



26th AABC National Bonsai Convention

The Australian Journey

Hosted by
Canberra Bonsai Society



Workshop information

Workshops will be conducted in the Lake Michigan and Lake Huron Rooms on the first floor of Rydges Lakeside Canberra Hotel, 1 London Circuit, Canberra City, ACT.

Monday 20 May 2013

Morning session: 9.00 am - 12.00 noon.

Afternoon session: 1.00 - 4.00 pm.

Advice to participants

All workshop sessions will be hands-on workshops, where the participants will work on their own trees under the expert guidance of the tutor.

Participants in the workshop are requested to be set up at a work area at least 20 minutes prior to the commencement of the workshop session.

You will need to bring with you:

- Mature tree stock to work on (1 or 2 trees, but you will be **working on 1 tree** only). Make sure the tree has been cleaned up, by removing dead leaves, weeds and making roots visible.
- Turntable, tools, wire (a selection of gauges and more than you think you will need).
- Pots, soil and mesh if re-potting.
- Water spray bottle, wedges, gloves (gardening or disposable), raffia or other suitable wrapping material, pen and paper, your vision for the tree and camera.

It is not appropriate to borrow other participant's equipment or supplies.

Due to OH&S reasons, NO power tools may be used during the workshop sessions.

Wire will be available for purchase if needed.

If you haven't attended a workshop before, the usual approach is:

- Participants set up at tables provided.
- The Bonsai Master moves around to each participant in turn and talks about the design of their tree and sets a task for the participant to achieve (e.g. branch design and removal). They then move on to the next participant and repeat the process.
- Some Bonsai Masters discuss each tree individually with owner, however some prefer to discuss each tree with the whole group before work commences.
- Once the Master has seen all the participants' trees, they will come back to you to 'see how 'you're progressing' and then direct you to the next stage of the tree. This process continues until all the trees have been created. Please remember that each session only lasts 3 hours so the work is fairly intensive.

Please advise if you require the assistance of an experienced club member.

There will also be observers present watching the creation of the trees, however these people should not interrupt the Bonsai Master or you whilst working on the tree.

Advice to observers

Observers are requested to be at the workshop 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the workshop session. **Observers must remain silent throughout the workshop session and not interrupt the Bonsai Master or the participant whilst they are working on a tree.**

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