

PRESS RELEASE: AABC CONVENTION 2013



26th National Bonsai Convention **Canberra**
Rydges Lakeside Canberra, 1 London Circuit, Canberra City
The Australian Journey
17–20 May 2013

Hosted by Canberra Bonsai Society Inc
In partnership with The Association of Australian Bonsai Clubs Ltd

Featuring

International Demonstrator
Ryan Neil (USA)

National presenters and demonstrators
Averil Stanley
Andrew Ward
Roger Hnatiuk
Leigh Taafe

Workshops
Ryan Neil (Masterclass)
Averil Stanley
Andrew Ward



Over the last sixty years the Australian bonsai community has grown from enthusiasts working alone or in small, unconnected groups to a national community that is connected to the international bonsai community at many levels. During this time, the art of bonsai around the world has evolved to embrace new ideas and materials. Within Australia there has been an increasing appreciation of our diverse landscapes and use of Australian materials, especially our native plants, in a way that better evokes the Australian landscape.

Ryan Neil, the keynote demonstrator, trained with Mr Masahiko Kimura whose creative and innovative approaches have inspired bonsai artists around the world. Ryan Neil is an internationally acclaimed bonsai artist committed to using what he learnt as Mr Kimura's apprentice to influence and evolve the future of western bonsai.

Demonstrations and presentations by our four national demonstrators will highlight the breadth and diversity of the art of bonsai in Australia at present, including the traditions which have shaped our practice and the current influences.

We also invite you to take a guided tour of the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia which will be operating in its exciting new location in the National Arboretum Canberra.

Join us in Canberra in 2013 for the 26th AABC Convention to celebrate *The Australian Journey*, review its many points of interest, discuss past and present pioneers and consider the next leg of the journey of bonsai in Australia.

For all Convention information and forms visit: www.cbs.org.au/2013AABC