



Next Meeting: 9AM January 3, 2026

6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL

PROGRAM: Ed Trout and Betty Siskind juniper demo.

BRING: trees for the display table, items for the raffle table.

Thank you to Boon Manakitivipart for making his annual visit to Gold Coast Bonsai. Boon is a national treasure in the bonsai community and if you ever have the opportunity to work with him, you should take advantage of it. We are lucky that he travels to Florida from California each year and that we are on his tour schedule.

For many years, it was a tradition to have John Naka do a juniper demonstration for our club. For the last several years, Ed Trout and Betty Siskind have continued that tradition, and 2026 will be no exception. They have already selected the tree and Ed has made a drawing of their vision for the tree. Join us to see them work their magic on the tree, which will be auctioned off at the end of the demonstration. Please also bring your juniper questions!

A few months ago, Mirai student Addison Galambos launched the Bonsai Builder podcast. On a weekly basis over the past few months he has interviewed Ryan Neil and has discussed goals of bonsai hobbyists versus professionals with Jeff Ammons, pots and the bonsai ecosystem with Jonas Dupuich, apprenticeships with Kaya Mooney and Andrew Robson, design with David DeGroot, and more. If you are looking for another quality bonsai podcast, search your favorite podcast app for Bonsai Builder or visit <https://open.spotify.com/show/6IA3ld7qqL9QL3ZqFLq8>.

We have several guest artists lined up for 2026 and are finalizing plans for our monthly programs. If there is something or someone you would like to see, a technique or horticultural issue you would like to discuss, a species you would like to learn more about, or any other idea you think would be worth considering for a program, please let us know!

Jeffrey Apana

Membership: From Anita Lorenz

Sitting with a master like Boon was a privilege and a wonderful learning experience. Boon spoke about pruning techniques, total stripping of leaves versus leaf reduction without stripping, root placement and refinement, branch replacement, fanning, and triangulation and so much more. Thanks to his many years teaching students and working with a wide variety of bonsai, he easily conveyed that knowledge to his students. I'll be applying his teachings of fine clipping, branch and pad building and wire application to my own tropicals. I just hope I can remember everything Boon explained. If you weren't there, you missed a terrific workshop as well as all the food.

Thank you to Ramona and Michael Blom for returning to Gold Coast and for their sweet holiday card. We hope you will be at our January meeting.

Membership renewals will continue at our January meeting. Below, I have listed the names of both primary and secondary members who still need to renew. Anyone wishing to pay with their charge card will need to speak with our Treasurer, Charles Michelson (see his info at the end of this newsletter). But you still need to contact me, the Membership Chair, so I can collect vital information. Please remember that in order for a bonsai master to personally work on your tree(s), you need to be a member. When you miss a bonsai master workshop, especially someone of Boon's stature, you miss learning so much.

| PRIMARY | SECONDARY | SECONDARY |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Blaze, K | Berkowitz, C | Recine, A |
| Dougherty, C&S | Dobbs, T | Rohack, T |
| Gowzalez, G | Escobar, A | Santini, G |
| Redito-Shurack, R | Fungsang, M | Shapiro, C & J |
| Telford, V | Hanssen, J | Teltser, M |
| Yahrling, B & R | Lodato, L | Vila, A |
| Yoshihko, S | Melendez K | |

“2026 BSF Convention Update”

- * Submission for the convention \$1,000 Scholarship Competition is 1/31/26. If you are interested let Bob Wertz know.
- * This year the convention title is “It’s a Small World” More info is to follow.
- * This years headliners are, our very own Jesus Brito and Sergio Cuan of New York.

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: 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, Jan 3rd – 9:00 am (First Saturday of Month) Gold Coast Bonsai Society City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Dept. 6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL

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

Tuesday, Jan. 6th – 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, Jan. 13th – 7:00 pm (Second Tuesday of Month) Bonsai Society of Miami Pinecrest Gardens 11000 Red Rd, Pinecrest, FL 33156 www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Jan 17th – 9:30am Broward Bonsai Society Flamingo Gardens Learning Center www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday, Jan. 17th – 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, Jan 24th – 9:00 (Fourth Saturday of Month) Lighthouse Bonsai Society 9:00 am. www.lighthousebonsai.org

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The National Bonsai Foundation usna.usda.gov



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