

JEANNE COSENZA



Jeanne Cosenza has been passionately immersed in bonsai culture for more than seven years. She is the bonsai Society of Florida (BSF) Districts 5 & 7 Trustee and co-chaired the 2022 BSF Convention Exhibit. She has participated in numerous workshops, and studied under the nation's top Kusamono, Shitakusa and Kokedama instructors. Four years ago, as a BSF Exhibit assistant, Jeanne's reputation for making beautiful accents led to her being commissioned to make six Shitakusa displays for the exhibit. Her accent plants drew such acclaim, it inspired BSF to create an award for the discipline and kickstarted her remarkable journey into the world of Kusamono. When Young Choe arguably the nation's leading Kusamono authority sought out someone to represent Florida for her special Kusamono exhibit at the 2021 U.S. National Bonsai Exhibit in New York, two names kept coming up: Martha Goff and Jeanne Cosenza. All told Jeanne made 10 Kusamono displays for New York, and when a handful of bonsai entries were forced to drop last-minute from the exhibit due to Covid 19, Bill Valavanis used many of Jeanne's Kusamono to fill this void. Jeanne gifted one of her Kusamono to Young Choe and Young promptly displayed it alongside Marty Madison's famous buttonwood at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum at the U.S. Arboretum in Washington D.C. In 2022 Jeanne won the Best Companion Award at the BSF Convention Exhibit, and has given numerous demonstrations on Shitakusa, Kusamono and Kokedama.

