



Next Meeting: 9 AM, March 21, 2026
City of Sunrise Community Center
6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL

PROGRAM: Charles Michelson BYOT

BRING: tree to work on, trees for the display table, items for the raffle table

Hello Gold Coast Bonsai! I hope the meeting being on March 21 was not too confusing to everyone...we have to work around the availability of the community center, and while we try to be consistent, sometimes the center does not cooperate.

Thanks to Toby Diaz for a fantastic workshop in February. This month we have Charles Michelson, who loves Brazilian raintrees, so if you have one,

bring it, and if not, bring something else!

It is time to start thinking about the annual BSF Convention, which will take place on May 22-24. We will be picking the tree to represent our club at our April meeting, so if you have a tree you'd like to have considered, please get it ready and plan on bringing it to our April meeting. If you would like to submit other trees to be displayed at the BSF convention, please keep the April 13 deadline in mind. If you have not been to a regional or national bonsai convention, you should consider going to the BSF one this summer. It is a great place to see quality trees from across the state and to get inspired (and also to shop!) One of this summer's headliners is Sergio Cuan, who is an amazing artist from New Jersey. His incredible yatsubusa elm "The Sentinel" was on display at the last US National Bonsai Exhibition, where I got to see it in person, and it recently won first place in the Bonsaigers X 25 International Exhibition. The tree is now part of the Longwood Gardens collection. The other headliner needs no introduction, as it is our own Jesus Brito. Conference registration and the schedule should be available at <https://bonsai-bsf.com/about-bsf->

[conventions/](#) shortly after you receive this.



Jeffrey Apana, president

Membership Report

I'm sorry to report that we have not received dues payments from the individuals listed below and they are no longer officially members of Gold Coast Bonsai. We hope this is an oversight and that they will get in touch with us immediately as we value their membership. Our Treasurer has already sent out our club's updated registration and dues to BSF as they require this information in February. I tried to work with every person who contacted me. Please understand that by not renewing your dues on time, clubs have to do double work when someone renews late. If you wish to contact me, please email me at catsai@att.net.

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Blaze, K
Dougherty, C & S
Redito-Shurack, R

Yahrting, B & R
Yoshihko, S

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Melendez, K
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Rohack, T
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Teltser, M
Vila, A

Anita Lorenz, membership VP

Gold Coast Is On Facebook & Instagram!

Facebook – Gold Coast Bonsai Society

Instagram – 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: Mike Sullivan BYOT

June: TBA

July: TBA

August: TBA

September: TBA

October: Annual Auction

November: TBA

December: TBA & Holiday Party

Area Bonsai Events and Meetings:

Please verify dates and times as changes may occur

Saturday, Mar. 21st – 9:00 am Gold Coast Bonsai Society City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Dept. 6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL

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

Tuesday, Mar. 3rd – 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, Mar 10th – 7:00 pm (Second Tuesday of Month) Bonsai Society of Miami Pinecrest Gardens 11000 Red Rd, Pinecrest, FL 33156 www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Mar, 21st– 9:30am Broward Bonsai Society Flamingo Gardens Learning Center www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday, Mar. 21st – 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, Mar. 28th – 9:00 (Fourth Saturday of Month) Lighthouse Bonsai Society 9:00 am. www.lighthousebonsai.org

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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 usna.usda.gov