

# NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

## November 2024

### NFBC Bonsai Events

- November 11th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
  - We have secured material from DragonTree Bonsai (Jupiter FL) for a club workshop & CHALLENGE!
  - The trees are primarily Green Island Ficus but other species are available
  - The cost is \$20 to participate
- December 9th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
  - Holiday Celebration & Tree Decorating Contest
- January 18th - Participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Camellia Festival
  - Saturday 9am – 2pm
  - Ortega Methodist Church
  - 4807 Rosevelt Blvd



Green Island Ficus on display at Heathcote Botanical Gardens in Fort Pierce, FL. The bonsai collection showcases tropical trees as outstanding bonsai. The collection was established by a donation of trees from the late great Jim Smith. If you find yourself nearby it is worth a visit.

### Other Bonsai Events

- Winter Silhouette Bonsai
  - Kannapolis North Carolina
  - December 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Epcot Flower and Garden 2025
  - BSF is accepting applications Until 12/31 for the 2025 show. See the BSF website for details
- Multi-Club Auction & Picnic
  - Rescheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> in Cocoa FL
- Joy of Bonsai
  - Timing being finalized
  - One of the first weekends in February with special guest Mark Arpag

Montezuma Cypress on display at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in Pasadena California.





## POSTPONED – DATE UPDATED

### 10<sup>th</sup> 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 January 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

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### Sponsorship

NFBC is sponsored by Florida Bonsai Nursery & Supply and Sunway Landscape Services. We encourage you to visit these sponsors.



Club discounts for November 2024:

- 10% off for club members all month long



Call or text 904-274-YARD and mention your membership in the bonsai club to receive a 15% discount on landscape design and enhancement projects from Sunway Landscape Services

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### Seasonal Advice

November is when we must start thinking about winter preparation. The temperature should still be mild enough that plants will not have to be protected YET but you want to get prepared. My suggestion is that you place your tropical plants in one area so you will not forget any if temperatures drop dramatically. Once night time temperatures hit 45 or below start protecting the most sensitive species (i.e., buttonwood, black olive, etc.) other tropical trees will start needing

protection once the temperatures reach the upper 30's. When in doubt it doesn't hurt to be conservative.

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 shouldn't be putting on much growth due to a combination of shorter daylight hours and cooler temperatures.

With nicer temperatures it should allow you more time outside just enjoying your collection. If you grow deciduous trees you should also get hints of fall color as well. Spend time enjoying your trees beauty, after all that is why we go to all the effort to grow these tiny trees.

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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. (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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Topicals
October	Dia de Los Muertos	Help trees recover	Bring your favorite tree	Beginner Workshop	NFBC Club tree & BYOT	BYOT Wiring
November	Styling Competition	Winter Prep	Pot Selection	Styling Competition	Juniper Trim & Thin	Club Workshop
December	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party

#### NFBC Officers

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