



Next Meeting: 9AM March 8, 2025

PROGRAM: Display

Presentation/Workshop with Rob Kempinski

BRING: trees, tables, and accents for the display table and display workshop; items for the raffle table; and annual dues payments either by cash, check or credit card.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP VP

Hi Members: Thanks to those who renewed their dues at our February program. I learned that some members had sent their payment to an incorrect place. Although their dues were registered, their names were never received so they were assumed to be delinquent. That situation has been remedied.

I would ask that anyone who is not certain of their status whether primary or secondary either stop at the welcome desk on March 8th or contact me at catsai@att.net to have me verify. If

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you have not renewed and cannot attend in March, please contact me at my email address and we will work out a renewal plan as others have now done.

If you have moved or changed any of your contact information, I need your new information. Not certain we have your correct information, contact me and I'll check.

Bonsai on Television:

On an evening TV show, a contestant had to give a correct answer choosing from a multiple-choice list. The question was "Small Trees." One choice was "Bonsai." The contestant was clueless. The same contestant, still clueless, chose "Bonsai" as the answer to another question. Wrong.

Then, on a morning news program, bonsai got into the political scene as it was used to describe the trimming of economic policies. The commentator called the trimming as being the same as "pruning a bonsai tree." There's a man who owns bonsai and works on them. I wonder if he belongs to a bonsai club?

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Art of the Exhibit !

Even if you've never been to a formal bonsai exhibit, you'll find this month's meeting fascinating. Our sister club, Broward Bonsai, will couple with us to host Florida bonsai artist Rob

Kempinski. Rob is an internationally recognized bonsai artist who enjoys teaching bonsai at all levels and introducing newcomers to the pleasing art of growing miniature trees in a container. Rob has authored many articles for bonsai magazines and journals and has published several books, many on the art of bonsai.

Although there will be lots of photos to show you, this won't be a static presentation. He'll be running a practical exercise with us in order to get everyone's creative juices flowing. He's eager for us to share our ideas. Here are some of his goals:

- How to best show off your trees, whether they're in your garden or in an exhibit.
- What are the tricks to taking a good bonsai photo?
- How will trees be selected for this year's Convention Exhibit?
- Should BSF change the way it's been displaying trees at the Convention?

As a warm-up for the workshop/presentation, you can hear Rob talk with Evan Pardue about this program on a recent episode of the podcast, Little Things for Bonsai People. Rob mentions that in addition to show display, he will also talk about garden design and backyard displays. (As a side note, Evan will also be one of the featured artists at this summer's BSF Convention).

Bring some trees, accents, and tables and get some advice on what works and what doesn't!

Food for Thought

On a recent Asymmetry podcast Andrew Robson talked about bonsai being performance art. Unlike a picture or statue, our trees are always changing and we must adjust our vision of the tree accordingly. What we may have envisioned years ago may not be where the tree wants to go, and we need to respect the tree's wishes. Ed Trout's lantana comes to mind, and Ed has been generous with posting the evolution of his trees on Facebook. Thanks for the inspiration, Ed! Always keep an open mind and let your tree guide the dance!

Jeffrey Apana
President

2025 Dues

Dues for 2025 are now due! Please bring your payment with you and see Anita Lorenz.

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 & Instagram!

Facebook – Gold Coast Bonsai Society
Instagram – goldcoastbonsai

2025 Program Schedule

January: Ficus Demo by Ed Trout & Betty Siskind

February: Charles Michelson BYOT

March: Rob Kempinski Display WS

April: Vlad Foursa

May: Hiram Macias Ficus Day

June: TBA

July: Ed Trout & Betty Siskind - Pines

August: TBA

September: TBA

October: Annual Auction

November: TBA

December: TBA & Holiday Party

PHOTOS FROM JANUARY WORKSHOP

Photos curtesey of Lee Stockedale











Area Bonsai Events And Meetings

* Please verify dates and times as changes may occur*

Tuesday, Mar 4th – 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, Mar 11th – 7:00 pm
(Second Tuesday of Month)

Bonsai Society of Miami

Pinecrest Gardens
11000 Red Rd, Pinecrest, FL 33156

www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Saturday, Mar 8th – 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/>

No club meeting in March 2025

Broward Bonsai Society

Flamingo Gardens Learning Center

www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday, Mar 15th – 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, Mar 22nd – 9:00
(Fourth Saturday of the Month)

Lighthouse Bonsai Society

9:00 am

(Fourth Saturday of the Month)

Check Website for location.

www.lighthousebonsai.org

Private Sessions

Ed Trout & Betty Siskind 954-432-8208

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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