

Exhibits and Programs 2005

The National Bonsai & Penjing Museum



from the arboretum's permanent collections and the curator's collections.



Visiting Bonsai Club
Brookside Bonsai Society will exhibit bonsai from their private collections. Member-led demonstration presents practical information for beginners.

June 18 –26
Demo: June 26, 1-2:30pm

School of Ikebana
One special school of Ikebana will be featured.

July 9–17, 10am-3:30pm
Demo: July 17, 1-2:30pm

Suiseki Exhibit
Viewing stones are valued for their untouched, naturally weathered beauty and for the images they suggest of natural scenes or objects. The exhibited stones will be changed on August 17, so plan to visit more than once to experience the entire collection.

Aug 6 –28

Visiting Bonsai Club
Northern Virginia Bonsai Society will exhibit bonsai from their private collections. Member-led demonstration presents practical information for beginners.

Sep 3 – 11
Demo: Sep 11, 1-2:30pm

Visiting Bonsai Club
One club of the Potomac Bonsai Association will exhibit bonsai from their private collections. Member-led demonstration presents practical information for beginners.

Oct 1–9
Demo: Oct 9, 1-2:30pm

Fall Foliage Exhibit
Among the beauties of bonsai are the seasonal changes that occur in many of these miniature representations of nature. This special exhibit featuring deciduous treasures from the museum's permanent collection highlights the autumn coloring of leaves and the ripening of fruit.



Oct 29 – Nov 6

Lectures

Bonsai Repotting
Join curatorial staff for this combined lecture and demonstration focused on horticultural and design issues faced during the repotting process. Participants will observe the repotting of one of the bonsai from the museum collection.

This course is offered twice this season only.
Feb 26, 1-2:30pm
Mar 12, 1-2:30pm
Fee: \$12 (FONA/NBF \$10)
Registration required.

Kusamono: Bonsai Companion Plants
The traditional Japanese art of kusamono uses grasses, wildflowers, and other small ornamental plants arranged in a carefully selected ceramic pot to suggest a season or place. Displayed with bonsai or alone, kusamono provide color and a whimsical contrast to the bonsai garden. Join Young Choe, kusamono artist and arboretum volunteer for this lecture and demonstration.

Mar 13, 1-2:30pm
Fee: \$12 (FONA/NBF \$10)
Registration required.

Introduction to Chinese Gardens
For centuries Chinese gardens have displayed a delicate balance between natural objects and man-made structures. These gardens provide a spiritual haven from worldly worries. Come learn about these elements and the garden proposed for the Arboretum during this presentation from Dr. Thomas Elias, Director, U.S. National Arboretum.



Mar 6, 2-3pm
Fee: \$12 (FONA/NBF \$10)
Registration required.
Admin Bldg Auditorium

Viewing Stone Lecture

John Carlson will present a free lecture on viewing stones.

Mar 20, 1-2pm



Oct 2, 1-3:00pm
Fee: \$12 (FONA & NBF \$10)
Registration required.

Overwintering Your Bonsai
Learn about the varied methods used to overwinter the national collection. This lecture will cover how to prepare trees for and bring them out of storage, the importance of winter dormancy, temperature control, air circulation, and the role that light plays.

Pests & Diseases of Bonsai
Join Arboretum Integrated Pest Management specialist Tony Vlahakis for this informative lecture featuring the pests and diseases of bonsai and how to keep them under control through cultural, biological, and as a last resort, chemical applications.

June 18, 10am-11pm
Fee: \$12 (FONA/NBF \$10)
Registration required.

Workshops

Styling Satsuki Azalea Bonsai

This intermediate level workshop is for the bonsai enthusiast who is ready for a challenge. Participants must have a well founded knowledge of bonsai styling, pruning, wiring and general culture. Prerequisite to this program is Bonsai Basics. Fee includes satsuki azalea, glazed pot, soil and wire.



June 12, 1-4 pm
Fee: \$85 (FONA/NBF \$68)

Bonsai Basics

During the first session, a slide-illustrated lecture covers the history and fundamental concepts of bonsai. The second session is a hands-on experience for you to create a bonsai to add to, or begin, your collection at home. This two-part course is designed to educate the novice in the basics of bonsai, and is a prerequisite to intermediate level workshops offered in the spring. Registration fee covers tree, glazed pot, soil, & wire. Participants with their own bonsai tools are encouraged to bring them.

Bonsai Basics: Tropical
July 30 & Aug 7, 1-3:30pm

Bonsai Basics: Conifer
Sep 17 & 25, 1-3:30pm

Fee: \$119 (FONA/NBF \$95)
Registration required.

This season we offer two sessions of Bonsai Basics. Bonsai Basics: Tropical features the willow leaf ficus, *Ficus neriifolia* and is for the participant who has limited or no sunny, outdoor space. Bonsai Basics: Conifer features *Juniperus chinensis 'Shimpaku'* and requires a sunny, outdoor location to thrive.



June 4, 1-2:30pm
July 2, 24, 1-2:30pm
August 13, 21, 1-2:30pm
September 3, 1-2:30pm

Volunteer Demonstrations

Drop in on one of these informal demonstrations as our bonsai expert transforms a nursery plant into a beautiful bonsai. This is an excellent opportunity for beginners who want a basic introduction to the art of bonsai.



Museum Hours

10:00am-3:30pm
Please see individual listings for Lecture, Workshop and Demonstration times.

Locations

Exhibits Mary E. Mrose International Pavilion
Demonstrations Melba Tucker Arbor
Workshops & Lectures Yuji Yoshimura Center

Fees

All Exhibits and Demonstrations are FREE. Fees are charged for Workshops and some Lectures. Please see individual listings for cost.



Exhibits

Winter Silhouettes Exhibit

As we welcome in the new year take a moment to appreciate the elegant silhouettes of the deciduous bonsai.

Jan 1-9

Visiting Viewing Stone Group

Members of the Potomac Viewing Stone Group exhibit stones from their private collections.

Mar 5–27

Ikebana International Show

Ikebana International, Washington, D.C., Chapter 1, returns for an annual exhibit of ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arrangement. This stunning exhibit features both modern and traditional styles of ikebana by the area's most talented ikebana artists. Master teachers will give demonstrations of ikebana on April 23 and 30.



Apr 22–May 1
Demos: Apr 23 & 30, 1-2:30pm

Potomac Bonsai Association Exhibit & Sale

See some of the area's finest privately-owned bonsai during this annual show. Area vendors will have bonsai and related bonsai supplies available for sale each day of the show. Attend the free, walk-in demonstration, "Creating Your Own Bonsai."

Apr 22, 10am-4:30pm
Apr 23, 9am-5pm
Apr 24, 9am-4pm
Admin Bldg Auditorium
Demos: "Creating Your Own Bonsai," Apr 24, 10:30am & 1:30pm
Co-sponsored by Friends of the National Arboretum

World Bonsai Friendship Federation World Bonsai Contest 2004 Photographic Exhibit

See photographs of the top 100 bonsai in the world in this stunning exhibit. Sponsored by Japan Airlines, the Nippon Bonsai Association and the Japan Bonsai Growers Cooperative.

May 28-Dec 31



June 4–12

Satsuki Bonsai Exhibit

Breathtaking blossoms cover these late-blooming azaleas, miniature in form, but covered with full-sized flowers. This annual exhibit showcases the most spectacular examples



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