



Next Meeting: NO MEETING FOR JULY
City of Sunrise Community Center
6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL

Hello Gold Coast Bonsai! Unfortunately, as our next meeting date falls on July 4, and we were unable to secure an alternate date or venue, there will be no meeting for July. I hope everyone instead has a great Independence Day weekend working on your trees! Don't worry, we will be back with BYOT workshops in August featuring Vlad Foursa and in September featuring Mike Sullivan.

As an alternative, please consider making a trip to Heathcote Botanical Gardens on July 15. As part of their Red, White & Bonsai celebration, they will dedicate a Bald Cypress collected from the historic Adams Ranch and transformed into a bonsai that honors both Florida's natural heritage and America's 250th birthday. This special tree serves as a living tribute to the generations who have shaped our nation and the landscapes we cherish today. The Cypress Bonsai Dedication will be on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM at the James J. Smith Bonsai Gallery, Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road in Fort Pierce.

There are several other events coming up in the next few months. As I mentioned last month, this is an election year for Gold Coast, and a slate of nominees needs to be presented in September. If you are willing to serve in any capacity, please let us know! Also in September is the very first U.S. National Tropical Bonsai Exhibition, which will be held in Houston. If you've been to Nationals in Rochester you'll have an idea of what to expect, but unlike the Rochester show, where few tropicals are displayed, the Houston show will be tropicals-only. This will be a great opportunity to see quality trees of species that actually grow in Florida. You can find more information

here: <https://usnationaltropicalbonsaiexhibition.com>

In October is our annual auction. If you have trees you'd like to sell, now is the time to start getting them ready for the auction. As in the past, you can sell up to six trees or bonsai items like pots or tools (or six bundles if you'd like to combine several in one group). We will also need several volunteers to help make the auction run smoothly. Please mark October 3 on your calendars now!

We are now in hurricane season, and it's been a quiet few years, enough time for complacency to set in. Now is a good time to review your plans for your trees. If you have room to bring them indoors during a storm, that is the best option. On the ground next to a wall comes in second. Even if no storms are on the horizon, it is a good idea to secure your trees to your benches, as a stray gust (or a curious animal) can knock trees off benches and break branches and pots (ask me how I know...)

Lastly, if you are looking for a reasonably priced slow-release organic fertilizer, California artists Julian Tsai and Jeremiah Lee are recommending MicroLife. They are having good results with it, and it is available on Amazon for about \$40 for a 7-lb container

or about \$90 for 40

lbs: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07H8MBW1G>

Gold Coast Is On Facebook & Instagram!

Facebook – Gold Coast Bonsai Society

Instagram – [goldcoastbonsai](https://www.instagram.com/goldcoastbonsai)

2026 Program Schedule

January: Ficus Demo by Ed Trout & Betty Siskind

February: Toby Diaz BYOT

March: Charles Michelson BYOT

April: Jesus Brito BYOT

May: Hiram Macias BYOT

June: Larry Naeder BYOT

July: No club meeting in July

August: Vlad Foursa BYOT

September: Mike Sullivan BYOT

October: Annual Auction

November: Alex Mendosa BYOT

December: Boon Manakitivipart BYOT & Holiday Party

Area Bonsai Events and Meetings:

Please verify dates and times as changes may occur

No club meeting in July. (First Saturday of Month) Gold Coast Bonsai Society City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Dept. 6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL

<http://www.goldcoastbonsai.com/>

Tuesday, July 2nd – 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, July 9th – 7:00 pm (Second Tuesday of Month) Bonsai Society of Miami Pinecrest Gardens 11000 Red Rd, Pinecrest, FL 33156 www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

July 18th Jesus Brito BYOT 9:30–12:30
Broward Bonsai Society Flamingo Gardens Learning Center www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday, July 20th – 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, July 27th – 9:00 (Fourth Saturday of Month) Lighthouse Bonsai Society 9:00 am. www.lighthousebonsai.org

Private Sessions

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Ed Trout & Betty Siskind 954-432- 8208

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The National Bonsai Foundation usna.usda.gov

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