



Bonsai... Is a Japanese or Chinese art form of growing miniature trees in a tray or low- sided pot which restricts the source specimen's environment. Utilization of specific pruning techniques to shape or sculpture the specimen to the desired or appropriate style is inherent to the artist's experience.

Buttonwood... is the common name for *conocarpus erectus* which is a plant or shrub found in the wetlands, swamps and along the coasts of southern Florida and in the island nations of the Caribbean. It lends itself beautifully to bonsai culture because of its natural tendency to develop deadwood which is a desirable design element when bleached or carved.

Buttonwood Bonsai Club... has been in the Citrus county area since 1985. The club meets every fourth Saturday of the month at 9:30 AM at Whispering Pines Park, 1700 Forest Drive, Inverness 34453. The meetings consist of a short business agenda by our president, minutes are read and pertinent issues to the club are voted on. Experienced speakers & Bonsai Master guest speakers provide demonstrations of their techniques plus bonsai design & style. Members swap ideas, critique other members bonsai as well as, providing vigorous growing specimens for the plant raffle.

So is bonsai interest you?... Then we invite you to come to our meeting or call Jim Meister 352-586-0582 or email [jms\\_meister@yahoo.com](mailto:jms_meister@yahoo.com) for more information.

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