



BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Old News

Annual Show

As most of you have already heard, our Annual Exhibit and Show, scheduled for Nov 1-2, has been cancelled. The Edison-Ford Winter Estates is undergoing major construction, and they have begun the work by eliminating Larchmont Street. They are in the process of removing all the topsoil, and will begin the next phase of digging it up to install new drainage, sewage and water pipes, and electricity. Including parking lot improvements, this project will take several months. That left us with a parking problem. Virginia Ave. is the only other street bordering the Berne Davis Gardens, and is a fairly short street that cannot accommodate much more than 20-30 vehicles. It is unclear if the Gardens will be open for our Spring Auction. All regular club meetings will continue as scheduled.

T-Shirt Discussion

So far, we have made very little progress on the topic of T-Shirts. A few members have gone out on their own to get shirts. Angel Vega wore one that he had recently made for him, and it looked very nice. We would like your input for design. If you think of anything that would look nice on a club shirt, either printed or embroidered, please let us know.

New News

It's Almost Wiring Time

I know that any time is wiring time, but my favorite is November/December. Why? Depending on when night temperatures move to consistently low 50's or 40's, wire can stay on trees for up to 3 months. Because of what we call cold weather, growth slows way down and lessens the chance of wire cuts. I love that! Here are some links to wiring from [Bonsai Empire](#), [Bonsai Mirai](#) and [Eastern Leaf](#) that may help youMartha Goff

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on Saturday, Nov 15th, 2025, at 9AM. We will be honored to have Jaye Saarinen as our speaker who will be giving a presentation on preparing your trees for the winter, as well as getting ready for the 2026 growing season. Following that we will have a BYOT (Bring Your Own Tree) opportunity with Jaye. Bring your trees, tools and wire to get your questions answered, or any assistance with your trees.

Nominations for 2026

Please go [here](#) to review the candidates for next year. Final voting on Nov 15, 2025.

Repotting Time Hint from Martha

REPOTTING TIME IS ALMOST OVER FOR MOST OF OUR TROPICALS!

Be careful! If night temperatures are consistently 60 degrees or up, it is still safe to repot most tropicals. When night temperatures begin to fluctuate, don't repot. There will still be repotting for deciduous, dormant trees. Always check your information about repotting time before trying.

Membership Dues

2026 Dues are coming up, and still the same price! \$45 for single membership, \$55 for family membership. Please download and print the [Membership Form](#) here. Please remit at the next meeting, or mail before the end of the year to:

Bonsai Society of SW FL

Make checks payable to: BSSWFL

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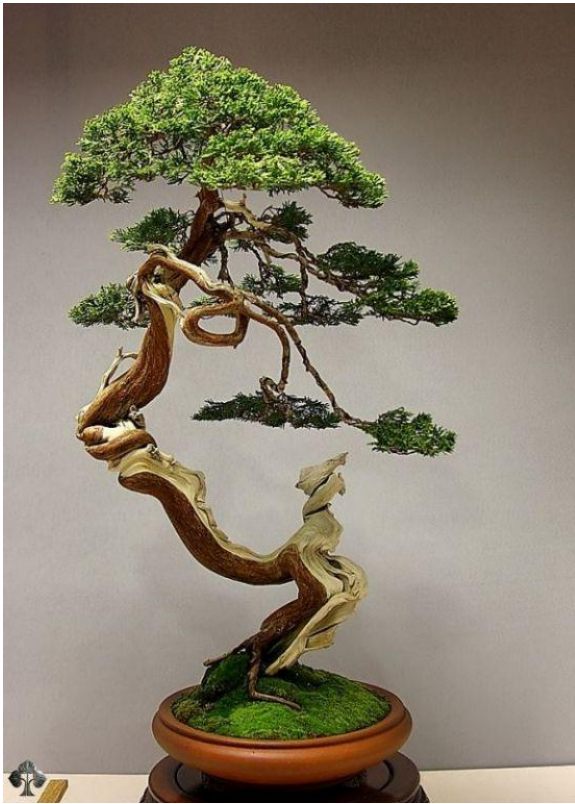
"Martha's Corner"

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](#).

Juniper (Juniperus Cupressacae)

History: One of the more "traditional" plants used in bonsai, it is often referred to as the "Queen of Bonsai." Unfortunately, it has received a bad reputation in our area generally for two reasons: one, because of the large market for using junipers already potted for sale in many all-purpose stores, many of which have the rocks on top glued on, and two, because of their susceptibility to red spider mites. [Read more.](#)

Here are some things that you can do with a Juniper



STUDY GROUPS and WORKSHOPS

Kokoro: A Bonsai Study group with Dorothy Demarest.

The next date at the Garden Center is still as yet to be determined, but is generally held right after the regular meeting.

The Kokoro study group is built for intermediate and advanced artists seeking to improve their design skills and overall bonsai knowledge.

We are planning field trips to Wigert's and the Morikami Museum and Japanese Garden in Delray Beach. We will feature guest artists, workshops, and demonstrations, and focus on Bonsai design and show preparation. We currently have just a few spots left.

To apply, please contact Jim at james.t.demarest@gmail.com

(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's private instruction by appointment.)

Adam Lavigne Workshops:

Thursday, December 4th and Sunday, December 7th

9AM-3PM at the Garden Center

\$35 per session

To schedule, please email Sam Wollard at:

sswollard4@aol.com

Monthly Duties for Nov 15th Meeting

Display: The "Holiday Tree"

Hospitality: Martha Goff

Clean-Up: Karen +

Here are two Quick-Reference Potting Guides

[Part 1](#) [Part 2](#)

Our Local Talent

POTTERY

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POTTERY

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Bruce Riggins, 239-297-7361, grybrd77@gmail.com

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.

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

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Happy Holidays and Thanksgiving

