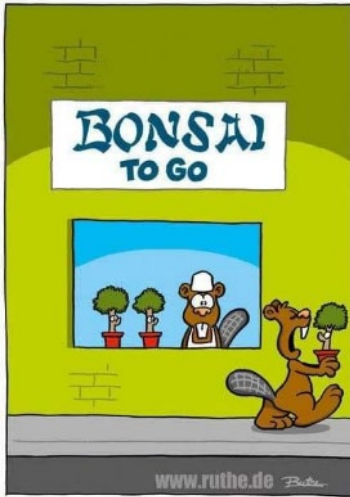
Other Bonsai Events

- Multi-Club Auction & Picnic
 - October 12th in Cocoa FL
- Winter Silhouette Bonsai
 - Kannapolis North Carolina
 - December 7th – 8th
- Epcot Flower and Garden 2025
 - BSF is now accepting applications for next year's show. See the BSF website for details
- Joy of Bonsai
 - Timing being finalized
 - One of the first weekends in February with special guest Mark Arpag

October Meeting

In the grand scheme of things, the Jacksonville area was very lucky regarding Hurricane Helene. However, I don't want to downplay damage folks did have and/or the damage in other areas. This was a very major storm and I hope you are all recovering and can put the pieces back together in relatively short order.

Bonsai is a luxury in these kinds of scenarios, but it can also help us remain grounded. I personally find the practice of bonsai beneficial in these scenarios as it allows me to find focus in times of stress. Anything we can do to keep healthy both mentally and physically provides enormous benefits.



Before I transition into the actual bonsai news I wanted to interject with a bit of levity that was shared with me courtesy of Craig Meyerer. Thanks Craig!

The next North Florida Bonsai Club meeting will be Monday October 14th at 7pm. We are working on getting material for a workshop and the club styling competition. However, we are still trying to schedule time to get to the nursery in south Florida. If anyone has the time and would like to volunteer to be part of the trip please let us know.

Assuming we have the material, we will organize that even for our October meeting otherwise we will have it available for a future program. If we are not able to get the material in time will substitute with a styling demonstration with a focus on wiring to help everyone be ready to handle this future material.

10th Annual Multi-Club Picnic and Auction

The Auction is held at the F. Burton Smith Regional Park (7575 W. King Street Cocoa, FL) on Saturday October 12th. The event is held under a huge pavilion with a lot of picnic tables. Bathrooms are readily accessible and there is easy access to parking right by the pavilion.

There will be a potluck also so please bring a dish to share.

This is a great event and opportunity to meet members of other clubs. There are lots of bonsai related items at very reasonable prices. As with any auction, you never know what you will find.

10TH ANNUAL

Multi-club Bonsai Auction & Picnic October 12, 2024



Who: Coordinated by BSOB (Brevard)
CFBC (Central Florida)
TCBS (Treasure Coast)
HUKYU (Tampa, Clearwater)
KAWA (NE Florida)

When: Saturday, October 12, 2024

Where: F. Burton Smith Park,
7575 W. King St, Cocoa, FL
(On 520 in West Brevard County)

Pulled Pork, Hotdogs, condiments, & beverages provided. Bring a dish to share!

10a - setup for live and silent auction

11a - auctions open for viewing; lunch setup

12p - live auction begins, silent auction continuous

3p - auctions close

- Live Auction Limit - 5 items
- Silent Auction Limit - 20 items

15% seller paid commission

Now accepting debit/credit cards

Sponsorship

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Club discounts for October 2024:

- 10% off for club members all month long

Seasonal Advice

October is the month in which we can expect our temperature to moderate, and we will get a break from the heat. With cooler nighttime temperatures we should minimize work on tropical trees. They can still be pruned but it is too late for root work.

October is usually the end of our rainy season. Continue to monitor your bonsai for their watering needs. When you water your bonsai, you will soon notice that some need less water than others. Our days are getting shorter and our temperature cooler, causing some plants to start their period of dormancy. Other plants will still be growing vigorously and should be fed, if needed. At this time of the year, it is wise to use a fertilizer with less nitrogen.

Now is a good time to wire trees that are going dormant. Wire can generally be left on longer now but still needs to be watched as trees put on a lot of their woody tissue (trunk growth) this time of year.

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. (**Currently out of stock**)

Trees & Supplies

- Alex Stanford recently opened Florida Bonsai Nursery and Supply in Jacksonville. The nursery has a wide variety of trees, soil, pots and more. Ongoing specials for NFBC members.



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For up-to-date hours and contact information See [Florida Bonsai Nursery & Supply](#)

- Komorebi bonsai garden is coming to St Augustine. Please contact Ryan.L.Northrup@gmail.com for information.
- AncientCityBonsai is coming to St. Augustine, opening date TBD
- Josh Brown also has bonsai and pre-bonsai available. Please contact him at joshuareubenbrown1@yahoo.com for information.



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	General Discussion
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	Guest artist Adam Lavigne
August	Wiring	Beginner Workshop	Guest artist David Cutchin	Air Layering	Beginner Workshop	Guest artist Robert Kempinski
September	Find the Front	Guest artist Reggie Perdue	Beginner Workshop	Guest artist Robert Kempinski	Beginner Workshop	BYOT
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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