

# NORTH FLORIDA BONSAI CLUB

## December 2024

### NFBC Bonsai Events

- December 9th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
  - Holiday Celebration & Tree Decorating Contest
  - Josh to have trees for sale
- January 13th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
  - TBD
- January 18th - Participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Camellia Festival
  - Saturday 9am – 2pm
  - Ortega Methodist Church
  - 4807 Rosevelt Blvd
- February 10th NFBC Meeting @ 7pm
  - How To Select Good Material
- **Special Event** February 15<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)
  - Field Trip to Richard Turners Bonsai Nursery, Vero Beach
  - Carpool for a 10-2 plant buying event



Cypress on display at D&L Bonsai Nursery in Ocklawaha Florida.

One of my favorite places to visit.

### Other Bonsai Events

- Winter Silhouette Bonsai
  - Kannapolis North Carolina
  - December 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Multi-Club Auction & Picnic
  - January 25<sup>th</sup> in Cocoa FL
- Joy of Bonsai
  - February 7-9<sup>th</sup> in Deland FL
  - Guest artists Mark Arpag and Chris Cosenza
- Forest Bonsai Club (Ocala)
  - Feb 1st meeting with Chicago Botanical Garden Curator Chris Baker
  - Club Show April 26th

REMINDER

2025 MEMBERSHIPS  
ARE DUE NOW

## December Meeting

December is the time for wonderful holiday celebrations with all our bonsai family. We will celebrate together during our December meeting by hosting a potluck, so bring a dish to share.

We will also be having our annual tree-decorating contest. Bring your favorite bonsai tree in its holiday finest. Be creative and have fun giving your tree a makeover. The winner will be decided by people's choice vote, with fabulous prize(s).

We can't wait to see you for food, fellowship, and tiny trees!



As something extra...for those who might want to buy an early Christmas gift for themselves. I have been cleaning up my bonsai benches lately and have pulled aside a lot of trees to sell. (For those who haven't been to my house, I have WAY too many trees.)

I will be bringing some inexpensive things in if folks want to snag something for themselves or a gift for the budding bonsai artist. I am just looking to downsize so the prices should be good! If you're looking for

something specific, please reach out before the meeting and I can let you know if I have something like it.

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## 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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## Epcot Flower and Garden Show 2025

I would like to share a message from Paul Pikel (BSF Epcot Committee Chair)....

*I have spoken with Disney regarding the 2025 Flower and Garden Festival and was informed that they would like to continue with the displays of Penjing (in China) and Bonsai (in Japan) once again this year. I would like to request that the Trustees please remind the membership to please participate by submitting their trees before the deadline of December 31st 11:59pm!*

*We will be displaying 9 Penjing and 18 Bonsai. The criteria and application are located on our website at <https://bonsai-bsf.com/epcot/epcot-entry-application/>*

*It is a wonderful experience for those that have never been part of the process, and a fantastic way for BSF Members to share their art with over 2 million park visitors.*

*Thank you very much.*

*Paul Pikel*

*Committee Chair*

If you have any questions about the process, please let me know. I have been fortunate enough to participate a few times previously and am a strong advocate for this program.

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## Dragon Tree Bonsai

I got asked by a lot of the participant of the NFBC Styling Challenge where we got the trees. The Nursery is called Dragon Tree Bonsai Nursery in Palm City. It is a 3-acre bonsai nursery that is run by a very talented bonsai artist Robert Pinder.

I highly recommend it if you are ever in the area ( 3663 SW Honey Terrace, Palm City, FL 34990).

See his website [Dragon Tree Bonsai](#) for hours and information.





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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 December 2024:**



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

December means your winter protection should be in place and the weather should be monitored. Once nighttime temperatures are 45 or below we have to start protecting for our most sensitive species (i.e., buttonwood, black olive, etc.) other tropical trees will start needing protection once the temperatures reach the low 40's to upper 30's. When in doubt it does not hurt to be conservative. Trees can be overwintered in a greenhouse, garage, or inside as long as you properly account for changing light levels and temperatures. Some leaf drop will be expected if light levels are altered dramatically. Feel free to reach out to a more experienced member if you have concerns about changes to your trees.

Cold hardy species (i.e. ilex, elm, maple, boxwood, crepe myrtle, pine, juniper, etc.) should remain outside throughout the winter. These species need a winter dormancy period to remain healthy. If you are concerned, setting the plant on the ground and providing some wind protection can provide a little extra piece of mind for these cold hardy trees.

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 should not be putting on much growth due to a combination of shorter daylight hours and cooler temperatures.

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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.



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	2025
<b>January</b>		Pesticides, fungicides and fert	Juniper	Styling Competition	Guest artist Jeanne Cosenza	Guest artist Andrew Giles	
<b>February</b>		Repotting	Root over Rock	Wiring	BYOT	Styling Competition	Material Selection & Field Trip
<b>March</b>	Convention Prep	Guest artist Adam Lavigne	Azalea	Guest artist David Cutchin	Azalea	BYOT	
<b>April</b>	Guest artist Adam Lavigne	Azalea	General care basics	Convention Prep	Tree Documentation	General Discussion	Juniper refresh – David R
<b>May</b>	Ficus Propagation	Ficus Styling	Air Layering	Ficus & NFBC Club trees	Mame size	Raintree	
<b>June</b>	Red Maple	Buttonwood	Ficus & NFBC Club trees	Black Pine	Ficus & NFBC Club trees	Guest artist Abner Cruz	
<b>July</b>	Beginner Workshop	Beginner Workshop	Black Pine	Summer Maintenance	BYOT	Guest artist Adam Lavigne	
<b>August</b>	Wiring	Beginner Workshop	Guest artist David Cutchin	Air Layering	Beginner Workshop	Guest artist Robert Kempinski	NFBC Styling Challenge Ends
<b>September</b>	Find the Front	Guest artist Reggie Perdue	Beginner Workshop	Guest artist Robert Kempinski	Beginner Workshop	BYOT Topicals	
<b>October</b>	Dia de Los Muertos	Help trees recover	Bring your favorite tree	Beginner Workshop	NFBC Club tree & BYOT	BYOT Wiring	
<b>November</b>	Styling Competition	Winter Prep	Pot Selection	Styling Competition	Juniper Trim & Thin	NFBC Styling Challenge Starts	
<b>December</b>	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party	Holiday Party

### NFBC Officers

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