

BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

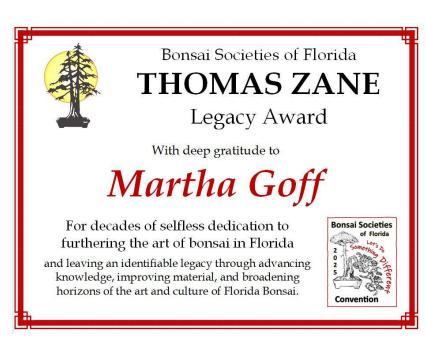
JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

The annual BSF Convention was held in Orlando, FL on May 23-25, 2025, and by all accounts was one of the best, most well attended, and thanks to Rob Kempinski showed the most diverse displays of Bonsai trees ever.











Here is one of a series of video reports from the 2025 BSF Convention. View here

For a Full Description of the BSF Convention by Kathrin Harris, Go here

Here's info about a Sho Fu Show & Exhibit in July



For our next meeting on Saturday, June 21st, <u>Adam Lavigne</u> will do a demonstration, working on a <u>Jaboticaba</u> tree. Jaboticaba is an excellent pot culture plant if you choose not to plant it directly in the ground. Many gardeners claim that they have been able to maintain a healthier, richer fruiting Jaboticaba when in the pot. The Jaboticaba fruit tree bears its fruit along old growth branches and trunks rather than along new growth as in most other fruit trees. The 1- to 4-inch-long leaves of the Jaboticaba begin as salmon colored when young and, upon maturity, deepen into a dark green. The young foliage and branchlets are lightly haired. Adam will also be working on a <u>Tiger Bark</u> tree and a Bottlebrush tree.







"Martha's Corner"

Each month we will feature one species. It is selected based on the month that it may need your attention. Several years ago, Martha Goff wrote a voluminous work called Tropical Green Sheets. In this two-volume set, Martha goes to great length to detail everything about hundreds of trees.... Type, Species, Soil, pH, watering and much, much more. You can purchase Tropical Green Sheets at Wigert's Nursery or Bonsai Jack.

Gmelina aka "Parrot's Beak"

<u>History:</u> G. phillippensis is evergreen in the tropics and deciduous in colder climes. They are considered both shrubs and small trees that can grow to upwards of 15'. The trunks are usually single and straight with a large canopy and branches that droop or weep. The leaves are opposite and heart-shaped or lobed both occurring on the same tree. The leaf has often been compared to ivy. <u>Read more.</u>

Here are some things that you can do with a Gmelina:







Kokoro: A Bonsai Study group with Dorothy Schmitz

The dates for 2025 (At Wigerts) are July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20 and Oct 28 (At the Garden Center) right <u>after</u> the regular meeting. All meetings from about Noon to 3PM. If we have an extended meeting running later, times will be adjusted. The program will be announced quarterly and may include additional workshop material that will be provided for a cost.

Participation is \$20 per session. Dorothy will also be available for private instruction by appointment.

Adam Lavigne Workshops: July 3, July 6, July 31, August 3.
All workshops begin at 9AM at the Garden Center

Here are two Quick Reference Potting Guides

Part 1
Part 2

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ABOUT THE BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

We meet on the third Saturday of each month at the Berne Davis Botanical Garden building located just north of the Edison-Ford Winter Estates at 2166 Virginia Avenue. Parking is located on Larchmont Street, one block south of Virginia off McGregor Blvd.

Doors open at 9 AM. A friendly member will make you feel welcome.

Coffee will be fresh.

We welcome everyone interested in this Ancient Art form to take advantage of our many experienced artists and teachers. Enjoy the camaraderie of those who work to keep this art alive. Please join us.

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida, Inc.

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Juniper tree by Luis Vila

