

Potomac Bonsai Festival 2011

Fee-based Programs

New Talent Competition

Friday, May 6, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Program Tent

Challenge yourself at this exciting new event held for the first time at the 2010 Festival. Work on provided plant material from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm, when guest Judge Chase Rosade will choose the top three trees. All trees will become property of the entrants.

The first place winner will have an automatic berth in the 2011 Joshua Roth New Talent Competition administered by the American Bonsai Society, should they choose to participate. Each of the three winners will receive a prize and be invited to attend the National Bonsai Foundation reception Friday evening at the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum. The winning trees will be on display for the duration of the festival.

Entry Guidelines: Any resident of the mid-Atlantic region who has been practicing the art of bonsai for less than ten years is eligible. He or she must not have been a winner or runner-up in the Joshua Roth New Talent Contest. Entrant provides tools, wire, and turn table. Fee: \$85 (\$68 FONA/NBF members) [Registration required.](#)

Potomac Bonsai Association Regional Juried Show Critique

Saturday, May 7, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
National Bonsai & Penjing Museum
Chinese Pavilion

Walk through the Potomac Bonsai Association juried show with the judge, [Chase Rosade](#), to learn how a judge assesses the merits of the entries. He will discuss the winners and other trees of special interest. This is an excellent way for all levels of bonsai artists to improve their understanding of design choices. Space is limited. Free. [Registration required.](#)

Advanced Workshop with Harry Hirao: Bring Your Own Tree

Saturday, May 7, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
National Bonsai & Penjing Museum
Lecture/Demonstration Center

Do you have a good tree and want to make it a great one? Bring your established tree to this workshop and work under the guidance and inspiration of bonsai master [Harry Hirao](#). Mr. Hirao rarely travels outside California, so this is a special opportunity to learn from an honored artist and revered teacher. The class size is limited to ensure that every participant and every tree gets individual attention. Bring one tree to work on, tools, and wire. (Optional: bring a second tree for critique if time allows). Fee: \$79 (\$63 FONA/ NBF members) ensure that every participant and every tree gets individual attention. Bring one tree to work on, tools, and wire. (Optional: bring a second tree for critique if time allows). Fee: \$79 (\$63 FONA/ NBF members) ensure that every participant and every tree gets individual attention. Bring one tree to work on, tools, and wire. (Optional: bring a second tree for critique if time allows). Fee: \$79 (\$63 FONA/ NBF members)

Presentation: *Bonsai from the Beginning*, with Julian Adams

Sunday, May 8, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

National Bonsai & Penjing Museum Lecture Demonstration Center

Attend this beginner-oriented presentation to gain insight and understanding into the art of bonsai, and to pick up information on techniques that will help you get started. Take advantage of [Julian Adams](#)' extensive experience as he discusses how to recognize quality pre-bonsai plant material, how to develop your bonsai skills, and what to choose from his special list of plants well-suited for bonsai. Fee: \$19 (\$15 FONA/NBF members) [Registration required](#).

Workshop: *Bonsai for Beginners*

Sunday, May 8, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

National Bonsai & Penjing Museum Lecture Demonstration Center

Create a bonsai in this workshop designed for the beginner. Learn the cultural, horticultural, and aesthetic elements of bonsai and then apply your new knowledge during the hands-on workshop. All necessary materials, including the plant, are provided. Some tools will be available: please bring tools if you have them. Your tree will need an outdoor location at home. Fee: \$69 (\$55 FONA/ NBF) [Registration required](#). See [Tool List](#) for recommended tools.

NOTE

FONA/NBF refers to members of the Friends of the National Arboretum or the National Bonsai Foundation, who receive a discount on many programs. For membership information for FONA, call 202-544-8733 or visit www.fona.org. For information on NBF, call 202-396-3510 or visit www.bonsai-nbf.org.