

Hello Gold Coast Bonsai.

This past month was a true winner, Mr. Ed Trout and Mrs. Betty Siskind, together, they provided a demo for the club in the true spirit of Bonsai, and had the whole club help with the Demo tree. A pre-bonsai Juniper, turned into a literati, and a wonderful example of literati. Many jin and shari were created and large branches fell. Wire was applied and the lucky winner was Dan Ewing, Don't worry, Dan is in desperate need of a juniper tree to work on. Congratulations Big Dan! This was a great example of Gold Coast at its best, operating in a unified effort to create a great tree, and every single person was in on the action!

This upcoming month we are lucky to have another pillar of the Gold Coast Bonsai Society, Mike Sullivan, guide us with the bring your own tree workshop. Mike is one of the true students of

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Bonsai, whose attention to detail is his strong point. To have someone of his skill to work with our club is a true opportunity, not to be missed. I dare you to get the best tree you have to the best of your ability, really its tip top shape, and bring it in. Mikes trained eyes will be able to apply the fine details to take your tree to the next level. If needed he will also be able to cut the correct branches or provide any other bonsai advice. His secret fascination is also fine viewing rocks, so bring them out! Shine your bonsai stands and if time allowed we can ask for a critique of the formal display table. (Trees with clean stands and companion plants, please)

The meeting will be held at the typical meeting place. Second Saturday of the month. Sunrise Community center 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise Florida

There are also a couple of other items that will be up for discussion at this meeting, specifically there was a separate email detailing the elections we will hold in March 2024 for Gold Coast leadership. Please consider volunteering. We can use the help.

Please also bring an item for the donations table.

We really rely on these items for the Gold Coast treasury to have quality programs.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks Lee 954-529-7813



2024 Dues

Dues for 2024 are now due, you may do so at the next meeting. Please bring your payment with you and see Alicia Escobar.

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!

Log on to facebook.com and search for *Gold Coast Bonsai Society*. Thanks to

Jesus Brito for our Facebook presence.

2023 Program Schedule

January: Ficus Demo by Ed Trout & **Betty Siskind** February: Mike Sullivan BYOT workshop March: Charlie Michaelson Raintree BYOT workshop April: Glen & Lourdes Demo May: Jesus Brito BYOT workshop June: Vlad Foursa BYOT workshop July: TBA August: TBS September Marcia Fungsang BYOT workshop **October:** Annual Auction November: David Cuchin BYOT workshop December: Holiday Party, Boon Manakitivipart BYOT workshop



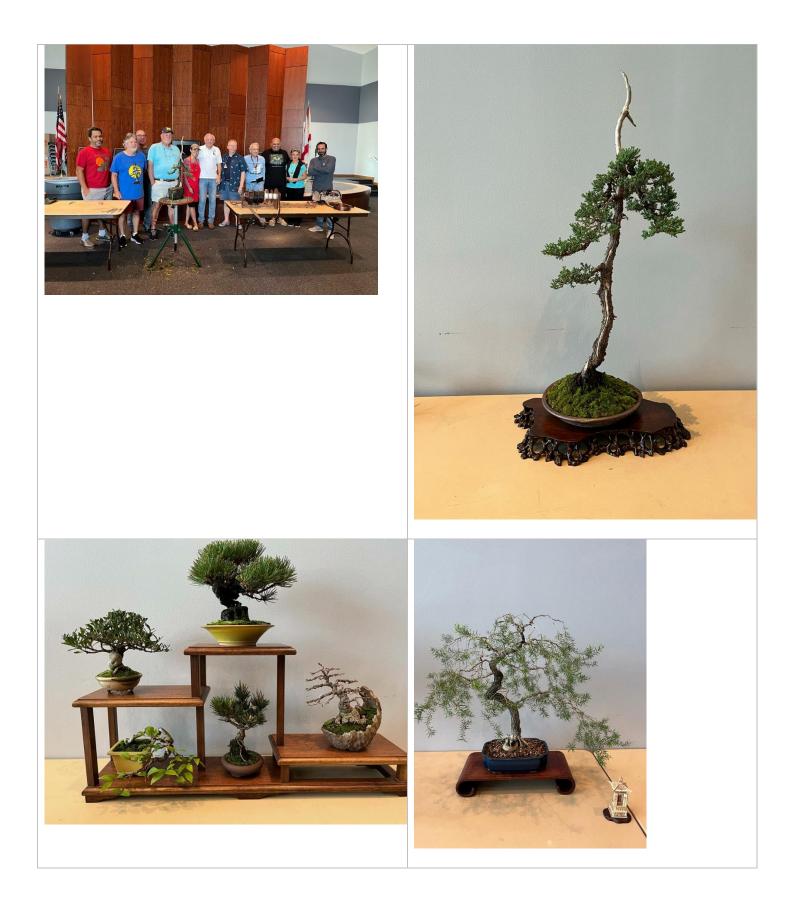
PHOTOS FROM ED & Betty's WORKSHOP

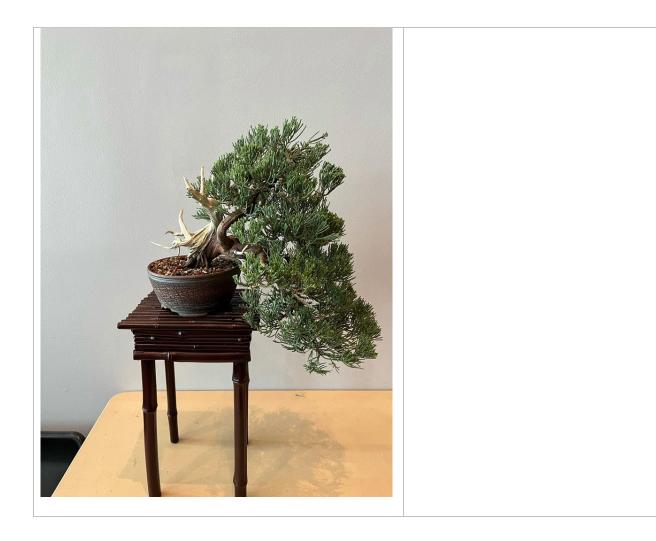
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Area Bonsai Events And Meetings*

* Please verify dates and times as changes may occur

Tuesday, Feb. 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, Feb. 13th - 7:00 pm

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(Second Tuesday of Month) Bonsai Society of Miami Pinecrest Gardens 11000 Red Rd, Pinecrest, FL 33156 www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Saturday, Feb. 10th – 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. 17th – 9:30am (Third Saturday of the Month) **Broward Bonsai Society** Flamingo Gardens Learning Center <u>www.browardbonsai.com</u> Saturday, Feb. 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 Boulevard) Ft. Meyers, Florida Contact Dorothy Schmitz 239-947-3552 www.thebonsaisswfl.com

Saturday, Feb. 24th – 9:00 am (Fourth Saturday of the Month) Lighthouse Bonsai Society Boca Raton Community Center, 150 N.W. Crawford Boulevard, Boca Raton www.lighthousebonsai.org

Private Sessions

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