



### **Next Meeting: December 14, 2024**

City of Sunrise Community Center  
6800 Sunset Strip  
Sunrise, FL 954-572-2287  
PROGRAM: Boon Manakitivipart BYOT  
and Holiday Party

Congrats to the new Gold Coast officers who will be taking over in January: Jeffrey Apana, president; Bob Wertz, VP-programs; Anita Lorenz, VP-membership; Jack Taylor, secretary; and Charles Michelson, treasurer.

Thanks go to Mike Sullivan for a great workshop in November. We started the program with a brief Q&A where we learned about Mike's homemade fertilizer. During the display table critique, Mike also walked us through pros and cons for different options for display tables. These are two things that I would like to continue in future programs.

It is not too late to submit trees for

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display at Epcot. Information and an application form can be found at: <https://bonsai-bsf.com/epcot/epcot-entry-application/>.

There were a couple of things online last month worth noting. Our very own Ed Trout was part of a panel on an Asymmetry podcast discussing bald and pond cypress, which can be found here: <https://bonsaimirai.com/blog/asymmetry-podcast>. Also there was an interesting discussion about judging the Pacific Bonsai Expo started by Nao Tokutake which you can find here: <https://www.bonsainut.com/thread/s/analyzing-pbe-2024-judging-data.66991/>. Lastly, I've been enjoying listening to Jeremiah Lee's Black Pondo podcast. Jeremiah is a California bonsai artist who studied in Japan and with Peter Tea and you can find his podcast here: <https://podtail.com/en/podcast/the-black-pondo-podcast/>.

December's program will feature Boon Manakitivipart. Boon is a legend in the bonsai world, and many award-winning artists have studied with him. Some of his students have even gone on to apprenticeships in Japan. We are lucky that he regularly spends time in Florida and are grateful that he has time for us. At this time all of the BYOT spots are filled but if someone on the list cannot make the meeting we will open the spot on a first-come basis. If you are interested in having a private session at your home with Boon later in the day

contact Jack Taylor at gotojdt48@gmail.com. From 1-5 PM for \$375.00 or two sessions for \$187.50 each. We will also have the annual holiday party at the end of the meeting. The club will supply sandwiches and coffee but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Happy holidays!

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

### **2025 Dues**

Dues for 2025 are now due! 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)



Facebook – Gold Coast Bonsai Society  
Instagram – goldcoastbonsai

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 & Instagram!**

### **2025 Program Schedule**

**January:** Ficus Demo by Ed Trout & Betty Siskind

**February:** Charles Michelson BYOT

**March:** Rob Kempinski Display WS

**April:** TBA

**May:** TBA

**June:** TBA

**July:** TBA

**August:** TBA

**September:** TBA

**October:** Annual Auction

**November:** TBA

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

# PHOTOS FROM NOVEMBER WORKSHOP

Photos curtesy of Jeffrey Apana











## Area Bonsai Events And Meetings

\* Please verify dates and times as changes may occur\*

Tuesday, Dec 3rd – 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, Dec 10th – 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, Dec 14th – 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 Dec 21st - 9:30AM –12:30PM  
**Broward Bonsai Society**  
Flamingo Gardens Learning Center  
[www.browardbonsai.com](http://www.browardbonsai.com)

Saturday, Dec 21st – 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](http://www.thebonsaisswfl.com)

Saturday, Dec 28th – 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**

## 2024 GOLD COAST BOARD

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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**