

Potomac Bonsai Festival

May 3, 4, & 5, 2013

Free Walk-in Demonstrations

Refinement of Bonsai

Friday, May 3; 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Bonsai expert Jim Sullivan leads this interactive discussion and demonstration dealing with refinement techniques to use on starter material that is ready for shaping and training. Visitor Center Classroom

All about Podocarpus

Friday, May 3; 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Learn the ins and outs of *Podocarpus* by bonsai artist Martha Meehan, co-founder of Meehan's Miniatures. Observe and ask questions as she works on both young and old stock of this popular tropical tree. Visitor Center Auditorium

Bonsai around the World

Saturday, May 4; 10:00-11:30 am

See bonsai from around the world at this illustrated presentation by Solita Rosade, who has traveled and photographed extensively as ambassador for the World Bonsai Friendship Federation. Visitor Center Auditorium

Field Grown Bonsai

Saturday, May 4; 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Bonsai artist, teacher, and grower Chase Rosade conducts a demonstration on field-grown bonsai stock and discusses the advantages of choosing this material for bonsai over regular nursery stock or wild-collected material. Visitor Center Auditorium

Wild-collected Bonsai

Saturday, May 4; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Wild-collected material, such as rocky mountain juniper or ponderosa pine, presents unique challenges and opportunities. Learn techniques for using this type of material from bonsai expert and proprietor of Nature's Way Nursery, Jim Doyle. Visitor Center Auditorium