# Exhibits & Programs

# 2008

## The National Bonsai & Penjing Museum

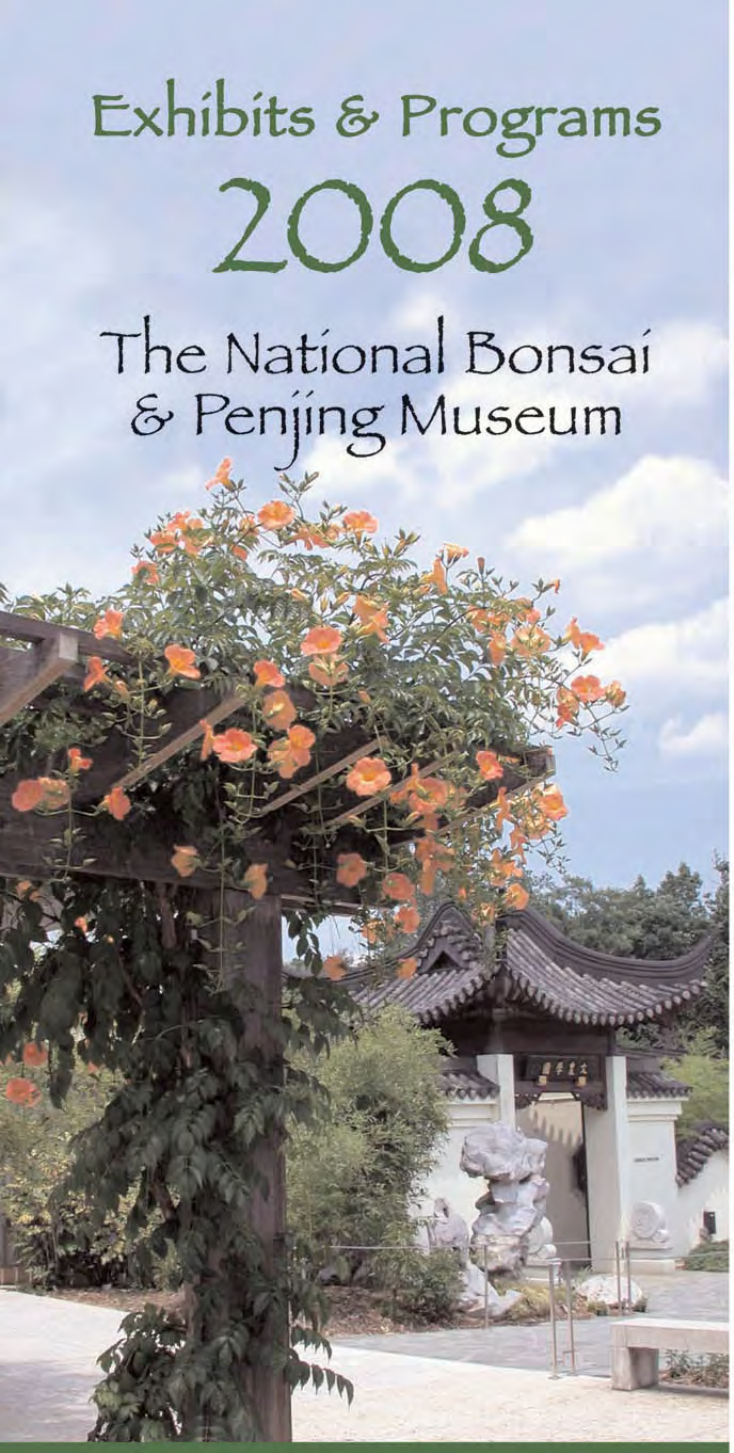
*Ulmus parviflora* | Chinese elm donated by Stanley Chinn

U.S. National Arboretum
Washington D.C.
www.usna.usda.gov

Supported by the
National Bonsai Foundation
www.bonsai-nbf.org

# Exhibits & Programs 2008

## The National Bonsai & Penjing Museum



U.S. National Arboretum
3501 New York Avenue N.E.
Washington D.C. 20002
202.245.5898
www.usna.usda.gov

**Jan 1 – Feb 3**
10 – 4
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

**Winter Landscapes**
Viewing stones from the permanent collection will be exhibited with the traditional "Friends of Winter" — pine, bamboo, and prunus.

**Feb 7 – Mar 5**
10 – 4
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

**Korean Exhibition: Celebration of the Lunar New Year**
We celebrate the Lunar New Year with stones form Korea and the artwork of Myung Sook Kim, a Korean-American painter, potter, and seal engraver.

**Feb 24**
1 – 2:30
Yoshimura Lecture Demonstration Center
Free

**DEMONSTRATION: Bonsai Repotting**
Watch as Jim Hughes, curator of the museum, repots one of the trees from the permanent collection. Learn the basic principles of keeping these ancient trees young at heart.

**Mar 8 – Apr 6**
10 – 4
Special Exhibits Wing
Lecture – April 6/1:00
Free

**Potomac Viewing Stone Group Exhibit**
Members from the Potomac Viewing Stone Group, a regional organization dedicated to stone appreciation, will display viewing stones, suiseki, and scholar's rocks from their private collections. A member of the club will give a free lecture on Sunday, April 6.

**April 11 – 20**
10 – 4
Special Exhibits Wing
Free
Demonstrations/Free
April 13 & 20/1:00

**Ikebana International Exhibit**
The Washington D.C. Chapter of Ikebana International will exhibit flower arrangements representing a variety of ikebana schools and styles. The installation will change 3 times during the 10-day exhibition. Plan to see them all. Master teachers will give free ikebana demonstrations on Sunday, April 13 and 20 from 1 – 2:30 in the Yoshimura Lecture Demonstration Center.

**Apr 26**
9 – 5
New York Avenue Parking Lot

**Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) 17th Annual Garden Fair**
Shrubs, perennials, annuals and bonsai are for sale.

**May 2 – 4**
Free

**Bonsai Festival**
Co-sponsored by the clubs of the Potomac Bonsai Association and the U.S. National Arboretum, this festival features an indoor exhibit of PBA member trees and a vendor tent filled with bonsai trees and supplies. Free demonstrations sponsored by the Arboretum will be given by leading bonsai artists Shinichi Nakajima from Japan and Californian Cheryl Manning. Visit www.usna.usda.gov for more details.

**May 10 – 18**
10 – 4
Special Exhibits Wing
Lecture/Demonstration
May 10/1:00
Free

**Spring Kusamono Exhibit**
Kusamono are potted arrangements of wild grasses and flowers in unique pots or trays that accompany formal displays of bonsai or viewing stones. This exhibit features plant compositions designed by kusamono artist Young Choe. Ms. Choe will give a free lecture/demonstration on Saturday, May 10, 1 – 2:30 and a kusamono workshop on Saturday, May 31.

**May 17**
10 – 3:30
Yoshimura Lecture Demonstration Center
Fee: $119 (FONA/NBF $95)
Limited enrollment

**WORKSHOP: Introduction to Bonsai**
Designed for the beginner, this class will introduce students to the horticultural and aesthetic elements of creating a bonsai. Plant, pot, and soil are all provided. Students should have outdoor space available to grow their creation after leaving the workshop. Bring lunch for a noon break.

**May 24 – June 8**
10 –4
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

**Azalea Bonsai Exhibit**
Kurume and Satsuki azaleas are featured in this colorful exhibition of azaleas trained as bonsai.

**May 31**
1 – 3
Yoshimura Lecture Demonstration Center
FEE: $49 (FONA/NBF $40)
Limited enrollment

**WORKSHOP: Kusamono**
Kusamono artist Young Choe will teach this introductory workshop. Ceramic container and all materials will be provided.

**June 7**
2 – 3
Free

**CURATOR TOUR: Bonsai Museum**
Learn about the history of the museum and the individual trees on this staff-led tour. Horticultural principles and aesthetic considerations will be emphasized.

**Jun 14 – 15**
10 – 4
Special Exhibits Wing
Free
Demonstration/Free
June 15/1:00

**Sogetsu Ikebana Exhibit: The Legacy of Mary Sugiyama**
Ikebana students from throughout the United States and Japan return to the Arboretum for this annual tribute to their teacher, the late Mary Sugiyama. An ikebana demonstration will be held on Sunday, June 15, 1 – 2:30.

**Jun 21 – 29**
10 – 4
Special Exhibits Wing
Free
Demonstration/Free
June 29/1:00

**Chesapeake Bonsai Society Exhibit**
Trees from the private collections of Chesapeake Bonsai Society from the Eastern Shore will be featured. See what local bonsai enthusiasts are creating. Sunday, June 29 at 1:00, a club member will give a free demonstration. Time will be available to ask questions about how bonsai are created and trained.

**Jun 28**
1 – 3:30
Yoshimura Lecture Demonstration Center
FEE: $29
(FONA/NBF $24)
Limited enrollment

**WORKSHOP: Pruning Bonsai**
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.

**Jul 4 – Aug 17**
10 – 4
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

**Teaching Bonsai Principles: Legacies of Japanese Masters**
This exhibit expands your knowledge of horticultural and aesthetic bonsai principles handed down by bonsai masters John Naka and Yuji Yoshimura. Bonsai techniques and resources for further education will be exhibited along with master tools used by these and other world-class instructors.

**Aug 23 – 31**
10 – 4
Special Exhibits Wing
Free
Demonstration/Free
August 31/1:00

**Baltimore Bonsai Club Exhibit**
Trees from the private collections of this regional organization will be featured. See what local bonsai enthusiasts are creating. Sunday, August 31 at 1:00, a club member will give a free demonstration. Time will be available to ask questions about how bonsai are created and trained.

**Sep 4 – Oct 13**
10 – 4
International Pavilion
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

**Beyond the Black Mountain: An Appreciation of Color and Form in Viewing Stones**
This exhibition features viewing stones on loan from California collectors Jim and Alice Greaves. We are privileged to host the first East Coast exhibition of stones from one of the largest and finest private collections in this country. Please join the collectors for lectures, gallery talks, and a children's workshop.

**Sep 7**
1 – 2:30
Yoshimura Lecture Demonstration Center
Free

**LECTURE: The Art of Stone Appreciation**
Jim Greaves has been collecting stones since 1974. In this lecture he will share his knowledge of collecting, buying, displaying, and appreciating viewing stones.

**Sep 13**
Arboretum Grounds

**Autumn Moon Festival**
Asian cultures have traditions going back thousands of years that celebrate the fall harvest with friends and family. Join us in the 4th annual Autumn Moon Festival to experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of the season under the glow of a full moon. Visit the US National Arboretum website www.usna.usda.gov for more details.

**Sep 20**
10 – 12
Yoshimura Lecture Demonstration Center
FEE: $34 (FONA/NBF $30)

**WORKSHOP: Ikebana I**
Noted ikebana teacher Sachiko Furlan will teach this introductory workshop on Japanese flower arranging. All materials will be provided.

**Sep 21**
2 – 3
Free

**CURATOR TOUR: Bonsai Museum**
Learn about the history of the museum and the individual trees on this staff-led tour. Horticultural principles and aesthetic considerations will be emphasized.

**Sep 27**
10 – 12
Yoshimura Lecture Demonstration Center
FEE: $34 (FONA/NBF $30)

**WORKSHOP: Ikebana II**
Prerequisite: At least one previous lesson in Japanese flower arranging.
All materials will be provided.

**Oct 1 – Nov 15**
10 – 4
Free
Lecture/Free
Nov 1/1:00

**Chrysanthemums in the Courtyard**
Visit the Museum courtyard to see potted chrysanthemums specially cultivated and trained to display large blooms. Attend a free lecture on Saturday, November 1 at 1:00, where the horticultural process will be revealed.

**Oct 11**
10 – 12
Yoshimura Lecture Demonstration Center
FEE: $19 (FONA/NBF $16)
Limited enrollment: ages 8 – 14

**WORKSHOP FOR KIDS: Viewing Stones**
This workshop will be taught by Jim Greaves, a stone collector and master of viewing stone display. Participants will learn about stone appreciation and create their own display to take home. All materials provided.

**Oct 11**
2 – 3:30
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

**Gallery Talk: Viewing Stones & the Art of Display**
Join the collectors, Jim and Alice Greaves, in the exhibition space for a discussion of their stones on display.

**Oct 18 – 19**
10 – 4
Special Exhibits Wing
Free
Demonstration/Free
Oct 18/1:00

**Autumn Ikebana Exhibit: Sogetsu School, Washington DC**
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 demonstration will be held on Saturday, October 18, 1 – 2:30.

**Oct 25 – Nov 16**
10 – 4
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

**Autumn Bonsai Exhibit**
Bonsai – trees growing in containers – go through the same annual cycle as trees growing in the ground. See the beauty of their colorful fall transition on formal display in this exhibition.

**Dec 6 – Dec 14**
10 – 4
Special Exhibits Wing
Free

**Winter Silhouettes: Bonsai/Penjing Exhibit**
Before going into winter storage, deciduous trees selected from the permanent collection will be featured in a formal display. Without the cover of leaves, the elegant lines of trees will be prominent. Enjoy an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of nature in the indoor comfort of the Special Exhibits Wing.

| | |
|---|---|
| **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.usda.gov or call 202-245-5898. |
| **Museum Hours** | 10:00am-4:00pm daily. Please see individual listings for Lecture, Workshop and Demonstration times. The Museum is closed on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (January 21), President's Day (February 18), Veteran's Day (November 11), Thanksgiving (November 27), and Christmas. |