



NEXT MEETING: 9 AM February 7, 2026. City of Sunrise Community Center 6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL
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PROGRAM; Toby Diaz BYOT

BRING: trees for the display table, items for the raffle table.

Thanks to Ed Trout and Betty Siskind for continuing the tradition of a juniper demo at our January meeting, and congratulations to Bob Wertz for winning the tree. In February we will have Toby Diaz conducting a bring-your-own tree workshop. Toby has a great eye and is a master at wiring, so bring your best tree or your worst and Toby will help you move it to the next level.

The first-ever US National Tropical Bonsai Exhibition will take place this year, and they are taking applications for exhibitors from now until July 1 (the exhibition is September 5-6). If you would like more information about the exhibition, you can listen to episode 131 of the Little Things for Bonsai podcast where Evan Pardue interviews one of the event directors, Dawn Koetting. You can also

visit <https://usnationaltropicalbonsaiexhibition.com>.

Speaking of shows, the Bonsai Societies of Florida Convention will be May 22-25 and headliners will be Sergio Cuan and our own Jesus Brito. The theme will be smaller trees (mame, shohin, chuhin). We should be hearing more about the convention soon. At the recent BSF board meeting, discussions were held about making BSF more relevant to members. If you have thoughts, please let me know and I will pass your thoughts along. Some of the ideas discussed at the meeting included better communication and sharing more bonsai information. Sometimes I feel like our clubs operate in a silo, and sharing information between clubs would benefit everyone.

Jeffrey Apana, President

Membership: We started out 2026 with our wonderful duo of Ed Trout and his wife, Betty Siskind. And we learned, another of our members, Jesus Brito will be honored as a headliner at this year's convention. We are so lucky to have such talented people as Ed and Jesus as Gold Coast Bonsai members. We want to welcome our newest primary member, Arleene Mahadeo to our roster.

Some people saw their name listed in last month's newsletter for dues payment and paid their dues. Thank you. But we still have primary and secondary members who are now late. Once more, check the names below to see if you're listed. Charlie, our Treasurer, can take a credit card. I can take a check and cash. If you need to contact me, email me at catsai@att.net to discuss payment options.

Toby will be our bonsai master in February and it's a "**Bring Your Own Tree**" workshop. If you have not renewed your membership by the morning the February meeting begins, you may only attend the program and watch. You may not bring a tree and engage with

Toby or place a tree on our display tables. Being a member of any club is a privilege, and the benefits of that membership must be reserved for the members. So, if you see your name below, I look forward to hearing from you.

PRIMARY:

Blaze, K
Dougherty, C & S
Redito-Shurack, R
Yahrling, B & R
Yoshihko, S

SECONDARY:

Berkowitz, C
Dobbd, T
Fungsang, M
Hanssen, J
Ladago, L
Melendez, K
Recine, A
Rohack, T
Shapiro, C & J
Tellser, M
Vilia, A

“2026 BSF Convention Update”

- * Submission for the convention \$1,000 Scholarship Competition is 1/31/26. If you are interested let Bob Wertz know.
- * This year the convention title is “It’s a Small World” More info is to follow.
- * This years headliners are, our very own Jesus Brito and Sergio Cuan of New York.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Broward Bonsai Society will be holding their Annual Bonsai Expo at Flamingo Gardens on Saturday 3/7 and Sunday 3/8. The expo is held in the classroom building outside the main entrance so there is no entry charge.

Keep an eye on your emails. BSF will be sending out more information this month regarding the up coming 2026 state convention.

Gold Coast Is On Facebook & Instagram!

Facebook – Gold Coast Bonsai Society
Instagram – goldcoastbonsai

2026 Program Schedule

January: Ficus Demo by Ed Trout & Betty Siskind
February: Toby Diaz BYOT
March: Charles Michelson BYOT
April: Jesus Brito BYOT
May: Mike Sullivan BYOT
June:TBA
July: TBA
August: TBA
September: TBA
October: Annual Auction
November: TBA
December: TBA & Holiday Party

Area Bonsai Events and Meetings:

Please verify dates and times as changes may occur

Saturday, Feb. 7th – 9:00 am (First Saturday of Month) Gold Coast Bonsai Society City of Sunrise Parks & Leisure Dept. 6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL
<http://www.goldcoastbonsai.com/>

Tuesday, Feb. 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

Tuesday, Feb 10th – 7:00 pm (Second Tuesday of Month) Bonsai Society of Miami Pinecrest Gardens 11000 Red Rd, Pinecrest, FL 33156 www.bonsaisocietyofmiami.org

Feb, 7th– 9:30am Broward Bonsai Society Flamingo Gardens Learning Center www.browardbonsai.com

Saturday, Feb 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

Saturday, Feb 28th – 9:00 (Fourth Saturday of Month) Lighthouse Bonsai Society 9:00 am. www.lighthousebonsai.org

Private Sessions

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The American Bonsai

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The National Bonsai

Foundation usna.usda.gov