



# BONSAI NEWS UK

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There are still a number of bonsai events taking place during September and into October, but we have come to the point at which the show "season" tails off.

Remaining are:-

- September 10, 11<sup>th</sup>, Greenwood Bonsai Bash,
- September 11<sup>th</sup>, Bonsai in the Park. Hosted by South Devon Bonsai Society
- September 18<sup>th</sup>, Bonsai Boot Sale, Hertfordshire Garden Centre
- September 25<sup>th</sup>, North London Bonsai Autumn Show.
- October 16<sup>th</sup>, The Bonsai Traders Association, Autumn Show
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heathrow Bonsai Show

We are dependent on you for reports on these events for 'Bonsai News UK'. We are limited to the information we receive from those putting on these events. For that reason, we have decided that this newsletter will only be sent out if information is received to make it viable.

You are undoubtedly now in the process of completing your club programme for 2017; please remember to send us a copy as soon as it is completed – Kath can adjust the format and layout to make all similar; a small copy of your club logo could enhance it. This information will be published early in 2017.

As I have said before, this publication can only succeed if material is provided for inclusion – responsibility lies on the shoulders of those able to provide material.

In conclusion, the Amateur New Talent heat for 2016 will be taking place at the North London Bonsai Autumn Show, to be held at Capel Manor on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. The qualifier will represent the U.K. at the next European Bonsai Association Convention, hosted by the Belgium Bonsai Association, at Noelanders XVIII, in the town of Genk, Belgium between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

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**

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**August 13th, 14th**

**Accrington & District Bonsai Society Summer Show**

Barton Grange Garden Centre. Garstang Rd. Brock, Preston PR3 0BT; - 01995642900

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**September 10,11th**

**Greenwood Bonsai Bash**, Greenwood Bonsai Studio, Ollerton Rd. Nottingham

Bonsai Exhibition, Styling demos. Refreshments available.

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**September 11th.**

**Bonsai in the Park. Hosted by South Devon Bonsai Society**

Lupton House, (Grade II listed), near Brixham, Devon TQ5 0LD. 10.00 a.m. till 4.30 p.m. Exhibition, society displays, trade stands. Further information: [sdevon.bonsai@virgin.net](mailto:sdevon.bonsai@virgin.net)

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**September 18th**

**'Bonsai Boot Sale**

The Hertfordshire Garden Centre'. In Redbourne, Hertfordshire (Next to the Herts County Show Ground)

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**September 25th**

**North London Bonsai Autumn Show.** Sunday 25th September 2016 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring more than 20 of the best individual tree in the country together with club display from the host and 4 other bonsai clubs.

Demos and trade stands

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**October 16th**

**The Bonsai Traders Association, Autumn Show** Elsecar Heritage Centre, Barnsley, Yorkshire. The perfect opportunities to get bonsai essentials. For more information contact Corin Tomlinson Phone: 0115 9205757 Email: [office@bonsai.co.uk](mailto:office@bonsai.co.uk)

<http://www.bonsaitraders.co.uk/>

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**October 23rd.**

**Heathrow Bonsai Show** 1000 - 1600.hrs 30 Clubs Exhibiting, 20 Plus Traders, Demos. NEW VENUE: Harlington Sports Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, Middlesex. UB3 1PB. Adults:£3 OAP/Children: £2, Refreshments

Details: Mark & Ming Chen Tel. 07850.771201 [markmoreland@live.co.uk](mailto:markmoreland@live.co.uk)

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### Cardiff Bonsai Club Annual Show, Dyffryn Gardens

Cardiff Bonsai Club held their Annual Show at Dyffryn gardens over the late May Bank holiday weekend. We returned as visitors to check out our old haunts & see friends. I had been chair of Cardiff for a number of years. I needed to confirm my contention that no one is indispensable. This was definitely so! What a great show of trees in the big Marquee . A well stocked sales table plus members on hand to offer advice was a feature.

The weather over the weekend was beautiful therefore the foot fall through the exhibition was better than anyone could remember. This year The National Trust who administer Dyffryn asked if the Club would bring Bonsai back to what is now known as The Cloisters . This is where it is believed one of the first & largest collections of Bonsai was displayed in 1912. The then owner of Dyffryn was Reginald Cory who imported at least two consignments of Bonsai from Japan.



Painting by Edith Adie a watercolour of Dyffryn in the early part of the twentieth complete with Bonsai (below right).

The gardeners of Dyffryn displayed a number of their large potted Maples and the club also displayed a number of Bonsai to the Cloisters, while members worked on trees there all over the weekend.

Congratulations to Cardiff on a brilliant display and making us feel so welcome.

Peter Fielding. now moved on to Northamptonshire, ex-chairman Cardiff Bonsai Club



### Hyper Japan Festival, Olympia London, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July

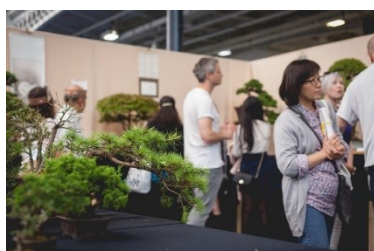
Congratulations go to the members of three local Bonsai Societies from the South East Region who staged on behalf of FoBBS a display 10 meters x 8 meters at Olympia in London.



The show is a mixture of the traditional and the new vibrant Japan portraying life in Japan.

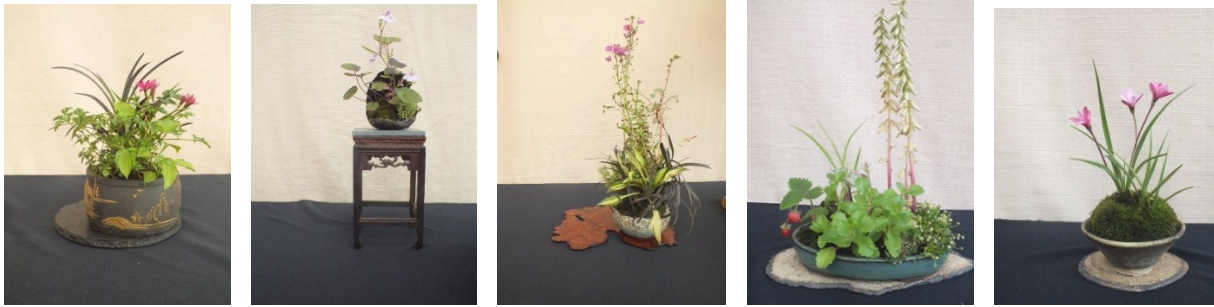


The show was a great success with a lot of interest in Bonsai related matters and hopefully potential Bonsai new member's for clubs around the country as people were directed to the FoBBS website for more information about the art of Bonsai. It makes you feel old when numerous people keep saying I can remember helping my grandfather with his Bonsai.





A few of the accents or companion plants used in the display to compliment the trees



Peter Liess wishes to thank the team for their hard work and long hours over the four days, I think we all had a lot off enjoyment from the show.

Chris Durne & Daniel, Bonsai Kai

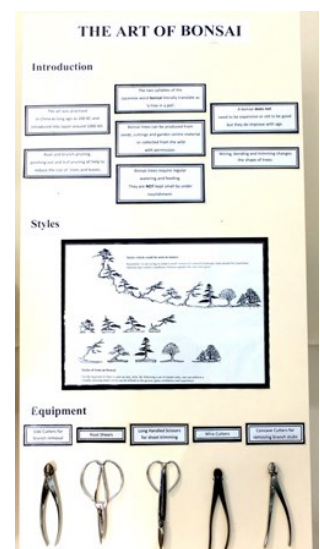
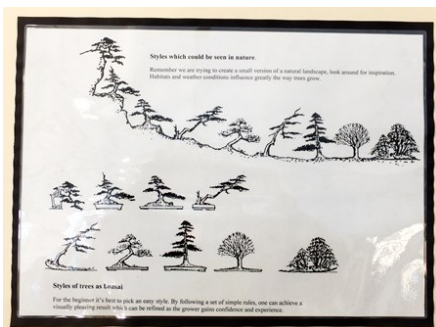
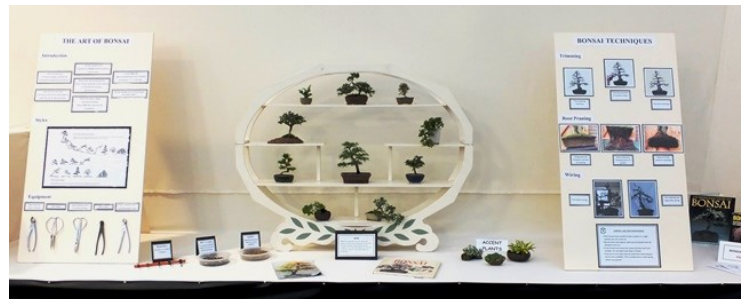
Mark & Ming Moreland, Middlesex Society

Tony McKenzie Glenda Liess, Thom Undrell, Alex Cheong & Ray, Brunston Sussex Bonsai Group

Darren, Sutton Bonsai Society

## Shropshire Bonsai Society at Shrewsbury Flower Show

Flower shows appear to be a central focus in the summer calendar and it seems that most include bonsai input. This years' Shrewsbury Flower Show was no exception, with an impressive display of individual bonsai exhibited in various classes, and even more impressive stand put on by the Shropshire Bonsai Society. What made an impact was the educational display the Society included. Explaining the basic essentials of the art of bonsai, it provided those becoming involved with bonsai sufficient information to make them consider taking up the subject seriously. Hopefully, this style of display could reduce the incidence of members of the public coming to the stand and uttering the inevitable phrase....."I had a bonsai once but it died!!"



## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 July 10th. 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, July 31st 10.00am.

## **SALISBURY BONSAI SOCIETY**

Venue: Laverstock Village Hall at 7.45pm  
Meetings first Monday of month  
[www.salisburybonsaisociety.co.uk](http://www.salisburybonsaisociety.co.uk)

## **ASHFIELD BONSAI CLUB**

Ashfield Bonsai Club is a hands-on club meeting twice a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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: ashfieldbonsaiclub.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](mailto:m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com)  
[www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.co.uk](http://www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.co.uk)

## **MIDDLESEX BONSAI SOCIETY**

Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month 7.30pm  
South Harrow Methodist Church, Walton Avenue,  
South Harrow, Middlesex. HA2 8QU.

## **SWINDON AND DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY**

Monthly meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of month [ex. Dec.]  
Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, Swindon, Wiltshire. SN3 4AS  
1930 hrs – 2200 hrs  
[paulbowerbank@lineone.net](mailto:paulbowerbank@lineone.net)

## **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

- 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.

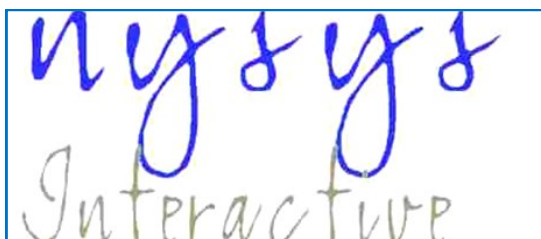


Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month 8 pm-10 pm : Stockport Labour Club, 2 Lloyd Street, off Wellington Road North (A6), Heaton Norris, Stockport, SK41QP.

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](http://www.manchesterbonsaisocietv.org.uk)



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## SUSSEX BONSAI GROUP

### 2016 Programme,

*Wivelsfield Village Hall, 8pm-10pm*

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

Aug25.	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](mailto:glynscarvell@btinternet.com)

## NORTH LONDON BONSAI GROUP

### 2016 PROGRAMME

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

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TABLE DISPLAY</u>
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

16 Aug	'Create a camel'
20 Sep	Preparing for winter - Malcolm Hughes
18 Oct	John Trott, - demo
15 Nov.	Workshop
20 Dec	AGM + nibbles and slide show



## BEDFORDSHIRE BONSAI SOCIETY

Toddington Village Hall, LU5 6AN

Monthly meetings, Feb to Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Weds.

Workshop s 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



## AKA MATSU, BONSAI SCHOOL

### Programme 2106

1 Sept	Steve Ward
6 Oct.	Ken Foulds photos
3 Nov.	Graham Walker, Japan



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Just fill in an application form for the next British qualifying event.

Trees are provided; you just need a person who knows your bonsai abilities well enough to recommend you and you could be on your way to being the next New Talent winner for the UK.

Contact Peter Fielding for an Application Form.  
email [peterfielding1@hotmail.com](mailto:peterfielding1@hotmail.com)  
or phone 01455 324883

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[vivmct@gmail.com](mailto:vivmct@gmail.com)

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## THE 8<sup>TH</sup> 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(日本大会)  
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 エイペトリコ: サンフランシスコ  
第7回 中国: 会壇

そして、ふたたび日本へ  
8th Returning to Japan 2017

2016年5月9日(月)より公式HPにて登録開始!  
Online Registration Starts on May 9(Mon.), 2016!

#### [登録料]

早期割引: 35,000円(税込み) ※10月末日まで

通常料金: 40,000円(税込み)

#### [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](http://world-bonsai-saitama.jp/en)

April 27, 2017 (Thu)		
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)		
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)		
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)		
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 8<sup>th</sup> 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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### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Travel insurance
- Lunches and dinners

### **Price:**

	Early Booking Price (Before 31st OCTOBER 2016)	Price thereafter 1 NOVEMBER 2016)
<b>Including Flights</b> (including early bird WBC Registration)	<b>£2,795.00</b> (per person on a shared room basis)	<b>£2,835.00</b> (per person on a shared room basis)
<b>Land Only</b> (flights <i>not</i> included) (including early bird WBC Registration)	<b>£2,045.00</b> (per person on a shared room basis)	<b>£2,085.00</b> (per person on a shared room basis)

### **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 price estimates are based on a minimum of 20 persons travelling in April/May 2017. All price estimates are based on current rates of exchange.

### **INSURANCE**

Details of Japan Journeys travel insurance policy are on our website. Available to UK residents only. All passengers should visit the links page on our website to obtain a quote. We recommend you select the best coverage possible.

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