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Newsletter of the Bonsai Society of Brevard

President's Message

Greetings bonsai nutz!

With a new year ahead of us, I look back and thank the club for being strong through two years of a tough pandemic. Special thanks should be given to the BSOB board and our club members (you know who you are) that guided us through these difficult times. We had a new phenomenon called "social distancing" enter our vocabulary that caused many clubs (not just bonsai) to struggle. In early 2020, we saw our long-time meeting place (the Melbourne library) close. We tried virtual meetings until social distancing rules relaxed and we could find a new venue. By late 2020 we re-gathered ourselves and moved our regular meeting spot to the Advent Lutheran Church (thanks to Bonsai Bruce). We have been meeting regularly for over a year and our club has snapped back strong. We've had interesting demos, training sessions, show & tells, and a Holiday party. Join us at our next meeting as we start the new year with a bang! **Note: This month, we return to the Melbourne Public Library, 540 E. Fee Blvd.**

The centerpiece of the January meeting will be a bonsai styling competition (see last page). The winner will go to the [Joy of Bonsai](#) convention in Deland on Feb 20th where our winner will compete against winners from 2 other District 6 bonsai clubs (Central Florida Bonsai Club and Kawa Bonsai Society). The winner from District 6 will go to the [BSF Convention](#) in May 2022 to compete against the other Florida [District](#) winners. There will be plenty to do at the January meeting, so please come even if you aren't interested in competing...we need your input!

We launched a new [BSOB website](#) on Jan 1st to showcase bonsai and related events in the Brevard area. Photos focus on our talented Brevard-based artists. Bonsai care sections provide tips to help Brevard locals with proper care. Visit our new website and see what a fantastic bonsai club we have and why you want to stay involved!

I look forward at seeing you at the next club meeting.

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Don't forget Raffle Table items!

UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

- Next BSOB meeting-February 19, 2022 (at Melbourne Public Library)
- Joy of Bonsai Show, Deland, Feb 18-20, 2022 <https://kawabonsai.com/joy-of-bonsai/>
- BSF Convention, Orlando-May 27-29, 2022. <https://bsfconvention.com>
- Melbourne Zoo Bonsai Show, Aug 27-28, 2022 (details to follow)

January 15 meeting

Juniper Styling Competition

Stepping out of our comfort zone is how we grow!

You know you wanna!

Most of our members are eligible to participate in this Styling Competition. If you want to develop confidence, this is absolutely the best way to do it. And having a time limit forces you to get the vision quickly and begin to develop it. You will discover you have more skill than you realize! We are expecting 4-6 members to participate, so in preparation, it's a good idea to do a google search for "juniper bonsai." See what is out there. Watch some YouTube Videos. We are a very friendly and supportive club so everyone at the meeting will be rooting for you....silently! (See the next page for rules).



Competitors in the 2019 district competition. You will recognize our own Blaine Johnson and Angelica Ramirez.

BSF Scholarship Competition Overview

The Competition takes place at three levels: Local, District, and State. The State winner receives an educational grant of \$1000, and second place receives a \$500 grant.

The BSOB club competition is to select a member to participate in the District competition Feb 20th at the Joy of Bonsai competition in Deland.

Eligibility:

1. Must not be a bonsai “professional”
2. Must not have more than 10 years of bonsai experience
3. Must be at least 18 years of age and a BSOB member in good standing
5. Must not have won a previous BSF Scholarship Competition at State level.
6. Must be able to compete at the District level on Feb 20, 9am-12pm in Deland.

Local rules:

1. Trees will be Junipers provided by the club, distributed by lottery at the meeting.
2. The contest will be 2 hrs long.
3. Wiring is permitted and club wire will be available.
4. Tools and supplies will be the responsibility of the contestant. Borrowing tools prior to the contest is permitted.
5. Once the contest starts, there will be no interaction between contestants and audience.
6. No repotting allowed. Nursery pot can be cut, but plant can't be removed from the pot.
7. Judges at the local level will be the club president (or designee) and the district trustee (or designee), and will be decided at the meeting day of competition.
8. Judging will be based on use of bonsai techniques and design appropriate to the tree, while maintaining the health of the tree.
9. As appropriate, rules can be changed by past board members at the club meeting prior to the start of the competition.
10. Winner keeps the tree. The other trees can be purchased by the participants at club cost or will be donated to a raffle event following the competition.
11. If for some reason, the club Winner cannot attend the District competition, the 2021 board members can select a “club champion” to go to the district level competition.

Good luck and most of all, HAVE FUN!