

#### **President's Message**

Hello Gold Coast Bonsai! Happy New Year!

Our next meeting will be January 13th, 2024, 9 am until noon.

Last month we were honored to host Boon. Boon provided a great workshop and discussed members trees and gave directions for his vision for the tree.

This month we will have a great kick off for 2024. Gold Coast lifetime members, and resident Sensei, Ed Trout and his wife Betty Siskind will provide a demonstration. They will transform a Ficus from nursery stock to a finished, styled bonsai tree. They always provide a great program, bring holiday cheer, and answer any questions about all aspects of bonsai.

Please also bring a display for critique at the end of the demonstration, and tree raffle.

### January 2024 Newsletter Volume #25 Issue #1 Next Meeting: January 13, 2024

City of Sunrise Community Center 6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL 954-572-2287

> Ed and Betty will provide a critique of the bonsai and offer advice for improvements.

The meeting place is Sunrise Community center 6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise Florida.

Our 2023 was a great year, with lots of success and I thank you for all for your support. We did have many successful programs, and a great fundraising auction.

Please also know that the dues are still being collected, please see Alicia, or a board member in case you have not paid your 2024 dues yet.

We will also have elections coming in February. With the ongoing evolution of Gold Coast Bonsai Society, we are actively looking for motivated people who can help with the club, in many capacities. We will plan to hold elections for the board positions for those who are interested, please indicate any interest to myself or another board member.

We also welcome your input for programs. If you to have had a favorite, or not so favorite, program in recent

memory, please let us know. It is our club, and we value your input.

Hope to see you there and invite all members to participate in an additional special holiday raffle. The club has received a number of generous gifts from Jerome from The Bonsai Supply which will be distributed at the January meeting through a special random selection of members. Compliments of Gold Coast Member Jerome, and his bonsai supply business.

Thanks Lee Stockdale 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: TBA
March: TBA
April: TBA
May: TBA
June: TBA
July: TBA

August: TBA September: TBA

October: Annual Auction

November: TBA

**December**: Holiday PartY...

## PHOTOS FROM BOONS WORKSHOP

Photos curtesey of Lee Stockdale, Bob Wertz and Bob Yahrling





























#### **Area Bonsai Events And Meetings\***

\* Please verify dates and times as changes may occur

Tuesday, Jan. 2nd – 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. 9th – 7:00 pm (Second Tuesday of Month) **Bonsai Society of Miami** Pinecrest Gardens 11000 Red Rd, Pinecrest, FL 33156 www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Saturday, Jan. 13th – 9 am (Second Saturday of Month) **Gold Coast Bonsai Society**City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Dept. 6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL

<a href="http://www.goldcoastbonsai.com/">http://www.goldcoastbonsai.com/</a>

Saturday 20th – 9:30am (Third Saturday of the Month) **Broward Bonsai Society** Flamingo Gardens Learning Center www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday, Jan. 20th – 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, Jan. 27th – 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**

Ed Trout & Betty Siskind 954-432-8208 Jesus Brito 954-804-5660

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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