



### **Next Meeting: January 11, 2025**

City of Sunrise Community Center  
6800 Sunset Strip

Sunrise, FL 954-572-2287

PROGRAM: Ed Trout/Betty Siskind  
Juniper demo

BRING: cash for the demo tree raffle,  
items for the raffle table, trees for the  
display table, and annual dues  
payments either by cash, check or credit  
card.

### **URGENT MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER!**

Let me introduce myself as your new  
Membership Chairperson and to thank  
all those who have already paid their  
2025 membership dues. We still have  
many primary and secondary members  
who have not renewed. When you pay  
your full dues as a primary member of  
Gold Coast Bonsai Society, you also  
become automatic members of Bonsai  
Societies of Florida, our umbrella club.  
Those members who pay as secondary

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members to Gold Coast also become  
members of BSF but through their  
primary club.

Your dues allow us to bring in speakers,  
purchase materials, and serve  
refreshments.

BSF recently asked the clubs to collect  
all their dues in the first week of  
January. Since we won't meet until the  
second Saturday in January, I am  
asking you not to leave our meeting  
without paying your dues. If you cannot  
attend the January meeting, please  
contact me. You can find my information  
at the end of this newsletter. Charles  
Michelson, your Treasurer also has a  
deadline for sending our dues to BSF.  
Remember, there are presently three  
ways to pay your dues: cash, check,  
and charge.

I'm also going to ask a favor. Many of  
us, during a meeting, have been asked,  
"Who's that person?" We turn to look but  
don't know that person's name. We  
need to start wearing our badges. I've  
heard visiting masters ask the person  
they are working with, "What's your  
name?" And so, I'm asking you to keep  
your badge in your vehicle and then  
remember to wear it when you arrive.  
Even if you forget, you can walk to your  
car and grab it. I'm going to have name  
tags at the door if you don't have your  
badge. We need to become user  
friendly and welcoming.

Anita Lorenz, Vice  
President/Membership

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cold weather is finally on the way! While we may enjoy it, some of our tropical trees may not. Our trees in smaller pots are more susceptible, but even larger trees may suffer damage when we get below 50 degrees. Now is the time to keep an eye on the thermometer and err on the side of caution when deciding whether to bring trees indoors. We are also approaching the time to repot bald cypress as they go into dormancy.

January's meeting will continue the tradition of featuring Ed Trout and Betty Siskind demonstrating work on a juniper, and the tree will be raffled at the end of the meeting. This is your chance to get a tree worked on by bonsai royalty!

A recent Black Pondo podcast featured an interview with Aarin Packard, current curator of the Pacific Bonsai Museum. Aarin is a self-proclaimed disruptor with a background in art curation, and he is a person to watch as he pushes the envelope. From the LAB project to the World War Bonsai exhibit and the Avant Garden exhibit, he has taken an art-centered approach to bonsai display that breaks tradition. Even if you are not interested in being a bonsai curator, the podcast is a fascinating listen, and if you are ever in the vicinity of Seattle/Tacoma Washington, the Pacific Bonsai Museum is worth a visit.  
Jeffrey Apana

President – Gold Coast Bonsai  
954-336-6426

## 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

**September:** TBA

**October:** Annual Auction

**November:** TBA

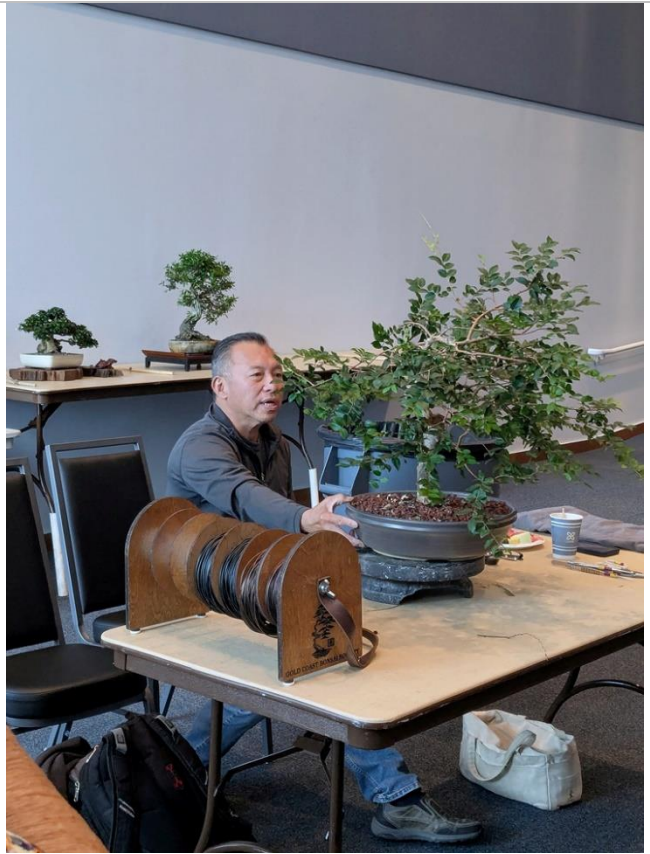
**December:** TBA & Holiday Party

# PHOTOS FROM DECEMBER WORKSHOP

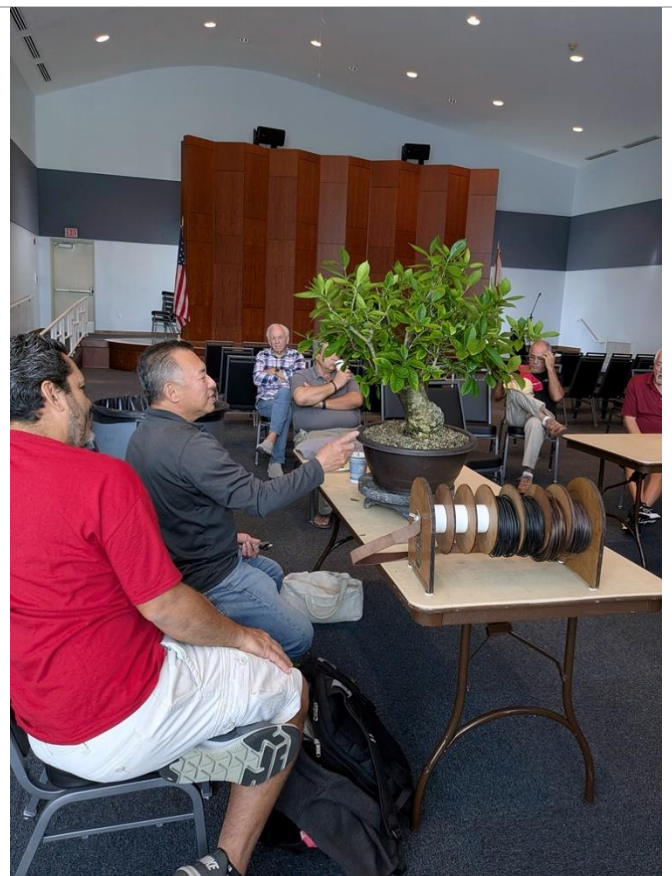
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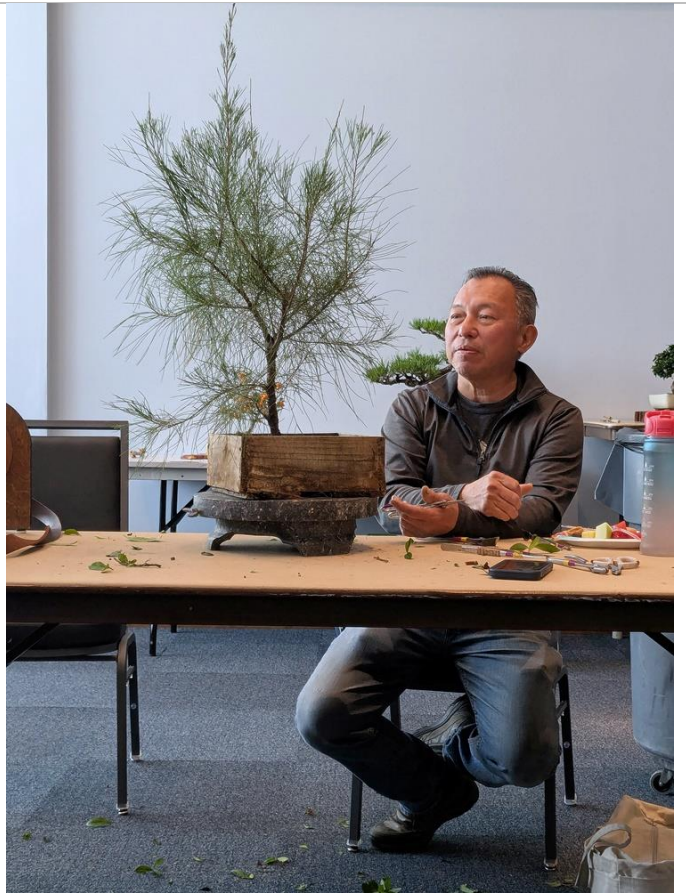




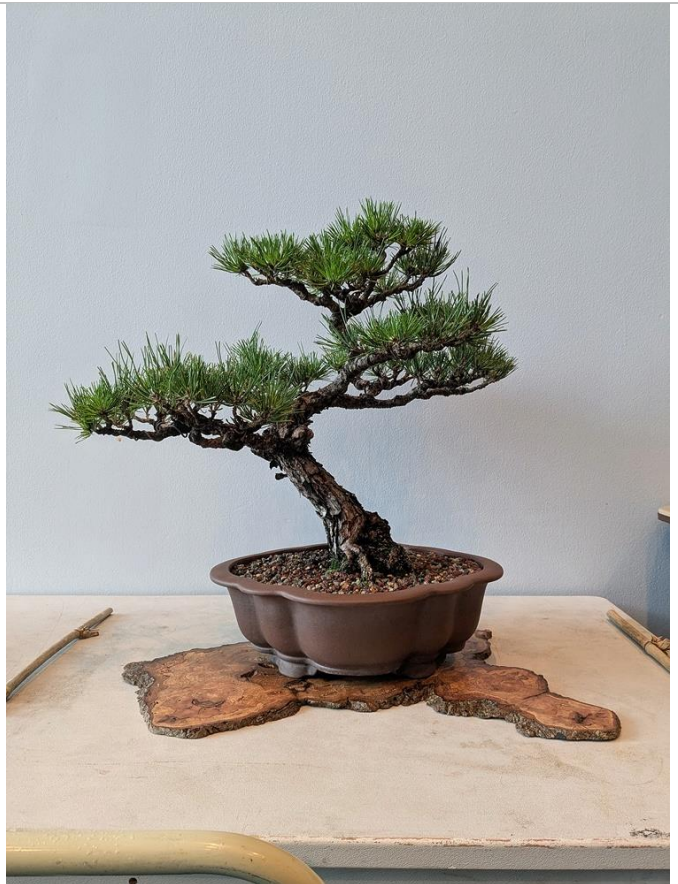




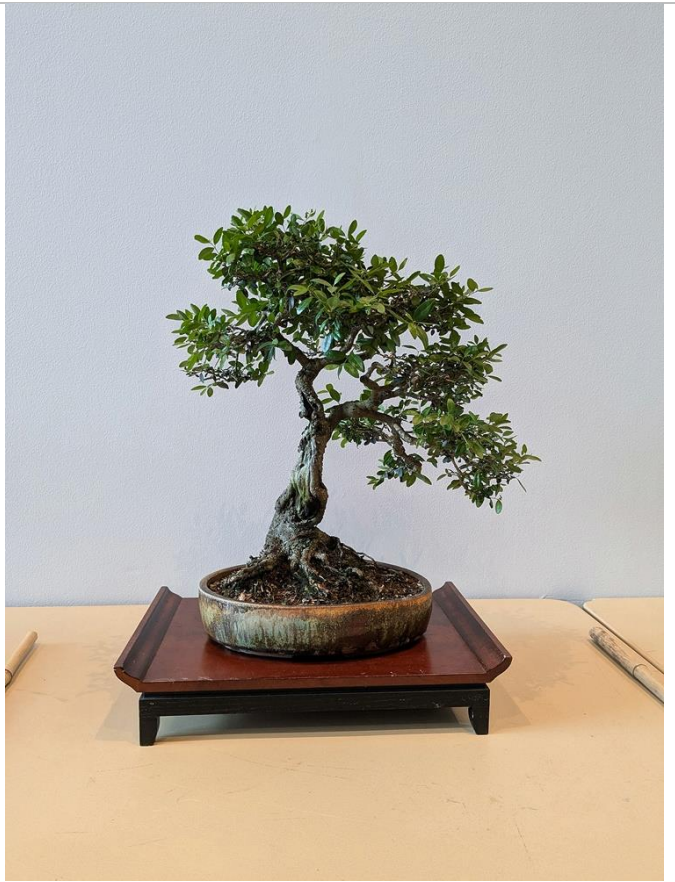














## Area Bonsai Events And Meetings

\* Please verify dates and times as changes may occur\*

Tuesday, Jan 7th – 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](http://www.bonsai-bsf.com/clubs/sites/bspb)

Tuesday, Jan 14th – 7:00 pm  
(Second Tuesday of Month)

### **Bonsai Society of Miami**

Pinecrest Gardens  
11000 Red Rd, Pinecrest, FL 33156

[www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org](http://www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org)

Saturday, Jan 11th – 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 Jan 11th - 9:30AM –12:30PM

### **Broward Bonsai Society**

Flamingo Gardens Learning Center

[www.browardbonsai.com](http://www.browardbonsai.com)

Saturday, Jan 18th – 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](http://www.thebonsaisswfl.com)

Saturday, Jan 25th – 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](http://www.lighthousebonsai.org)

## Private Sessions

**Ed Trout & Betty Siskind 954-432-8208**

**Jesus Brito 954-804-5660**

## 2024 GOLD COAST BOARD

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## Bonsai Links

**Bonsai Societies of Florida**

[www.bonsai-bsf.com](http://www.bonsai-bsf.com)

**Bonsai Clubs International**

[www.bonsai-bci.com](http://www.bonsai-bci.com)

**The American Bonsai Society**

[www.absbonsai.org](http://www.absbonsai.org)

**The National Bonsai Foundation**