



### **President's Message**

Hello Gold Coast Bonsai!

As Lee is stepping back, I thought I'd introduce myself to those that don't know me. I am a classical musician by trade and have played oboe with many of the organizations in south Florida over the years, including Miami City Ballet, Florida Grand Opera, the former Florida Philharmonic Orchestra, and others, and mostly now play in chamber orchestras such as The Symphonia and Orchestra Miami. I began my bonsai journey by taking a Bonsai 101 class with Dennis Clark several years ago. More recently, I worked for Jerome Kellerhals for two years when he had his Bonsai Supply retail store in Fort Lauderdale. While there, I probably potted thousands of trees and mixed several tons of soil, as well as had the opportunity to observe many of our outstanding local artists at work. When Jerome moved his operation to Houston, my Saturdays became available, and I was finally able to join

## **June 2024 Newsletter**

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**Next Meeting: July 13, 2024**

City of Sunrise Community Center

6800 Sunset Strip

Sunrise, FL 954-572-2287

Gold Coast Bonsai. I'm looking forward to learning more about everyone as Khaleel and I take over for Lee and Marlena. I'd also like to express a "thank you" to Lee for all of the work he has done over the years, and for his patience and assistance as we transition. Thank you, Lee!

This month we have local treasure Hiram Macias leading a bring-your-own-tree workshop. While we've seen him as auctioneer at our past auctions, it has been a few years since Hiram has presented a workshop for Gold Coast. Hiram is a member of the next generation of bonsai artists, having studied with Ed Trout and Toby Diaz. He knows a lot about tropical trees and is known for his literati stylings, so if you have tropical questions or a literati tree you need help with, this is the workshop to come to! The meeting will be at the usual time in our usual location: Saturday, July 13 at 9 AM at Sunrise Community Center, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL.

It is not too early to be thinking about our October auction. Now is a good time to start preparing any trees you are looking to sell or to donate to the silent auction, so they are in their best shape. The silent auction in particular helps fund our club activities, and items do not

need to be bonsai-related (although bonsai-related items are welcome) so please start looking for things to donate. More details about the auction will be in the next few newsletters.

Also looking to the future, we would like to learn more about how we can make the club best serve its members' needs...expect a survey in the coming months where you can give input on what club activities you would like to see. Thanks in advance for your input!

Jeffrey Apana  
President – Golf Coast Bonsai  
954-336-6426

#### **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 BYOT

**April:** Glenn & Lourdes Demo

**May:** Jesus Brito TBA

**June:** Vlad Foursa BYOT

**July:** Hiram Macias BYOT

**August:** Toby Diaz

**September:** Marcia Fungsang BYOT

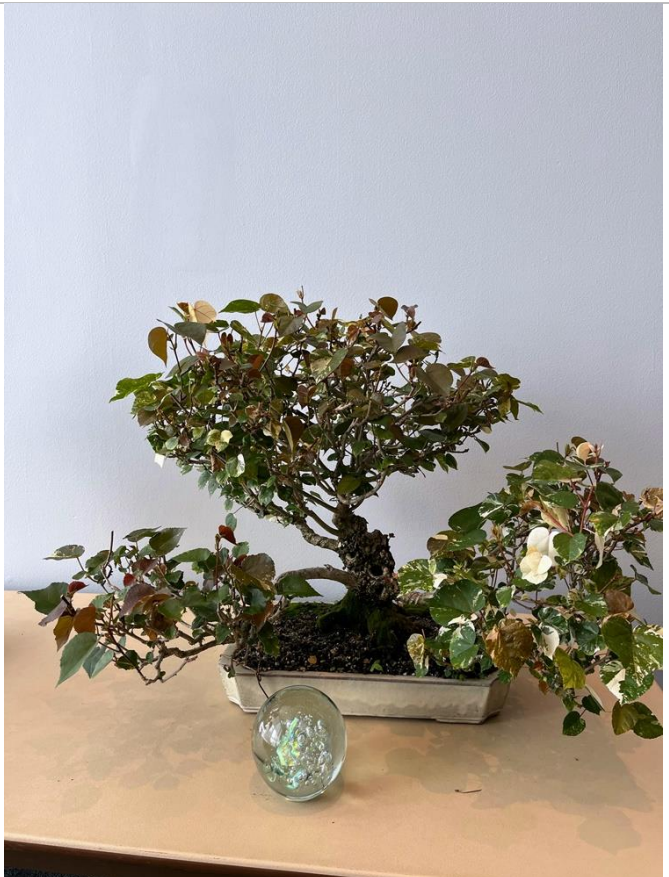
**October:** Annual Auction

**November:** David Cuchin TBA

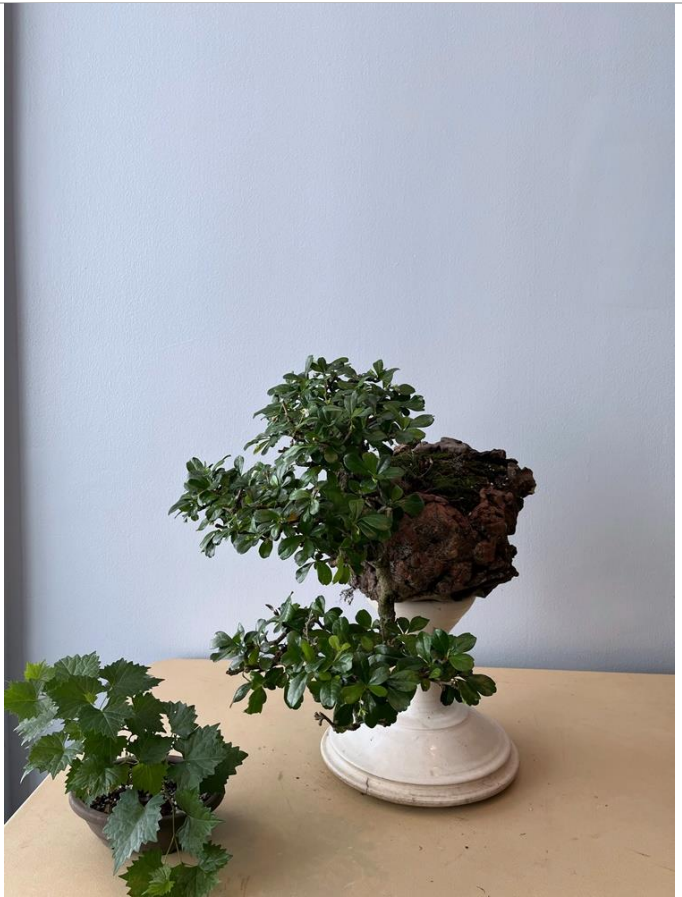
**December:** Boon Manakitivipart BYOT & Holiday Party

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## Area Bonsai Events And Meetings\*

\* Please verify dates and times as changes may occur

Tuesday, July 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](http://www.bonsai-bsf.com/clubs/sites/bspb)

Tuesday, July 9th – 7:00 pm  
(Second Tuesday of Month)

### **Bonsai Society of Miami**

Pinecrest Gardens  
11000 Red Rd, Pinecrest, FL 33156

[www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org](http://www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org)

Saturday, July 13th – 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 July 20th - 9:30AM –12:30PM  
(Third Saturday of the Month)

### **Broward Bonsai Society**

Flamingo Gardens Learning Center

[www.browardbonsai.com](http://www.browardbonsai.com)

Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – 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.thebonsaiswfl.com](http://www.thebonsaiswfl.com)

Saturday, June 29th – 9:00  
(Fourth Saturday of the Month)

## **Lighthouse Bonsai Society**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am**

(Fourth Saturday of the Month)

Check Website for location.

[www.lighthousebonsai.org](http://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](http://www.bonsai-bsf.com)

**Bonsai Clubs International**

[www.bonsai-bci.com](http://www.bonsai-bci.com)

**The American Bonsai Society**

[www.absbonsai.org](http://www.absbonsai.org)

**The National Bonsai Foundation**