

# Canberra Bonsai Society inc

## Aims:

The primary object of the Society is to enhance the knowledge and the practice of Bonsai by bringing together people with an interest in the field.

## History:

The Society was formed in 1975 out of the dedication of a small number of enthusiasts who had been meeting on an informal basis for some years. From these humble beginnings the membership has grown steadily and currently stands in excess of 180 members. The Society was incorporated in 1986.

The Society is a contributing member of Bonsai Clubs International (BCI), a member of the Association of Australian Bonsai Clubs Limited (AABC) and affiliated with the Garden Clubs of Australia. Elected delegates represent the Society at these peak body forums and members regularly display their trees at national and international events.

## Resources:

The Society maintains a reference library of books, journals and videos that cover every aspect of Bonsai. The library is a valuable resource to members who can borrow the various items free of charge. Advertisers in the Society's newsletter *Wirrabara* offer discounts to members on nursery stock and other items such as pots, tools, and wire.

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## Activities:

The Society's annual calendar of events aims to provide members with a range of activities to enhance their enjoyment of and develop their skills in Bonsai. Events include:

- ◆ **Monthly Meetings** are held on the first Saturday of each month (excluding January and October) commencing at 9.30am at the Hughes Community Centre , Wisdom Street Hughes. At meetings there is a mix of presentations, demonstrations, practical work and help for beginners.
- ◆ **Monthly Newsletter.** *Wirrabara*, is emailed or mailed to members in the week prior to the meeting. It is full of Bonsai news, coming events and useful articles.
- ◆ **Workshops.** Practical hands-on workshops with local & visiting demonstrators are held.
- ◆ **Annual Show.** The Society presents an annual display of members' trees in October each year at which all members have the opportunity to exhibit their favourite tree(s). Demonstrations of Bonsai techniques and clinics are also a feature of the annual shows.
- **Community Programs.** The opportunity exists for members to participate in local community programs such as Floriade and the National Bonsai & Penjing Collection of Australia.
- **Social Events.** The Society holds several social events for members, including the annual show supper and guest demonstration.

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*Please accept my / our application for Membership of the Society:*

Name(s): .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: (Home) .....

(Work) .....

email: .....

*I enclose payment (please make cheque payable to "Canberra Bonsai Society Inc ") for the class of membership indicated: ( please mark box  )*

- Single Member** \$20
- Family Member** \$25

*As a member of Canberra Bonsai Society Inc I / we agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.*

Signed: .....

Date: / /

### Society Treasurer's Use Only

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Date: / /

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## BONSAI (*Japanese for 'planted in a tray'*)

The art and practice of bonsai has come to us after centuries of development in China and Japan. Bonsai is practiced today throughout the world by people from every background who are all drawn to the beauty of these "little trees".

The aim of Bonsai is to create an aesthetic impression of aged trees in a natural setting. The techniques and principles used are an extension of the horticultural practices used in our gardens. These, combined with an eye for harmony and balance, can create living 'sculptures' that change with the passage of the seasons, the years and the generations.

Numerous varieties of trees have found a place in the world of Bonsai, as have the elements that comprise the natural environment in which trees are found - rock, water, soil, wind, sun, other plants and humans. From the majestic specimens that originated in Asia - some believed to be over 500 years old - to the nursery stock and tender seedlings of our backyard, there is pleasure and satisfaction to be found in this ancient art form.

The knowledge, skill and pleasure of Bonsai come with time, practice and patience. Little is needed to start - a pot, soil, seedling from the garden or nursery plant - and once begun, it can be a lifelong pleasure. The enjoyment of Bonsai is enhanced by learning from and sharing the experiences with others. The Society aims to provide an environment in which those with an interest in Bonsai can develop their appreciation and skills in the art.

If you are interested in learning more about the Society, write to the Secretary, PO Box 800 Woden ACT 2606, or visit our website [www.cbs.org.au](http://www.cbs.org.au). You can email us at [secretary@cbs.org.au](mailto:secretary@cbs.org.au). You are also most welcome to attend the next monthly meeting.

To join the Society, please complete and return the Application for Membership by mail or in person at the next monthly meeting.

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