



President's Message

Hi Gold Coast Bonsai!

Hope that everyone is well, and their trees are getting out of winter probably well into new soil and maybe a new pots by now.

Last month we had a great time with Toby Diaz. It was a really special workshop, there were many trees that Toby had helped with before, in other workshops, or occasions, that came back for further discussion and refinement. As usual he was able to provide his unique insight and wire some branches to the proper place. Thanks Toby!

This next meeting will be one not to miss. Mike Sullivan visited the 97th Kokofu Exhibition and 10th Japanese Suiseki Exhibition in Tokyo, Japan, this past February. He is fortunate enough to have the opportunity to completely document the display, and specific details from this top bonsai show.

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Next Meeting: May 13, 2023

City of Sunrise Community Center

6800 Sunset Strip

Sunrise, FL 954-572-2287

For those who don't know, this is the premiere show, in Japan, for Bonsai. Mike is a true student of bonsai, still on his path of learning, and is kind enough to share his thoughts and observations.

On Saturday May 13th, 2023, at 9:00 am, Mike will present a complete set of photographs from the Kokofu-ten Exhibition. Time allowing, he also photographed his visit to Omiya Bonsai Museum, Shunka-en Bonsai Garden (Kunio Kobayashi), Masahiko Kimura's Garden; Uchiku-Tei (Seiji Morimae); Taisho-en Nursery (Taiga Urushibata) and the potters of Tokoname, a Peony Exhibition in Ueno Park, and a visit to Senso-ji Temple (Akasuka).

Please bring a formal display tree, with companion, and an extra tree just in case there may be an extra minute, Mike could provide his insight on the direction he sees of the display, or your tree, if time allows. We are not planning a workshop, but Mike is always willing to help provide an opinion and share an observation.

Please understand this is not a scheduled workshop, but a real learning opportunity from one of Gold Coast's true students of bonsai. Bring your questions, and an open mind

to learn something new about this formal Japanese show. If we are lucky and there is enough time we can ask questions at the end of the presentation, and hope he got the Bat pot out of his collection to share, again. Perhaps he will display a viewing stone if we are lucky. We thank you in advance Mike!

Bob Wertz will also be available in case there are any questions about BSF events, like the upcoming convention this Memorial Day weekend in Orlando, FL. If you have not gotten any BSF email, and have interest in the convention this year, please see Bob, and he can help.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Thanks
Lee

2023 Dues

If any members have not yet paid their 2023 dues, 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: Jesus Brito BYOT Workshop

March: Southwest Florida Dorothy Schmitz

April: Toby Diaz BYOT Workshop

May: “A Trip to Japan” with Mike Sullivan of his recent trip to Japan

June: TBA

July: TBA

August: TBA

September: TBA

October: Annual Auction

November: TBS

December: Holiday Party



MAY PHOTOS

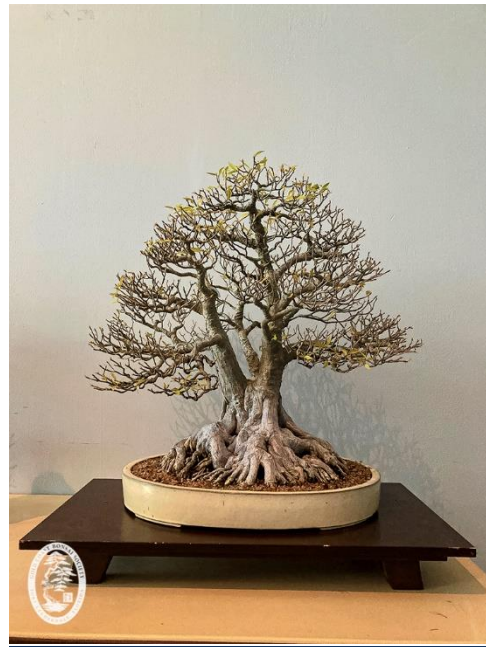












Area Bonsai Events And Meetings*

* Please verify dates and times as changes may occur

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

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

Saturday, May 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, May 27th– 9:00 am
(Fourth Saturday of 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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