

## 9th Heathrow Bonsai Club Show - 21 October 2018

Arriving early at Harlington Sports Centre, it was a great pleasure to see so many enthusiastic members of societies and traders, setting up for an anticipated day of bonsai displays and banter. Again this year we were greeted by a vast array of trees being displayed by members of societies from across the UK.

Two halls crammed full of traders and displays makes this event a great opportunity to meet like-minded bonsai enthusiasts and purchase that tree, pot or bonsai stand you've always wanted. Several demonstrations were taking place, unfortunately I didn't get time to view any of them and I was told they were good.

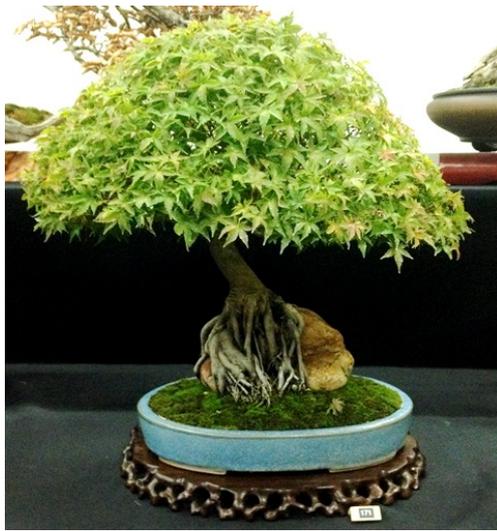
The day proved extremely busy with over 200 people from societies and over 500 visitors coming throughout the day. It was a successful event that I am sure will continue to improve year on year as the level of knowledge and experience within the clubs improves.

The enthusiasm for bonsai continues in this country as the organisers of this event launched the UK Bonsai Association, to be an association with no charge for membership, basically planned to provide a source of information to anyone who requires it. It will be interesting to see how this develops in the future.

Well done to all those involved in organising and setting up this major Club Show, we will all be looking forward to the 10<sup>th</sup> Heathrow Bonsai Show on the 20 October 2019

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## 9th Heathrow Bonsai Show by Ming Moreland

In the morning of the 21 October 2018 the sky was clear blue and everything looked great. The 9th Heathrow Bonsai Show, halls primed and looking good, full of trees of all sizes and traders ready to sell their wares, the car park filled and the show opened its doors at 10:00.hrs. The show was as usual split into two halls, hall A had 36 club display areas surrounded by traders selling trees, hall B was solely traders selling pots, stands and all manner of dry goods. The club display areas showed bonsai at all levels, from beginners through to long term enthusiasts, all with one thing in common; they love trees and belong to a club.



All the trees throughout the show were individually numbered, allowing exhibitors and visitors to choose their personal favourite three trees on show. At the end of the show the results were: Favourite three trees chosen by Visitors:

1st Place, Red Maple (117)  
owned by Brian Mackichan



2nd Place Trident Maple Group (229)  
Owned by Russ Wheeler



3rd Place Pine (165)  
Owned by Dean Morgan



Favourite three trees chosen by Exhibitors:

1st Joint Place, Olive (175)  
Owned by Dean Morgan



1st Joint Place, Pine (165)  
Owned by Alex Rudd



3rd Place, Pine (5)  
Owned by John Turner



Running throughout the day were demonstrations, this year located outside under a marquee, with three in the morning and three in the afternoon, a big thank you to these guys.



Geoff Conybeare (Mid-Herts Bonsai Society) Bending a Pine, Malcolm Driffield (Wessex Bonsai Society) Bonsai Techniques, Mark Kerry (Newbury Bonsai Society) Juniper Refining, Paul Eslinger (Eastleigh Bonsai Society) Saikei, Peter Shields (Mid-Herts Bonsai Society) Wiring Techniques, Robert Stewart (Solent Bonsai Society) Shohin & Mame Bonsai

Every year a potter designs and produces a commemorative pot on behalf of the Royal British Legion for The Poppy Appeal raffle, this year the task fell to Simon Hadden of Suteki. The Bonsai community sells tickets at various shows throughout the year and at the Heathrow Show the raffle is finally drawn, this year's proud new winner is Mandy Bray of the Swindon Bonsai Society, the raffle and charity box raised a total of £638.60 for the Poppy Appeal, well done everybody.

A very special thank you to all the enthusiasts who helped construct, break down and run the show over the weekend, only through the kindness of volunteers does a show like this happen.



Clubs displayed this year were:

Bedfordshire Bonsai Society, Berkshire Bonsai Society, Blackmore Vale Bonsai Group, Bonsai Boys Group, Bonsai Kai, Bury St Edmunds Bonsai Group, Cardiff Bonsai Club, Celtic Knot Bonsai, Chichester Bonsai Society, Chiltern Bonsai Society, Dragon Bonsai Society, Eastleigh Bonsai Society, Exeter Bonsai Society, Glynderi Bonsai Society, Leicester Bonsai Club, Maidstone Bonsai Society, Middlesex Bonsai Society, Mid-Herts Bonsai Club, Milton Keynes Bonsai Society, Newbury Bonsai Society, North London Bonsai Group, Northamptonshire Bonsai Society, Pheonix Bonsai Group, Salisbury Bonsai Society, Shiten Bonsai Society, Solent Bonsai Society, South Devon Bonsai Society, Splinter Bonsai Group, Staverton Bonsai Group, Surrey Heath Bonsai Club, Sussex Bonsai Club, Sutton Bonsai Club, Swindon and District Bonsai Societ, Warminster Bonsai Society, Wessex Bonsai Club, Suiseki Display

Hope to see you all next year, 20th October 2019 many thanks The Team

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