



Next Meeting: February 8, 2025

City of Sunrise Community Center
6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL
PROGRAM: Bring-Your-Own-Tree
Workshop with Charles Michelson
BRING: a tree to work on, items for the
raffle table, trees for the display table,
and annual dues payments either by
cash, check or credit card.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP VP

A friend texted me excited about an article featuring bonsai in "National Geographic" magazine's February number 62 issue. It was exciting to open my issue to pages 102-103 and see the beautiful pictures and article titled: "The Tiny Forest of a Bonsai Giant." It featured a picture of Goshin, which has resided at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum in Washington, D.C. since John donated the forest in 1984. Bonsai clubs were invited to the occasion. It was quite a day. According to the article, this incredible forest started with a single juniper

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cutting and was slowly developed over time by master bonsai artist and teacher, John Naka. When John toured, Gold Coast was always on his calendar. I was terrified the first time I had to place my tree before him at a workshop. When Gold Coast held its final convention in Ft. Lauderdale, John was our keynote speaker.

The article carefully explains the art of bonsai along with close-up photos of Goshin. John might have been short in stature, but he was a giant in the art of bonsai. His hands were magical, and the height and size of the bonsai forests and individual trees he created made no difference to him, even if they dwarfed him. I, along with those who knew and worked with John, continue to miss him.

MEMBERSHIP

I look forward to greeting you at the Welcome Desk when you arrive in February. Thank you to all who remembered to wear their name badges at the January meeting. Please remember to wear your badges to all our meetings. I will have paper name tags available at the welcome desk if you forget. And, if you have not renewed your 2025 dues, please do so. Remember, cash, check, or charge. Gold Coast wants to welcome our newest members:

Gadiel Gowzalez and welcome back a new/old member: **George Mailhe**
Many remembered George and were glad to see him back.

I'm asking those who have not renewed their GCBS membership for 2025 as either a primary or secondary member and cannot attend the February meeting, to please contact me at catsai@att.net to make payment arrangements. It's important that we complete collecting our dues so Charlie, our Treasurer, can turn our dues for BSF membership over to them.

Anita Lorenz, Membership Chairperson

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to Ed Trout and Betty Siskind for their juniper demo at the January meeting. The January juniper demo is a Gold Coast tradition that dates back to when Ben Oki would visit the club, and we thank Ed and Betty for continuing the tradition! This month we have our own Charles Michelson leading a bring-your-own tree workshop. Beginner or veteran, bring a tree and get help and guidance on bringing your tree to the next level. If you have a Brazilian rain tree, all the better as Charlie has a great understanding of them.

Congratulations to members Jesus Brito, Betty Siskind, and Ed Trout who were selected to have trees on display at Disney's International Flower & Garden Festival. Their trees will be on display at Epcot from March until June.

At our March meeting we will have internationally recognized bonsai artist and author Rob Kempinski present The Art of Exhibit. Rob, who's based in Brevard County, has been chosen by the senior staff of the Bonsai Societies of Florida to oversee this year's Exhibit

at its annual convention in May. Rob has set himself the ambitious task of visiting member clubs throughout the state to stimulate interest in this year's event as well as educate everyone about the art of tree display. While he will be showing photos as part of his presentation, there will also be hand-on practical exercises. Even if you don't plan on publicly displaying your trees, this should be a stimulating presentation that will help with displaying your trees for your own personal enjoyment, as well as better understanding and critiquing any public exhibitions you attend. Knowing some of the displays Rob has put together in the past, there are bound to be some creative and non-traditional ideas presented. Mark your calendars now!

Jeffrey Apana
President

2025 Dues

Dues for 2025 are now due! Please bring your payment with you and see Anita Lorenz.

Membership Dues:

Primary Club: Single \$30 (Household \$35)

Secondary dues (if your BSF dues are paid through another club; please identify your primary club)

Single \$21 (Household \$26)

Checks should be made out to: **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**. Dues will also be collected at all club meetings.

Gold Coast Is On Facebook & Instagram!

Facebook – Gold Coast Bonsai Society

Instagram – goldcoastbonsai

2025 Program Schedule

January: Ficus Demo by Ed Trout & Betty Siskind

February: Charles Michelson BYOT

March: Rob Kempinski Display WS

April: TBA

May: TBA

June: TBA

July: Ed Trout & Betty Siskind - Pines

August: TBA

October: Annual Auction

September: TBA

November: TBA

December: TBA & Holiday Party

PHOTOS FROM JANUARY WORKSHOP

Photos curtesey of Jeffrey Apana









Area Bonsai Events And Meetings

* Please verify dates and times as changes may occur*

Tuesday, Feb 4th – 7:00 pm
(First Tuesday of Month)

Bonsai Society of the Palm Beaches
Mount's Botanical Garden Auditorium
West Palm Beach, Florida
www.bonsai-bsf.com/clubs/sites/bspb

Tuesday, Feb 11th – 7:00 pm
(Second Tuesday of Month)

Bonsai Society of Miami
Pinecrest Gardens
11000 Red Rd, Pinecrest, FL 33156
www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Saturday, Feb 8th – 9 am
(Second Saturday of Month)

Gold Coast Bonsai Society
City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Dept.
6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL
<http://www.goldcoastbonsai.com/>

Saturday Feb 15th - 9:30AM –12:30PM
Broward Bonsai Society

Flamingo Gardens Learning Center
www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday, Feb 15th – 9 am
(Third Saturday of Month)

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida
SPALC Building
6281 Metro Plantation Road (Off Metro Parkway between Daniels Parkway and Colonial Blvd)
Ft. Meyers, Florida
Contact Dorothy Schmitz 239-947-3552
www.thebonsaisswfl.com

Saturday, Feb 22nd – 9:00
(Fourth Saturday of the Month)

Lighthouse Bonsai Society
9:00 am
(Fourth Saturday of the Month)
Check Website for location.
www.lighthousebonsai.org

Private Sessions

Ed Trout & Betty Siskind 954-432-8208
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Bonsai Links

Bonsai Societies of Florida

www.bonsai-bsf.com

Bonsai Clubs International

www.bonsai-bci.com

The American Bonsai Society

www.absbonsai.org

The National Bonsai Foundation