



President's Message

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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Next Meeting: February 10, 2024

City of Sunrise Community Center

6800 Sunset Strip

Sunrise, FL 954-572-2287

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

Photos curtesy of Lee Stockdale, Bob Wertz and Bob Yahrling











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

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

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
www.browardbonsai.com

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.thebonsaiswfl.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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www.bonsai-bci.com
The American Bonsai Society
www.absbonsai.org
The National Bonsai Foundation