

FoBBS at Chelsea Flower Show 2019

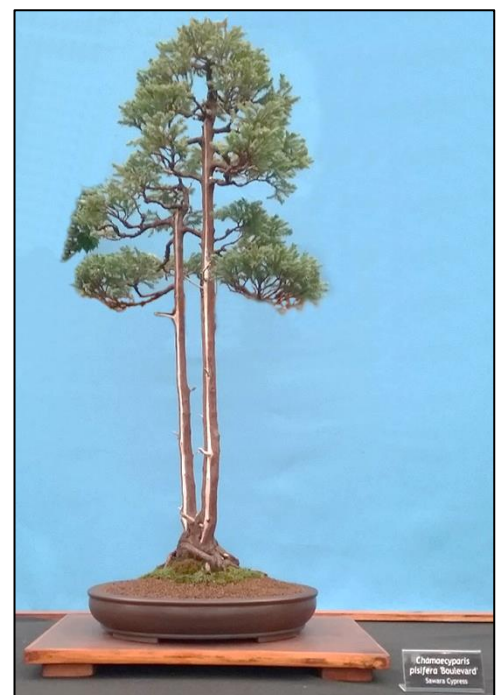


We were extremely pleased to be awarded a 12 point Gold Medal in the Floral Pavilion for British grown Bonsai this year.

The aim of attending the show is to talk to the public interested in Bonsai to recruit new members for societies and correct any myths about trees sold as indoor Bonsai.

Trees were selected from affiliated Society members who's Bonsai were viewed at shows in 2018 and 2019.

As Chelsea Flower Show is a floral exhibit, Royal Horticultural Society rules apply, which are different from a traditional Bonsai display seen throughout the UK. A balance of tree species, styles and foliage was selected to create impact and prompt questions from the public.



Twenty three people were involved in the setup, tree loan, preparation, stand minding and break down of the stand and fifteen people contributed to the Bonsai trees on display.

This year we were able to feature two trees from the Birmingham area. A *Cotoneaster integrifolius* from a Stourbridge society member and a Chinese elm from an Ambion member.

