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**Next LSBF Bonsai
Convention-April 6-9,
2017**

**“Make The Cut”
Hosted by the
Bonsai Society of Dallas**

**Bonsai Exhibit Special Category:
BEST DISPLAY**



Howard
Smith, LSBF
President.
Bonsai
Society of
Dallas.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy Spring!! It has been such a mild winter everything is budding with a fury, and repotting season is going to be behind us before you know it. It is hard to believe four months have gone by since the convention in Corpus. I would like to congratulate the Corpus Club for putting together a successful and fun event. The artists were a great group

of guys with a lot of experience to share and the hosting club members were gracious and welcoming. And in true form, the raffle was an event in and of itself.

Now only weeks away is our next big event, the LSBF convention in Dallas. I am really looking forward to seeing the next generation of bonsai professionals take the stage. Headliners will include Daisaku Nomoto, a Japanese trained professional whose work has won the Kokufu prize, the most prestigious of bonsai awards. Also headlining is Juan Andrade, who has just completed his apprenticeship in Japan, and has a well diversified knowledge base and skill set to work with whatever species with which he is challenged. Touted "The Brad Pitt of bonsai" by Architectural Digest, Bjorn Bjorholm is rapidly achieving worldwide bonsai fame with his talent, teaching ability (and it doesn't hurt that he looks like a young, six foot six version of Angelina Jolie's ex-husband). Dallas has acquired great workshop material, some imported from Japan specifically for this convention. Demos this year will also include a "dynamic duo" rock planting. The vendor room is already at full capacity and will include the Japanese bonsai pot expert Michael Ryan Bell, who will be giving an engaging and master level lunch talk on bonsai pottery. The talent contest on Thursday will keep the same format it had in Corpus which was a fun filled tag team adventure.

The exhibit will continue to be judged and critiqued by the headliners, and the LSBF Recognition Awards will include a category for "Best Display" this time around - so make sure to dust off your companion plants and water your scrolls.

See you in Dallas!

2016 Convention in Review

"Bonsai-Living Art"

Lone Star Bonsai Federation &
Corpus Christi Bonsai Club

In October, 2016, bonsai enthusiasts from around the State gathered at the Emerald Beach Hotel for the 33rd LSBF Convention. Close to 100 registered to take part in the numerous workshops, demonstrations, raffles, auction, vendors area and bonsai exhibition.

A new feature introduced at this convention was the Texas Talent Contest. 3-person teams relayed at 10 minute intervals to style a bonsai tree. After 2 hours of relay, the trees were completed and put on display for the judge's decision. Winner was announced at the Saturday night Awards Banquet. Out of 8 team entries, the Dallas team of Sylvia & Howard Smith and Mark Bynum took home first prize of \$200 Joshua Roth Gift Certificate each. Second Place took home a \$100 Gift Certificate each. Thanks to our generous sponsor Joshua Roth Tools and the organizer of the event, Hurley Johnson.



First Place in the Talent Contest

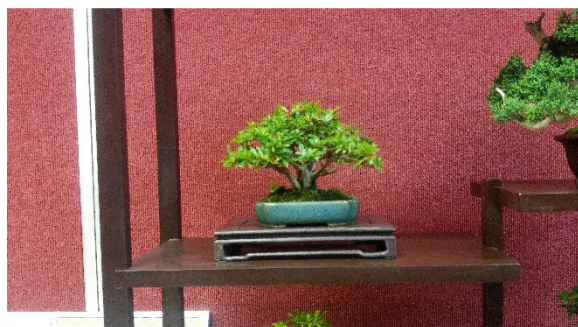


*"Best Of Show", Buttonwood
Hurley Johnson, Houston BS*

The Bonsai Exhibition was the jewel of the Convention. 45 Trees and 5 Shohin Displays filled a large room with a wide variety of trees and displays. The Lone Star Bonsai Federation recognized trees in 7 categories: Best Texas Native, Best Conifer, Best Tropical, Best Broadleaf Evergreen, Best Deciduous, Cascade or Semi-cascade (special category chosen by the hosting club) and Best of Show. An Honorable Mention Award was also given out by LSBF.



Ed Trout, Guest Artist, critiques the Exhibit



*Best Broadleaf Evergreen, Satsuki Azalea
Dr. Ho Chuah, Houston Bonsai Society*



*Layout of the Exhibition Room
Yvonne Padilla's beautiful Raintree is the
first tree you see when entering*

Ed Trout, Jason Schley, and Joe Day were the guest artists who conducted a 3 tree demonstration on Friday night. 9 workshops were conducted and well attended.



*Best Deciduous Tree-Shohin Chinese Elm
By Dr. Ho Chuah, Houston Bonsai Soc.*



*Best Tropical-Escambron (left)
By Hurley Johnson, Houston Bonsai Soc.*

The LSBF Board thanks Versie Marks & Yvonne Padilla, co-chairpersons, and the rest of the Corpus Christi Bonsai Club Convention Committee for an enjoyable and successful Bonsai Convention.

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hosted by: Bonsai Society of Dallas

April 6-9, 2017

BONSAI



Make the Cut
DALLAS 2017/LSBF

IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UPCOMING LSBF CONVENTION:

We will only hit the highlights in this Newsletter. For all the details and the registration form, please refer to the Lone Star Bonsai Federation website at lonestarbonsai.org or the Bonsai Society of Dallas website at bonsaisocietyofdallas.com

Hotel Accommodations

The Convention Site is at the Sheraton Dallas North Hotel, 4801 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas. A 4-star hotel with special room rates of \$99 per night. The Convention must guarantee a minimum quota of room nights or the rent on the meeting rooms goes up significantly. Please help the convention keep the costs down by booking at this hotel.

Parking is free and pets are allowed. For further hotel amenities & details please see Sheraton.com/dallasnorth. The special room rate is good through March 20, 2017, mention **LSBF Bonsai Convention**. 1-800-325-3535 for reservations.

GUEST BONSAI ARTISTS:

Bjorn Bjorholm- Bjorn began his Japanese apprenticeship under Master Keiichi Fujikawa at Kouka-en bonsai nursery in Osaka as a teenager. Now at 30 years old, he is a well accomplished bonsai master who has been teaching bonsai throughout Europe, Asia, Latin America, and the USA. He has been the headliner at several top shows in Europe and the USA. We are fortunate to have him.

Daisaku Nomoto- From the southern island of Kushu, Japan, Daisaku began his bonsai apprenticeship as a teenager under bonsai master Kihachiro Kamiya in 1995. In 2004 he won the prestigious Koku-Fu prize for his incredible work on a Japanese Black Pine. In 2005 he opened his bonsai nursery called Nomoto Chinshohen. His sense of humor makes him especially enjoyable to learn from. His English is improving and Bjorn will be there to interpret for us.

Jaun Andrade- This Costa Rican native studied under bonsai master Junichiro Tanaka of Aichi-en in Nagoya, Japan. He began to study bonsai at the age of 15 and studied under noted American bonsai masters Pedro Morales and Boon Manakitivipart before going to Japan. He has won numerous awards between 2005-2012.

VENDOR AREA is Sold Out!

So be prepared to spend some time there.

5 RAFFLES are featured
through all 3 days. \$5 Grand
Raffle on Sunday Morning

12- WORKSHOPS

are featured on Friday and Saturday. Several have been sold out already, so be sure and register now!

LUNCHTIME LECTURES:

Unique to the BSD Conventions, Friday lunch and Saturday lunch feature guest speakers with a short bonsai related lecture.

Michael Ryan Bell- Now known as the most knowledgeable pot authority in the USA. He has been collecting bonsai pottery since 2009 and now has a very impressive collection of antique pottery. He is currently working on a book on pottery. Michael will also have a vendor table at the convention.

Howard & Sylvia Smith- One of a few husband and wife teams, they opened their bonsai shop in 1994. After realizing they needed a more professional education, they became the #1 and #2 graduates from Boon Manakitivipart's Intensive Bonsai School. They have each earned several awards for their trees and have shown trees in the National Exhibition in two separate years. Today they both give lectures and demonstrations. Their trees as well as their client's trees are featured in several bonsai books.

LSBF LIVE AUCTION SATURDAY NIGHT

Any LSBF member is invited to enter a tree or other related bonsai items, such as pots, to be sold at the Auction. Items must have a value of \$100 or more and can be in bonsai pots or in any type of container. A portion of the sales goes to the convention.

The LSBF Auction was first featured in the 2010 Convention in Fort Worth. It has become a good place for LSBF members to sell their more valuable trees, etc., to a larger audience that understands the value of the bonsai items for sale.

The Convention Demo Trees will be auctioned off Saturday night. The Bonsai Society of Dallas has also procured some larger pre-bonsai trees for the auction that you will want a chance to bid on.

Anyone can bid. **Be prepared!**

LSBF TALENT CONTEST THURSDAY NIGHT

The Dallas Convention will continue the Talent Contest introduced last year at the Corpus Christi Convention. Basically, a three-person tag team relay contest to initially style a raw tree. 3 person teams are encouraged to be formed from each Bonsai Club. Get your team registered today and compete for a sizeable 1st and 2nd place bonsai prize.

For the details of the contest and registration information, go to the bonsaisocietyofdallas.com website.

BONSAI EXHIBITION

“EXCELLENCE IN BONSAI” Recognition Awards Program

The best bonsai trees in the LSBF will be on display at the Exhibition in Dallas. Any member of the LSBF can have the opportunity to show their best bonsai tree upon submittal of the form found in the Convention information packet at the Bonsai Society of Dallas website or the Lone Star Bonsai Federation website.

For the “Excellence in Bonsai” Recognition Awards, the trees will be judged by the guest artists in these categories: Conifer, Tropical or Semi-Tropical, Deciduous, Broadleaf Evergreen, Texas Native, Best of Show. The Hosting Club has chosen the special recognition category of **Best Display** for this Exhibition Only. Rules for the Awards Program can be found on the LSBF website.

The Exhibition is the jewel of the Convention and gets better every year as our trees and our skill mature. Submit your application today to insure a spot in the Show.

**For all Convention Information:
LSBF Website:
lonestarbonsai.org**
Also find us on **Facebook** under:
Lone Star Bonsai Federation

EDITOR’S NOTES:

Currently, I issue 2 Newsletters per calendar year; a pre-convention and a post-convention issue. These are distributed by email to your club’s delegate to the LSBF Board. The delegate is then to distribute the Newsletter on to the members. Each newsletter will also be archived on the LSBF Website at www.lonestarbonsai.org.

I am always looking for interesting articles to add to the newsletters. Articles can be specifically bonsai related or general information such as the history of your club.

Contact me with your thoughts.

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