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BONSAI NEWS UK—June Editorial

As the British bonsai season starts to seriously 'take off' with the various shows around the country, may I start by expressing my thanks to all those societies who have submitted images and reports on their recent shows; this is a trend that I hope others will take up for the remainder of the year. In some instances, such a number of photos were submitted, one was spoilt for choice in selecting images for this month's issue, not in any way a cause of complaint!

Once again, FoBBS put on a display at the R.H.S. Chelsea Flower Show (see Chelsea Report, page 3). For those who query why FoBBS puts on a Chelsea display, as they have done under Reg Boltons' guidance since 1996, the answer is simple – the principle aim of FoBBS is to promote the art, craft and science of bonsai within the United Kingdom both to those who practice bonsai and **the general public**. And it is the public in particular that the Chelsea display is targeting. For those of us who volunteer to man the stand during the course of the event, it is still disturbing to realise just how little of the subject of bonsai members of the public understand. Therefore, whilst the opportunity exists and the stalwarts behind the assembly and manning of the FoBBS Chelsea display are willing and able to continue, let it be our contribution as a window on bonsai in Britain and a source of education and enlightenment.

Unfortunately, the planning of Chelsea this year clashed with the European Bonsai Association event in Székesfehérvár, Hungary, with the result that neither Reg Bolton nor I were able to attend in our respective roles (Reg was preparing the FoBBS stand at Chelsea whilst I was back in hospital for post-cancer assessment). However, the U.K. was ably represented by Will Badeley as one of the principle headliners at the event together with David Fairbanks as our representative in the Amateur New Talent final. Thanks to both.

In conclusion, may I take this opportunity to wish those societies and groups staging bonsai displays in the forthcoming weeks every success. Such occasions are rarely a "walk in the park" – it is based upon time and effort on the part of a few dedicated individuals who make these events succeed and to them, we owe our appreciation.

Malcolm Hughes



Please see pages 12 & 13 for details of Japan 2017. This is the 8th World Bonsai Convention and only the second time it has been held in Japan. Last time 1989 we FOBBS, took a party of 30 and we were totally amazed by what we saw. I tried to make it the basis for the event we put on at the International Convention Centre in 1991.

June 4th & 5th 2016,

Mid Herts Bonsai Club Annual Show, Kingsbury Barn, Kingsbury Mews, off Branch Rd, St Michaels Village,
St Albans Hertfordshire, England. <http://midhertsbonsaclub.co.uk>

June 5th 2016

Midland Bonsai Society Annual Show, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston, B15 3TR

June 12th 2016

2nd 'Bonsai With Love' event, Failand Village Hall, Oxhouse Lane, Failand, Bristol BS8 3TS
Charity Event in aid of M.E. (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis); organised by Dan Barton

June 12th 2016

Bonsai South West 2016.

Hosted by Exeter Bonsai Society, on Sunday 12th June 2016,
The Pavilion, The Esplanade, Exmouth. EX8 2AZ, doors open 10.00am. - 4.30 pm.
info:- Brian- 01392 437525 01392 437525, or brian.mackichan@mypostoffice.co.uk

June 16th –19th 2016

Gardeners World Live, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham

The show will take place at the NEC, Birmingham, from Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th June 2016, in Halls 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 plus outside areas.in conjunction with 'The Good Food Show'

June 25th, 26th 2016

Bedfordshire Bonsai Society Summer Show.

Poplars Garden Centre, Harlington Rd. Toddington, Dunstable, Beds, LU5 6HE.,just off junction 12 of the M1

June 25th, 26th 2016

Accrington & District Bonsai Society , Bonsai Exhibition

Haworth Art Gallery Hollins Lane, Accrington, Lancs BB5 2JS Tel; - 01254233782

June 26th 2016

Bonsai Traders Association, Capel Manor, Enfield, Middlesex. EN1 4RQ.

Adm: £5.50; 10.00-16.00.hrs

Contact: Ken Lever 020.86698847 Email: info@windybankbonsai.co.uk

July 5th-10th 2016

R.H.S. Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey

July 16th-17th 2016

Ipswich Bonsai Society Show

Held at By-Pass Nurseries, London Road, Capel St Mary, Ipswich, IP92JR.

July 9th-10th

Chichester Bonsai Show

July 20th-24th

Cheshire Bonsai Society exhibiting at RHS Flower Show, Tatton Park (Gold medal winners in previous years.

R.H.S. Chelsea 2016 - May 24-28th

Another fantastic year at Chelsea; what a wonderful show, fantastic that we FoBBS, thanks once again to the single minded and dedicated enthusiasm of Reg Bolton, a man of advanced years, older than most of us, who worked tirelessly, rising before 6.0a.m. each day and reaching his bed late, late at night to ensure that Fobbs received a Chelsea Gold Medal. What an epitaph - 16 Chelsea Gold Medals to his credit and over £7,000 into Fobbs accounts, who else can claim that? Facebook once again the source of vitriolic embittered comments of a man who has dedicated his life to FoBBS and from people who have never lifted a finger to help anyone but themselves.

The trees, making up this superb display are a range of species including Chinese Elm, Chinese Juniper, Deshojo Maple, English Elm, English Yew, Kiyohime Maple, Korean Hornbeam, Ligustrum, Mountain maple, Siberian Elm, Trident Maple, White Beech and White Pine, Collected from members of member clubs from around the country, they made up a first class display for a Gold Award. Watch television if you do not know how difficult it is to achieve a Gold Award. Dedicated commercial growers work for years, in fact almost their whole lives and are grateful to get Silver Gilt, let alone Gold upon Gold. How lucky we are to have such a man as Reg Bolton working for us..... and who is going to take upon the perfectionist mantle when he finally has to give way to time and retire?



Thousands upon thousands flocked around to admire the trees, to show their appreciation, albeit if that include a fair few of the inevitable naive questions. Even if frozen and desperate to get to a warm cup of coffee, I could not but be exhilarated by the enthusiasm of people from all parts of the world. Wednesday proved an unseasonable but rewarding day. Perhaps other members of FoBBS clubs would like to volunteer for a great, if tiring day at the world's most prestigious Flower Show.

I must conclude by thanking not just Reg but all those who helped over the previous weekend to build the stand and those came from all around the country to do their stints on duty at the Show. Maybe it was cold but what other opportunity do we get to see such a Show (and you are not on duty all day).

Other highlights.



Show Reports

Middlesex Bonsai Society Annual Show

Held their annual show on Sunday 15TH May in Ruislip. Despite the usual worries preceding a show, will we get enough trees, will we get help on the day? Everything turned out well. We had a good selection of quality trees and tried to give each exhibitor more space, to allow better displays of tree and accent plants rather than just the usual line up of trees. We had viewing stones from the British Suiseki Club and a guest exhibitor Richard Lock from Surrey Heath Club displaying a Pine in a Tokonoma. Harry Harrington was there with his range of books and he worked on some Privet trees throughout the day.

The annual competition was held when the visitors to the show, vote for the tree that appeals to them, won by Bob Savage with an itoigawa Juniper.

Overall a good day, good displays,

Roger Gibbs Chairman, Middlesex Bonsai Society.



Manchester Bonsai Society Annual Show

Held earlier than usual this year at Lymm United Reformed Church. A successful day, with a steady stream of members and visitors admiring the trees. The standard was good, although the mild wet winter and dry early spring did have some effect. Members and visitors were asked to vote for the 3 trees that they liked the most, and the winner of the Ted Fuller Memorial Trophy was Wayne Crumpton with a conifer group. Mark Kennerley of Green Dragon Bonsai provided a great sales table, with something for everyone.

Visitors to the show subsequently came to a workshop in Stockport on Tuesday 17.5.16.

1. Wayne Crumpton - larch group
2. Roy Booth - trident maple
3. Roy Booth - Acer palmatum 'Chitoseyama'





A memory from the past for those who remember the early days of Bonsai in the UK. You will remember the days of Peter Adams of Cherry Trees Bonsai, Farnham Surrey.

Peter may be long gone from amongst us—but Peter Chan had a surprise visit from his first wife Sheila.

"All you need to do is to send in a brief report of your Show preferably with pictures and it will appear next month"

We're on the Web!
www.fobbsbonsai.co.uk

Club Activities

Ambion Bonsai Club Night April

we had John Armitage as our speaker. John talked on his favourite subject, shohin. He used a small conifer and planted it onto a small piece of lava rock and adding a tiny Cotoneaster for effect. John worked at high speed, but he explained in detail what he was doing, answering all questions fired at him, and producing a very effective result.



Ambion recently put on a display at the Burbage Common Open Day, organised by Hinckley and Bosworth Council. It was our first time at the show. We had a varied display with acers, flowering species, many being shohin and with accents for effect.

We attracted a lot of interest, and may also have attracted some new club members.

We have been invited back next year.



MIDLAND BONSAI SOCIETY

Meetings first Thursday of every month at Moseley Cricket Club, Streetsbrook Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3PE at 7.30 p.m.
Details: Richard Gilkes, 07803 593024.

SOUTH STAFFS BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings - 3rd Tuesday
Walmley Community Hall,
Crawford Road, B76 1NP 7.30 pm
Meetings in the form of workshops with occasional speakers, beginners are welcome

REDDITCH BONSAI SOCIETY

A friendly society meets 3rd Thurs. Webheath Village Hall, Heathfield Rd, Webheath, Redditch, B97 5SQ.
Details Richard Gilkes, Secretary.
tel. 07803 593024.

STOURBRIDGE BONSAI SOCIETY

The members meet every second Sunday, January to November at the Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge, DY8 4LU. Next meeting June 19th 12.00 noon Info 07415 158167.
Prospective new members will be very welcome.
Info. Maurice on 07415 158167.
Also meeting at Ashwoods Nurseries, Kingswinford, DY6 OAE, June 26th 10.00am.

ACCRINGTON & DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY

Events for 2016

Two day Bonsai Exhibition

Sat 25 & Sun 26th June, Haworth Art Gallery Hollins Lane, Accrington, Lancs BB5 2JS Tel; - 01254233782

Summer Show

Barton Grange Garden Centre Sat 13th and Sun 14th August. Garstang Rd. Brock, Preston PR3 0BT; - 01995642900

ASHFIELD BONSAI CLUB

Ashfield Bonsai Club is a hands-on club meeting twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thurs. (7.30 – 9.30pm) St Michaels & All Saints Church Hall, The Rectory Gardens, Church Street, South Normanton. On the Derby/Notts border 1 mile from Junc. 28 of the M1. Meetings take the form of workshops with occasional speakers.

Club Show in Sept and Auction in November.
Facebook: ashfieldbonsaclub.blogspot.co.uk.

BLACKMORE VALE BONSAI GROUP

Meetings second Friday each month, venue, Silver Band Hall, Bleke St Shaftesbury. Workshops from February to October, Thorngrove Garden Centre, Gillingham. 4th Saturday from 11 am. to 4pm. Cost £3 including refreshments.
m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com
www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.co.uk

MIDDLESEX BONSAI SOCIETY

Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month 7.30pm
South Harrow Methodist Church, Walton Avenue,
South Harrow, Middlesex. HA2 8QU.
Meetings include in-house workshop and visiting speakers. All are welcome.

SALISBURY BONSAI SOCIETY

Venue: Laverstock Village Hall at 7.45pm
Meetings first Monday of month
www.salisburybonsaisociety.co.uk

SWINDON AND DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings, 2nd Tues of month [ex. Dec.]
Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, Swindon, Wiltshire. SN3 4AS
1930 hrs – 2200 hrs
paulbowerbank@lineone.net
Tel. 07982 401103.

VALE OF CLWYD BONSAI SOCIETY

An active club, all things Bonsai related. With passion and a sense of fun, we believe in caring for our trees and one another in equal measure. Meet 2nd Sunday of every month at:-Level Lane Community Centre, Level Lane, Hawarden, CH5 3SB.
New members and visitors are always welcome
Contact Mark: +44 7500 005337

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All editions are totally dependent upon you, the members. Without your information this cannot happen; please help us to make it succeed.

MANCHESTER BONSAI SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2016

Programme 2016

- 13.6.2016: Bring & buy sale and buffet.
- 11.7.2016: Members show techniques.
- 8.8.2016: Workshop.
- 12.9.2016: Speaker: Roy Booth.
- 10.10.2016: My favourite tree.
- 14.11.2016: Guest speaker Chris Williams
- 12.12.2016: Bring & buy sale and buffet.
- 9.1.2017: Annual General Meeting.

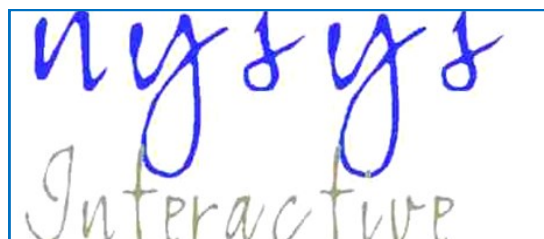


Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month 8 pm-10 pm : Stockport Labour Club, 2 Lloyd Street, off Wellington Road North (A6), Heaton Norris, Stockport, SK41QP.

Annual Show: Saturday 14.5.16: At Lymm United Reformed Church, Brookfield Road, off Eagle Brow (A6144), Lymm, Cheshire, WA13 OQL, 10am - 4pm. Car park on Davies Way, WA13 OWQ.

RHS Tatton Show. 20/24.7.16: Members may volunteer to man the stand and speak to members of the public about the art of bonsai, and to see some of the show.

Please see full details on our website: www.manchesterbonsaisocietv.org.uk



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SUSSEX BONSAI GROUP

2016 Programme,
Wivelsfield Village Hall 8pm-10pm



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| 14 | May | Show at Plumpton Agricultural College, BN7 3AE |
| 22 | May | Eastbourne Bonsai Show — Herstmonceux |
| 25 | May | Paul Canham — make your own accent pot |
| 22 | June | Mystery Demo: Ken Norman |
| 9,10 | July | Chichester Bonsai Show |
| 9 | July | Wivelsfield Village Day |
| 27 | July | Bonsai Theme Night — Junipers |
| 24 | Aug | Club Auction |
| 17/18 | Sep | Show, Garden Pride, Comm. Lane, Ditchling, BN6 |
| 28 | Sep | Lee Verhorevoort |
| 26t | Oct | Kevin Fletcher |
| 23rd | November | SBG@37 |

AMBION BONSAI CLUB

Meetings last Thursday of the month, 7.30-9.30, Hatters Space Community Centre, Abbey Street, Nuneaton, CV11 5DN.

Programme 2016

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| Jun 30 | Members Barbecue, venue TBA |
| July 28 | Steve Brown, Flowering Trees |
| Aug 25 | Members Tokonoma competition |
| Sep 29 | David Jones, 'Right Tree, Right Pot' |
| Oct 27 | David Collaby, Scroll Designing and Making |
| Nov 24 | A.G.M. and Christmas Party |
| Dec | No club meeting |

Info:- Linda and Glyn Carvell 02476 366140
email glynscarvell@btinternet.com

NORTH LONDON BONSAI GROUP

2016 PROGRAMME

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| 14 Jun | Club Tree Competition |
| 26 Jun | BTA Show |
| 12 Jul | Workshop |
| 13 Sep | Linda McArdell - Mame |
| 25 Sep | Club Autumn Show 10am to 4pm |
| 11 Oct | Malcolm Hughes — judging bonsai |
| 8 Nov | Lee Verhorevoort |
| 13 Dec | Workshop |

TEES VALLEY BONSAI GROUP

Programme 2016

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| 21 June | Simon Temblett |
| 19 June | Steve McKee |
| 19 Aug | Show preparation |
| 20 Sept. | Workshop |
| 18 Oct. | Rob Atkinson |
| 15 Nov. | AGM |
| 20 Dec. | Tree critique & social evening |

MIDLAND BONSAI SOCIETY

Programme 2016



| DATE | SPEAKER/ACTIVITY | TABLE DISPLAY |
|---------|------------------|--------------------|
| 2nd Jun | Show workshop, | Larches |
| 7th Jul | Garden visit - | |
| 4th Aug | Members' forum | |
| 1st Sep | Malcolm Hughes, | Acers |
| 6th Oct | Alpine Gar. Soc. | Accent plants |
| 3rd Nov | John Pitt, | Pick the right pot |
| 1st Dec | AGM & Social | Photo display |

SOUTH STAFFS BONSAI SOCIETY

Programme 2016

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| 21 Jun | BBQ, Woodlands |
| 19 Jul | Workshop |
| 16 Aug | 'Create a camel' |
| 20 Sep | Preparing for winter Malcolm Hughes |
| 18 Oct | John Trott, - demo |
| 15 Nov. | Workshop |



BEDFORDSHIRE BONSAI SOCIETY

Toddington Village Hall, LU5 6AN



Monthly meetings, Feb to Nov 1st Weds.

Workshop s 3rd Weds. April, May, July and Sept.

Annual Forestry Commission, authorised collecting dig.

Access for material from local tree nursery

Saturdays at Poplars Garden Centre, Toddington

1st June: Show Prep workshop

25th –26th June: Annual Show at Poplars

6th July Steve Brown from Cherry Blossom Bonsai

AKA MATSU, BONSAI SCHOOL

Programme 2106

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| 2 June | Andy Campbell |
| 7 July | Show preparation |
| 4 Aug. | Bryan Stone/Jim Buterworth |
| 1 Sept | Steve Ward |
| 6 Oct. | Ken Foulds photos |
| 3 Nov. | Graham Walker, Japan |

FEDERATION OF BRITISH BONSAI SOCIETIES



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or phone 01455 324883

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Visitors are welcome by appointment during an initial period between
18 July - 7 September 2016.

There is studio-quality lighting on site but visitors need to supply their own camera and tripod and to take their own photographs.

There is no charge to use the facility but it is hoped that visitors will make a small donation on the day to the British Heart Foundation or the Stroke Association.

Initial enquiries please to Vivienne
vivmct@gmail.com

In memory of the life & work of Paul Goff



THE 8TH WORLD BONSAI CONVENTION, SAITAMA CITY

Invitation to all our Bonsai and Suiseiki friends

On behalf of The 8th World Bonsai Convention Executive Committee, I am pleased to invite you to The 8th World Bonsai Convention, that will be held from April 27 to 30th, 2017 in Saitama city, Japan.

An international World Bonsai Convention is sponsored and promoted by World Bonsai Friendship Federation once every 4 years. The first World Bonsai Convention was held in Saitama City (old Omiya City) in 1989. The WBC has contributed greatly to promotion of bonsai and international friendship. Now in 2017, for the first time in 28 years, The 8th World Bonsai Convention will be held in Saitama City, the birth place of the WBC. Over 300 splendid bonsai and suiseiki will be displayed for your pleasure, and world famous Bonsai Masters from in and outside of Japan will be giving presentations to share their knowledge and love for bonsai with you. (13 Japanese masters and 8 international masters will be demonstrating.)

You will also enjoy not only bonsai and suiseiki, but enjoy the beautiful city of Saitama in its best season. You may also enjoy peaceful walking in Bonsai Village, visiting The Omiya Bonsai Art Museum, Saitama. Also around the venue of WBC, there are many shops, restaurants and other places of interest

The registration for the 8th World Bonsai Convention starts May 9th, 2016. Please visit our website for more information.

<http://world-bonsai-saitama.jp/cn/index.html>

We are looking forward to having you, your friends and family register for the 8th World Bonsai Convention.

Respectfully Yours, The 8th World Bonsai Convention Executive Committee
Hatsuji Kato, Chairman of The 8th WBC

Naemi Iwasaki, Vice-Chairman of WBFF

Jiro Fukuda, Chairman of WBFF

第8回 世界盆栽大会 in さいたま
The 8th WORLD BONSAI CONVENTION, SAITAMA CITY

第1回 日本: さいたま市(旧大宮市)
第2回 アメリカ: オークランド
第3回 韓国: ソウル
第4回 ドイツ: ミュンヘン
第5回 アメリカ: ワシントンD.C.
第6回 エイペリコ: サンフランシスコ
第7回 中国: 会壇

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[Registration Fee]

Early Registration : 35,000 JPY (tax included)

※discount (until October 31)

Standard Price : 40,000 JPY (tax included)

メイン会場 Main Places

さいたまスーパーアリーナ Saitama Super Arena
大宮ソニックシティ Omiya Sonic City
パレスホテル大宮 Palace Hotel Omiya

サブ会場 Sub Places

武蔵一宮氷川神社 Musashi Ichinomiya Hikawa-Jinja Shrine
さいたま市大宮盆栽美術館 The Omiya Bonsai Art Museum, Saitama
大宮盆栽村 Omiya Bonsai Village

[Registration Fee] 35,000 JPY (tax included) : Early registration discount (until October 31)
40,000 JPY (tax included) : Standard price

[Registration URL] world-bonsai-saitama.jp/en

| April 27, 2017 (Thu) | | |
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| Time | Program | Venue |
| 15:00 - 16:00 | Opening Ceremony | Omiya Sonic City Large Hall |
| 16:00 - 18:00 | Commemorative Demonstration Demonstrator: Masahiko Kimura | Omiya Sonic City Large Hall |
| 19:00 - 21:00 | Reception | Palace Hotel Omiya |
| 9:30 - 15:00 | Bonsai Shuttle Bus | |

| April 28, 2017 (Fri) | | |
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| Time | Program | Venue |
| 9:30 - 18:00 | Japan Bonsai Suiseki Greatest Exhibition | Saitama Super Arena Community Arena |
| 11:00 - 13:00 | Taiga Urushibara & International Artist Demonstration | Super Arena Main Stage |
| 13:30 - 15:30 | International Artist Demonstration | Super Arena Main Stage |
| 15:00 - 17:00 | Hiroshi Takeyama Demonstration | Exhibition Hall Stage |
| 9:30 - 18:00 | Bonsai Shuttle Bus | |

| April 29, 2017 (Sat) | | |
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| Time | Program | Venue |
| 9:30 - 18:00 | Japan Bonsai Suiseki Greatest Exhibition | Saitama Super Arena Community Arena |
| 10:00 - 12:00 | Chiharu Imai Demonstration | TOIRO STUDIO STAGE |
| 11:00 - 13:00 | Kenji Oshima & International Artist Demonstration | Super Arena Main Stage |
| 11:30 - 13:30 | Masayuki Fujikawa & Shigeo Isobe Demonstration | Exhibition Hall Stage |
| 13:00 - 14:30 | Shohin Bonsai Demonstration | TOIRO STUDIO STAGE |
| 14:30 - 16:30 | International Artist Demonstration | Super Arena Main Stage |
| 15:00 - 17:00 | Kunio Kobayashi Demonstration | Exhibition Hall Stage |
| 15:00 - 16:30 | Satsuki Bonsai Demonstration | TOIRO STUDIO STAGE |
| 18:00 - 20:00 | Dinner Party | |
| 10:00 - 16:30 | Japanese Cultural Experience Class | TOIRO ROOM-6 |
| 9:30 - 15:00 | Bonsai Shuttle Bus | |

| April 30, 2017 (Sun) | | |
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| Time | Program | Venue |
| 9:30 - 17:00 | Japan Bonsai Suiseki Greatest Exhibition | Saitama Super Arena Community Arena |
| 9:30 - 11:30 | Minoru Akiyama & Takashi Sakurai Demonstration | TOIRO STUDIO STAGE |
| 10:30 - 12:30 | Isao Omachi & Mitsuo Matsuda Demonstration | Exhibition Hall Stage |
| 13:00 - 15:00 | International Artist Demonstration | Super Arena Main Stage |
| 13:00 - 14:30 | Suiseki Presentation | TOIRO STUDIO STAGE |
| 13:30 - 15:30 | Shinji Suzuki Demonstration | Exhibition Hall Stage |
| 15:30 - 17:00 | Grand Finale | Super Arena Main Stage |
| 10:00 - 15:00 | Japanese Cultural Experience Class | TOIRO ROOM-6 |
| 9:30 - 18:00 | Bonsai Shuttle Bus | |

*Program as of April 05, 2016 and subject to change.

JAPAN TOUR 19 April - 2 May 2017

Join us for this one-off bonsai tour timed to coincide with the 8th World Bonsai Convention (WBC) which is coming home to Saitama City in 2017 after a 28 year absence. This itinerary is designed for those of you who have already travelled with us on our regular Bonsai Tour. New sights include visits to bonsai nurseries in Shizuoka and Nagoya, lovely Kanazawa as well as a return visit to Tokoname.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Attendance at the 8th World Bonsai Convention
- 12 nights hotel accom.(5 nights in Saitama, 2 nights Tokyo, 1 night Shizuoka, 2 nights Nagoya & 2 nights Kanazawa)
- International Flights
- Visit bonsai nurseries in Shizuoka and Nagoya
- Visit to Tokoname - renowned for its ceramics
- Travel on Japan's famous Bullet Train
- Breakfast daily
- Farewell Dinner
- Airport transfers in Japan
- Services of a knowledgeable Japan Journeys guide throughout



19/20 April: Depart UK and Arrive Japan

Fly from London Heathrow to Narita Airport (Tokyo) with a change of plane in Seoul airport en route. Transfer to your hotel in Tokyo where we will stay 1 night on a bed and breakfast basis.

21 April: Shizuoka

This morning we travel by private coach through the beautiful region of Hakone and Mt Fuji and onwards to Shizuoka where you will visit a superb bonsai nursery. Tonight you will spend one night in Shizuoka.

22 April: Nagoya

After breakfast, we board the superb Bullet train and speed to Nagoya where we will visit two bonsai nurseries. We spend the next 2 nights in Nagoya.

23 April: Tokoname

Today we visit the renowned nearby ceramic town of Tokoname, one of the so-called "Six Old Kilns of Japan" and a centre of quality, bonsai pot making. Return to Nagoya tonight.

24 April: Kanazawa

After breakfast, we travel by train to the lovely castle town of Kanazawa - located on the Sea of Japan coast where we will visit the beautiful Kenrokuen gardens today. We spend the next 2 nights in Kanazawa.

25 April: Kanazawa

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure. Visit the well-preserved samurai and geisha teahouses of Kanazawa. The town's modern face is ably represented by the impressive 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art which is also well worth a visit.

26 April: Kanazawa-Saitama

We travel to Saitama and arrive the day before the 8th World Bonsai Convention begins. Stay 5 nights in Saitama City.

27 April - 30 April: 8th World Bonsai Convention

Attend the 8th World Bonsai Convention. Registration and all the events for the 4 day Convention are included in your package.

1 May: Tokyo

Return to Tokyo for a day's sightseeing. Spend one additional night in Tokyo.

2 May: Depart Japan

Transfer to Narita Airport (Tokyo) for your flight home

PRICE INCLUDES:

- International flights from London Heathrow to Narita Airport (Tokyo)
- 12 nights' hotel accommodation at centrally located 3* & 3K* hotels with breakfast daily
- Registration at the 8th World Bonsai Convention
- 7 Day Japan Rail Pass
- Farewell dinner on 1 May
- Transfers to/from airports in Japan
- Private air-conditioned coach on 21 April
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to all named attractions on tour
- Services of a knowledgeable Japan Journeys Guide throughout
- Separate baggage transfer for one piece of luggage per person from Nagoya to Saitama (you will take an overnight bag to Kanazawa)
- All Japanese sales taxes and service charge

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| | Early Booking Price (Before 31 OCTOBER 2016) | Price thereafter (From 1 NOVEMBER 2016) |
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Single room supplement

| £325.00

| £325.00

To make a booking, a deposit of £280.00 per person is required. The balance of the price of the trip must be made 12 weeks prior to departure. All prices estimates are based on a minimum of 20 persons travelling in April/May 2017. All price estimates are based on current rates of exchange.

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