

# CFBC CLIPPINGS

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Club

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## From the President's Bench

### Welcome Back!

This month is our "welcome back from summer" event which will feature pizza, bonsai and the "swap-n-sale". Don't have dinner as the club will pay for pizza and drinks.

Our program features the up-and-coming artist Mike Feduccia; who got his start at our very own club. He will be working on a Forest composition on a slab using willow leaf ficus. Welcome Mike!

The Swap-n-Sale will be an opportunity for you (yes You!) to bring in your best or worst trees or just make sure your carrying your checkbook or wallet; there will be items for sale or well, swap (hence the name) from everyone hopefully. (This is your notice).

We will also feature a raffle and maybe an auction.  
See you soon!

## CFBC Calendar

Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Forest Demo/Pizza Party  
and Bazaar

6:30 pm



Central Florida  
Bonsai Club

Informal Workshop  
Friday, September 23<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm

Orange County  
Cooperative Extension  
6021 S. Conway Rd.  
Orlando

## Artist in the Club

Now, for the **MAIN EVENT!**

One of our very own CFBC member will be giving us this month's demonstration. **Mike Feduccia**, of Feduccia's Bonsai, will be doing a forest planting on a slab. Mike has been rapidly developing his bonsai skills under the expert tutelage of Erik Wigert, Ryan Neil, and Pedro Morales. Mike was the runner-up in the 2010 BSF new talent competition, and at this past BSF convention Mike was an artist and did a demo. Mike should put on a great demonstration for us.



Here are some of his achievements.

*"Best Shohin" – Wigert's Cup 2010*

*Tree accepted to the "2nd National Bonsai Exhibition" in Rochester, NY*

*"Runner-Up" – Florida State Scholarship Competition 2010*

*"People's Choice Award" – Asian Fest 2011*

*"Viewer's Choice Award" – Southeast Regional Bonsai Show 2011*

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### & now the VP

September has arrived and with it is our 1<sup>st</sup> official meeting of the "new" bonsai year. This meeting is certainly jammed pack with fun and activities. As with previous "Welcome Back" meetings we will have our pizza party. Which is provided by the club.

Second, we will have the Members' Bazaar/Sale! This is a great opportunity to buy, sell, and/or trade bonsai related items with fellow club members. Bring in any bonsai trees, books, companion plants, pots, stands, tools, soil, etc. that you would like to sell. There isn't any limit to the number of items you can sell. Please bring adequate change if you plan to sell any items. This will ensure that the evening runs smoothly. Don't be surprised if you go home with more items than when you arrive.

Last month we had our 1st of many field trips which was to Mary Madison, we had lots of fun. If you were unable to make it here are some pictures to temp you for the next outing.



### Tree of the Month - Willow leaf ficus



The Willow Leaf Ficus is one of the most popular and perhaps one of the best ficus trees for creating a shohin bonsai, because it is a tropical it's easy to care for and it lends itself to many different styles, it's not picky about water or light and thrives in either full sun or shade. The small leaves look good in shohin size pots and it does develop good ramification. Every bonsai enthusiast must have at least one or two in their collection. (so far I have one) It is also the focus tree of our forest demonstration this month. This species is pretty much indestructible, is good to experiment with. So try all different styles and have fun.

### About CFBC

The Central Florida Bonsai Club (CFBC) was founded in July of 1969 and is a member of the Bonsai Societies of Florida (BSF) and Bonsai Clubs International (BCI). Meetings are on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 7:30 PM at the Orange County Cooperative Extension, 6021 S. Conway Rd., Orlando. Doors open at 7:00 pm for setup, display, social time and Bonsai discussion.

### Bonsai on the Web

CFBC web site:

[www.CentralFloridaBonsaiClub.com](http://www.CentralFloridaBonsaiClub.com)

Spotlight on:



[www.feducciasbonsai.com](http://www.feducciasbonsai.com)

**Remember:  
Annual dues are collected in  
September**

### Membership Dues

Individual, \$30;

Family, \$45; Student, \$15

Membership entitles you to the Bonsai Societies of Florida magazine, *Florida Bonsai*, published four times a year, as well as our monthly club newsletter, meeting fees, and more. Questions? Email Juan Dominguez, our club Treasurer, at: [treasurer@centralfloridabonsaiclub.com](mailto:treasurer@centralfloridabonsaiclub.com)  
You may mail your check to:

**Central Florida Bonsai Club  
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or pay in person at the next meeting.



### Announcements

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- ⇒ Don't forget to bring a tree or two that you have been working on this summer for show and tell.
- ⇒ We need volunteers for drinks and snacks, you will receive a raffle ticket for bringing either the snacks or the drinks and if both that's 2 tickets.
- ⇒ Get your trees ready for the October Photo Session with Paul. Trim, clip and clean those pots so you can have a professional photo of your favorite Bonsai.
- ⇒ The second meeting of the month is a workshop, come take advantage of the time to work on anything you need to do. You can clean your tools, mix some soil, repot something small or something big are always lots of help if you need and you can always pick someone's brain for ideas.
- ⇒ The workshop meetings will also be themed depending on the time of the year as far as what can be worked on and what to do to prepare for the next season.
- ⇒ The Multi-Club Auction this year is going to be a 2 day event. There will be workshops, presentations, lots of vendors, food and of course AUCTIONS. Further details will be available soon.

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### CFBC Schedule

#### **Welcome to a new Bonsai Year 2011–2012**

- October 14<sup>th</sup> - Paul Pikel - Tree Photo Session
- November 10<sup>th</sup> - Dan Robinson - Demo Juniper (This is a Thursday not a Friday)
- December 11<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Party - Auctions & Fun
- January 13<sup>th</sup> - T B A
- February 10<sup>th</sup> - T B C
- March 9<sup>th</sup> - Eric Wigert - B Y O T
- April 11<sup>th</sup> - Adam - Ilex Workshop
- May TBA - Mary Madison

#### **CFBC Purpose**

To study the horticultural development of trees and shrubs as related to oriental bonsai, their origin and their place in our world, and to share ideas, thoughts and knowledge with those interested in learning the art of bonsai, to the mutual benefit of all.

### Upcoming Events

Please click the underline link for more info.

- October 1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 [Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida](#) Show and Sale
- October 15<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 [Bonsai Society of Miami](#) Show and Sale
- November 5<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 [Bonsai Society of Brevard](#)
- November 5<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 [17th Annual Mount Dora Plant & Garden Fair](#)
- November 12<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 [Wigert's Bonsai Open House](#)
- November 19<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Multi-Club Auction - Bonsai Under the Oaks - Bonsai at Pasimanan

#### **CFBC Officers, 2011–2012**

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#### **Drinks & Snacks**

Sept: Provided by the Club  
 More needed! Ask Mike L. or email him:  
 vp@centralfloridabonsaiclub.com  
 Be part of the fun!

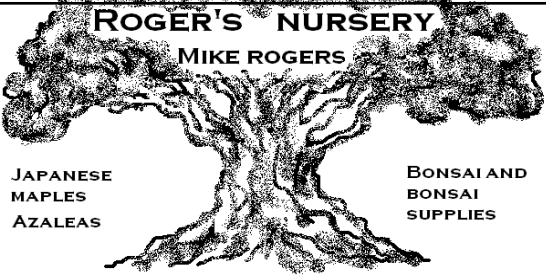
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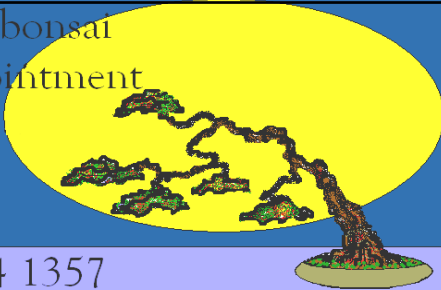


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