

# Fort Walton Beach Bonsai Society



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The **Fort Walton Beach Bonsai Society** welcomes as members any and all, young and old, who would like to learn more about this ancient and fascinating art form.

Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of each month except July, August and December. If you would like to become a member of the **Fort Walton Beach Bonsai Society**, please fill in the application and mail it or give it to one of our members.

Membership in the local Society includes membership in the state organization, Bonsai Societies of Florida. Membership is available for individuals and for families.

In 1971 bonsai classes were held at a local nursery and the Society was formed with eleven members. Since 1972 there has been a public display of bonsai trees each year on the North Gulf Coast. The Regional Tri-City Bonsai Show rotates between Mobile, Pensacola and FWB and is held each spring.

Each year we host visiting bonsai artists to help us learn more about this ancient art. Our artists come from many different areas including talent from within the state of Florida.

Come join us and begin your bonsai journey.

We meet the 1st Tuesday and  
3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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Fort Walton Beach, FL

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I am interested in becoming a member of the Fort Walton Beach Bonsai Society.  
Please notify me of the next meeting of the organization.

## Type of Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #s: Home \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Individual

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Family

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Is a tree growing in a shallow container a bonsai? The answer is NO! A “potted tree” is just that, while bonsai is a potted tree by design. The bonsai tree has been studied and shaped and planned so that the end result represents not only a tree growing in a container, but a tree growing in a suitable container plus a measure of grace, beauty and proportion. This is a living art form in four dimensions. As in every art form, ground rules have been established for bonsai and it is these ground rules which bonsai growers try to observe in the search for perfection.

How can a novice in this art begin this fascinating journey? Can we have “instant bonsai”? What material gives the most successful results? Can bonsai be grown indoors?

These are all questions **Fort Walton Beach Bonsai Society** tries to answer for its members through individual and group discussion and workshops and through our network of teachers who visit us each year. The answers make members’ bonsai more intimate and understandable; they enjoy bonsai without long waiting, difficulty and disappointment.

In Japan, where bonsai has been enjoyed for several centuries without any interruption, the art has developed to a high standard. Now bonsai is practiced by many of the world’s people. Learning from a book is slow and often frustrating. Was the book written in Japan, New York, Italy or Florida?

Local experience is invaluable for learning what grows best in our area. How do we best provide for the health of the tree?

Bonsai is a journey, not a destination. Come join us for a most enjoyable trip.

And what is that fourth dimension???

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