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Jan 13 – Feb 11

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Mountain Stones

If you can't go to the mountains this winter, let us bring the mountains to you. Mountain viewing stones from around the world will be on display.

Feb 17 – Mar 4

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Lunar New Year Display

Traditionally, Asian cultures follow a lunar calendar which begins the new year at a time of renewal in nature. This exhibit celebrates the transition from winter to spring with thematic displays of viewing stones and ikebana. With luck, the quince and camellia bonsai will be in bloom, as well as the prunus trees in the Museum gardens.

Mar 10 – Apr 15

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Potomac Viewing Stone Group Exhibit

Members of the Potomac Viewing Stone Group, a regional organization dedicated to stone appreciation, will display viewing stones, suiseki, and scholar rocks from their private collections.

A lecture on Sunday, April 1 from 1 – 2:30 will highlight the exhibit and introduce novice collectors to this rewarding appreciation of nature. Free.

April 20 – 22

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Ikebana Sogetsu Exhibit

Sogetsu ikebana style is deeply rooted in Japanese tradition yet embraces the modern age. Sogetsu promotes an ikebana of no limits in which plant materials of any type are used to create sculptural compositions.

A sogetsu demonstration is scheduled on Sunday, April 22 from 1 – 2:30.

April 28

9:00 - 4:00
New York Avenue
Parking Lot

Friends of the National Arboretum Plant Sale

Bonsai and other trees, as well as shrubs, perennials and annuals are for sale.

Apr 28 – May 6

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Regional Bonsai Artists Exhibit

Local bonsai artists Janet Lanman, Jack Cardon, and Bill Orsinger will be displaying trees from their private collections. These three individuals have shared their knowledge of bonsai by volunteering at the museum for a combined total of 66 years. Join them

May 4,5,6

8 – 5
Administration Bldg
Auditorium
Free

Potomac Bonsai Association Exhibit and Sale

Enjoy viewing bonsai from the local bonsai clubs in the Washington area. Each day of the show, bonsai vendors will also be on hand selling bonsai and related supplies. Don't miss this annual opportunity.

May 12 – 20

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Reflections of Nature: Styles in Bonsai and Penjing

Bonsai and penjing attempt to recreate a natural setting in miniature. Come learn about the various ways they can be styled, and how nature serves as the inspiration for that design. Trees from the national collection will be featured in this exhibit.

Also, do not miss the opportunity to see the initial styling of a bonsai during demonstrations on Saturday, May 12th and Saturday, May 19th from 1 – 2. Free.

May 26 – Jun 10

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Satsuki Exhibit

One of the museum's favorite exhibitions, the satsuki bonsai exhibit features these colorful, late blooming azaleas in miniature form. This annual spring show includes spectacular examples from the museum's collection.

June 2

9 - 3
Yoshimura Lecture and
Demonstration Center
FEE: \$119
(FONA/NBF \$95)

WORKSHOP: Introduction to Bonsai

This introductory class is designed for the beginner bonsai novice. Basic bonsai elements will be presented including history, styles, design, year-round maintenance, pruning, wiring, potting, refinement, including a hands-on workshop where the students will create their own bonsai. Plant, pot, soil, wire, fertilizer and hand-outs are included. Students should have outdoor space available to nurture their bonsai creation after leaving the workshop. Bring lunch for a mid-day break.

June 16 – 24

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Bonsai Club Exhibit

A Potomac Bonsai Association club exhibit will feature club member trees from their private collections.

On Sunday, June 24, from 1 – 2:30 a club member will present an introductory demonstration and practical information for beginners. Free.

Jun 25 – Jul 1

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Art in Bloom: Ikebana Arrangements

This summer exhibition features arrangements by members of the Japanese Embassy Sogetsu Group. It will be curated by Sensei Sachiko Furlan, one of Washington's foremost ikebana instructors.

July 1

1 – 3:30
Yoshimura Lecture and
Demonstration Center
FEE: \$25(FONA/
NBF \$20)

WORKSHOP: Pruning Bonsai

If you have a bonsai (but don't know how, when, or where to prune it), you are a candidate for this workshop. Basic pruning concepts will be discussed, and individual attention will be given to each tree that the student brings in. Limit of 2 large or 3 small bonsai per student.

July 4 – 8

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Brookside Bonsai Society Exhibit

Brookside Bonsai Society, a Potomac Bonsai Association member club, will exhibit member trees from their private collections.

On Sunday, July 8 from 1 – 2:30 a club member will present an introductory demonstration and practical information for beginners. Free.

July 14 – 24

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Kusamono Display

Kusamono is a Japanese term for a companion planting in a formal display of bonsai or viewing stones. Come and see the creations of Young Choe, who has studied this art form in Japan and volunteers at the museum.



as they celebrate their love of bonsai and dedication to our national museum.

The *kusamono* evokes the season, or represents a specific natural habitat in miniature. What began as a complimentary element has developed into an art form of its own.

Ms. Choe will give a lecture and demonstration on *kusamono* from 1 – 2:30 on July 14th.



Sep 8 – 16

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Bowie Bonsai Club Exhibit

Bowie Bonsai Club, a Potomac Bonsai Association club, will exhibit member trees from their private collections.

On Sunday, Sep 16 from 1 – 2:30 a club member will present an introductory demonstration and practical information for beginners. Free.

Sep 22 – Oct 21

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Exhibit in Celebration of the "Chrysanthemum Moon"

This month-long exhibition will feature the chrysanthemum in various Asian art forms – namely bonsai, pattern stones, ikebana, woodblock prints and scrolls that celebrate this ancient Eastern symbol of autumn.

Sep 22

5 – 8:30
Registration required

Chinese Autumn Festival

Join us to celebrate a popular Asian celebration of abundance and togetherness dating back over 3,000 years. At this time, the moon is at its fullest and brightest, marking an ideal time for an evening celebration featuring food, music, and bonsai/penjing demonstrations.

Celebrated collector, author, and authority on Chinese stones, Kemin Hu, will be the keynote speaker. Her talk will cover the collection and appreciation of scholar rocks, the classification and evaluation of these rocks, and their traditions of display. She will also discuss her new book, *Modern Chinese Scholars' Rocks: A Guide for Collectors*. Kemin Hu's presentation is scheduled for the Administration Building Auditorium 1 - 3.

Sep 29

10 – 12
Registration required
Yoshimura Lecture and
Demonstration Center
FEE: \$30 (FONA/NBF \$25)

WORKSHOP: Autumn Ikebana

Noted Ikebana teacher Sachiko Furlan, will teach an introductory workshop on the Japanese tradition of flower arranging. All materials will be provided.

Oct 7

1 – 2:30
Yoshimura Lecture and
Demonstration Center
Free

The Mystery of Chrysanthemum Stones

Dr. Tom Elias, U.S. National Arboretum Director and avid stone collector, will be giving a lecture on these unique ornamental Chinese stones.

Oct 27 – Nov 4

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Fall Foliage and Fruit Exhibit

This annual show is one of the most popular seasonal exhibits of the year. No need to go all the way to Skyline Drive in Virginia to see fall colors. See red maples, yellow ginkgos and fruited trees from the museum's permanent collections on formal display.

Dec 8 – 16

10 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

Winter Silhouette Bonsai/ Penjing Exhibit

Once the leaves drop in the fall, the inner beauty of bonsai and penjing is revealed in the "bare bones" of the trees. Winter is the best time to enjoy the true mastery of these art forms. Select trees will be featured in a formal display.

Fees	All exhibits are FREE. Fees are charged for Workshops and some Lectures and Demonstrations. Please refer to individual listings for cost. Register online at www.usna.ars.usda.gov or call 202-245-5898.
Museum Hours	10:00am-3:30pm daily. Please see individual listings for Lecture, Workshop and Demonstration times.