



President's Message

Hello Gold Coast Bonsai!

Lee Stockdale reaching out to each Gold Coast Bonsai member with a personal message. Please make an effort to make this month's meeting, it will be a great meeting for Gold Coast Bonsai.

Our next meeting is Saturday, May 11 at 9:00 to noon.

Sunrise Community Center
6800 Sunset Strip,
Sunrise Florida.



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City of Sunrise Community Center

6800 Sunset Strip

Sunrise, FL 954-572-2287

We will honor our previous vice president Marlana Pariseau, with the styling and final touches to one of her trees as the Gold Coast Bonsai tree to be proudly displayed at the BSF convention this year. I personally ask all of those Gold Cost members in good standing who are able to be present and assist with this special tree's final preparation.

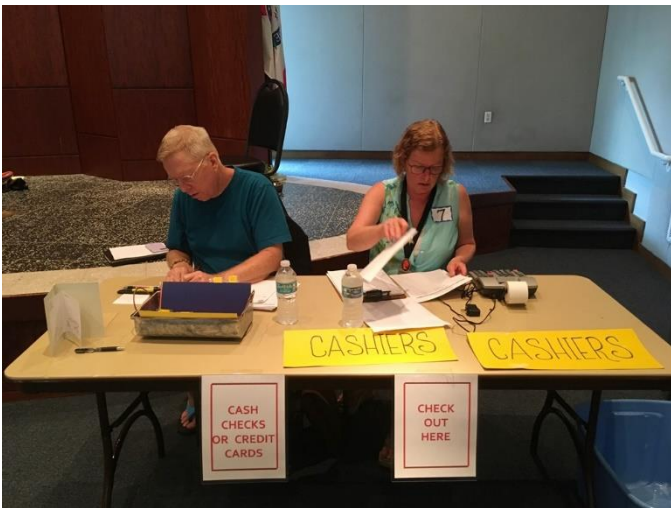


Marlena passed away last year after a brave fight with cancer, and is survived by her husband, Dan. who has agreed and assisted with the stewarding, maintenance, and care of not only this tree, but Marlena's entire bonsai collection. Dan has graciously allowed us to have Marlena's tree be able to represent Gold Coast Bonsai. Truthfully, I could not think of a better tree to represent Gold Coast Bonsai this year at the BSF convention. Gold Coast member Jesus has also put in work on

the tree as well, but as our Sensei taught us this past January, it is not really Jesus' or Dan's tree .



It is Marlena's work and a representation of the best of Gold Coast Bonsai. I hope that each member can also be represented by a bit of moss to contribute to the Gold Coast tree we will display. It is Marlena's tree, with all of Gold Coast Bonsai here to help bring out the best in the tree, like Marlena helped bring out the best in Gold Coast Bonsai.



Marlena's influence on Gold Coast Bonsai cannot be understated, and for those that don't know she served as vice

president for the past 7 or 8 years, and really helped fill Gold Coast Bonsai with the great programs, speakers, and events. Marlena passed away last year and is missed not only by Dan, but all of Gold Coast Bonsai, and Bonsai in general. If you have gotten a Gold Coast name tag recently, thank Marlena. If you don't have your name tag, I have a box of name tags and yours may be there. Please let me know if you are in need of your name tag but be sure to thank Marlena. Previous to this turn at Vice President Marlena was a Gold Coast Member in good standing for many years, prior to my involvement with Gold Coast. Her work as a Bonsai artist was phenomenal, but as a person she was even better. Marlena will be missed greatly, and for this reason, we selected a tree from Marlena's collection to represent Gold Coast at the convention this year.

Thanks to Glen & Lourdes from Miami Bonsai Specialist for last month's program. Glen told us all about the Australian native bottlebrush tree, which grows very well in our region, while Lourdes styled two trees, one weeping and one as an informal upright.

This next meeting will be hosted by our very own Jesus Brito as our guest artist. He will begin the meeting by preparing Marlena's tree we selected to represent Gold Coast Bonsai for presentation at the BSF Convention later this month. The tree was Marlena Pariseau's and is being presented by Dan in her honor and memorial. We will follow that by a Bring-Your-Own-Tree workshop.

PLEASE BRING MOSS AND STANDS so that we can moss the club tree and try out different stands to see what looks best. Do you have moss growing under your a/c drain, on your patio, in the parking lot at work? If everyone can bring a handful of moss, Jesus can show us how to moss a tree for show. The tree is large, so the stands need to be at least 26 inches wide. If you have one this large, please bring it! Please also bring a tree and companion for the display table, as well as items for the raffle table.

BSF Convention

The Bonsai Societies of Florida convention is May 24-26 in Orlando, and you have until May 10 to book a hotel room at the discounted convention rate. You might also consider a day trip: access to the exhibit and vendor area is free, and as a member you also have access to view one demo or workshop for free. Details are on the BSF website at <https://bonsai-bsf.com/about-bsf-conventions/> <<https://bonsai-bsf.com/about-bsf-conventions/>>. This is the 50th anniversary of BSF, so this is bound to be an exciting convention!

There is also a auction May 4th, 2024 with the Bonsai Society of Miami. Please see the attached flyer in the newsletter.

We will also again focus on the future of Gold Coast Bonsai. At this time, I regret to inform the club that I will be unable to be at many of the upcoming meetings of Gold Coast Bonsai. With this being the case, I must pass the leadership of Gold Coast Bonsai and role of president to

the next set of leaders. Khaleel Hack and Jeff Apana have volunteered to assist the other board members in the leadership roles. I will always be involved with Bonsai, and Gold Coast is my home club, and I will always be there to help the club. At this time, I can best assist the club by helping Jeff, Khaleel, Charlie, Bob, Alicia, and the rest of the leadership help Gold Coast Bonsai. Marlana's and all the previous leaders' efforts for Gold Coast will be passed on to the next wave of people to lead Gold Coast. I will be in the background and always available to help with the club and answer any questions. While we did not have a formal election I did speak with the entire Gold Coast board. My role as president and Marlana's role as vice president will be filled with the efforts of Khaleel and Jeff. While they are not both 100% comfortable with official titles, they will be putting forth the effort into leading the Gold Coast Bonsai Club to the next level. The rest of the Board will also continue in their current roles for their term, until the next election...Charlie as treasurer, Jack as newsletter editor and website manager, Alicia as membership chair, Bob Yarling as at-large member and club photographer. Anita is the past president. Bob Wertz is also a friend of Gold Coast and represents Gold Coast and all of district 9 for BSF.

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President – Gold Coast Bonsai
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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 TBA

July: Toby Diaz BYOT

August: TBA

September: Marcia Fungsang BYOT

October: Annual Auction

November: David Cuchin TBA

December: Boon Manakitivipart BYOT & Holiday Party

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.

PHOTOS FROM GLEN & LOURDES DEMO

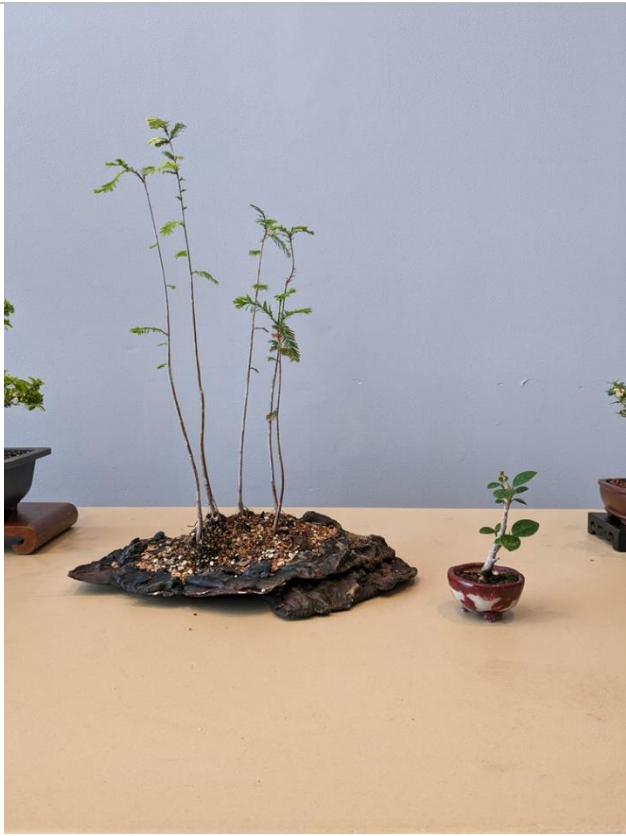
Photos curtesy of Jeffrey Apana and Bob Wertz











Area Bonsai Events And Meetings*

* Please verify dates and times as changes may occur

Tuesday, May 7th – 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, May 14th – 7:00 pm
(Second Tuesday of Month)

Bonsai Society of Miami
Pinecrest Gardens
11000 Red Rd, Pinecrest, FL 33156
www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Saturday, May 11th – 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 May 18th - 9:30AM – 12:30PM
(Third Saturday of the Month)
Broward Bonsai Society
Flamingo Gardens Learning Center
www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday, May 18th – 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, May 25th – 9:00
(Fourth Saturday of the Month)
Lighthouse Bonsai Society
Check Website for location.
www.lighthousebonsai.org

Private Sessions

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

2023 GOLD COAST BOARD

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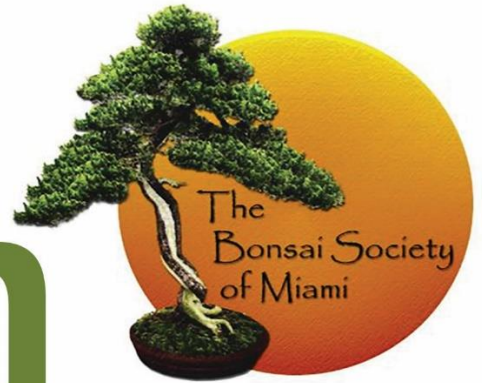
Bonsai Societies of Florida
www.bonsai-bsf.com

Bonsai Clubs International
www.bonsai-bci.com

The American Bonsai Society
www.absbonsai.org

The National Bonsai Foundation

Bonsai Auction



Saturday, May 4th 2024

Preview begins at 8:30am
Auction starts at 9:00am

**Trees, Pots,
Tools, Asian Art
and More!**

Cash, checks or
credit cards accepted.

A portion of all
sales to benefit the
Bonsai Society of Miami



**Pinecrest Gardens
Hibiscus Room**

11000 Red Road
Pinecrest, FL 33156

On the corner of Red Road
& 112th St. (Killian Drive)

For questions
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