

About Us

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Aims

The primary objective of the Canberra Bonsai Society Inc is to enhance the knowledge and the practice of bonsai, by bringing together people with an interest in the art. Our Society constitution can be found here. Orientation notes for new members New members can download the CBS New Member Orientation notes here. History

The Society was formed in 1975 by 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 150.

Canberra Bonsai Society is an active member of "Australian Associated Bonsai Clubs " and a member of " Bonsai Clubs International ". Our members attend both national and international bonsai conventions. Resources

The Society maintains a comprehensive reference library covering every aspect of bonsai. This valuable resource includes books, videos, magazines and journals. Members may borrow items free of charge. The Society also sells wire at monthly meetings and soil mix components when the main yearly potting time approaches. Activities Monthly Meetings

These are held on the first Saturday of each month (excluding January and October). They start at 9:00 a.m. at the Hughes Community Centre, Wisdom Street, Hughes. The meetings are a mix of presentations, demonstrations , show and tell, practical work, and help for beginners. Anyone interested in the art of bonsai is welcome. Members are encouraged to bring a tree to the monthly workshop. Monthly Newsletter

Wirrabara, the Society's newsletter, is mailed to members in the week prior to the meeting. It is full of bonsai news, coming events and useful articles. Workshops

In addition to monthly meetings, the Society organises practical hands-on workshops with local and visiting demonstrators. Annual Show

This is normally held in September each year and gives members an opportunity to exhibit their favourite trees. On the Saturday evening, members and guests share a 'Bring a plate' supper followed by a presentation by a guest demonstrator. Community Programs

Canberra Bonsai Society participates in various community activities , including Floriade, and sponsors the 'Australian Native Trees as Bonsai' exhibition which is held in November at the Australian National Botanical Gardens. Bus Trips

The Society organises a yearly bus trip to visit various bonsai nurseries in Sydney with the occasional visit to other bonsai outlets outside Sydney. Field Trips

From time to time, the Society organises field trips to collect trees growing in the 'wild'. Sometimes the Society joins with another club to go out on a 'dig'. Membership Fees

Single - \$20.00 Family - \$25.00 Canberra Bonsai Society Pamphlet and Membership Application Form