

Bonsai Learning Center

Programs & Workshops



BEGINNER

Beginner Basics - Bonsai 101

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee: \$145

This is a one day learning experience designed to equip you with a basic understanding of the art of bonsai and with the skills necessary to get you started. The price of the course includes instruction, a full-color textbook, a container and a bonsai, which you will create during the class. The morning session will consist of lecture/demonstration. After lunch students will be given trees, pots, tools, wire and soil and will create their own bonsai under the guidance of the instructor. At the end of the day you will not only go home with a bonsai which you have created on your own, but more importantly, with enough information and "hands-on" experience to serve as a solid foundation for learning more. It is a Saturday class which begins promptly at 10 a.m. and will continue until about 5 p.m. It is offered five times during the year.

May 28 July 16 September 17 November 19 January 7 (2012)



INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED

Technique & Design Series

Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee: \$375

These workshops are a package deal. Five sessions ...one price. Work sessions will be held on Sunday. This is a Study Group environment. The group will be kept small. You will work on your trees and on our trees. Specific areas of study will be determined by the group. You will work hard and learn much from this intensive program. If you are serious about improving your technical and artistic abilities in bonsai, this is the class for you.

Dates are: March 27 - April 10 - June 5 - September 25 - December 4

Summertime Picnic & Open House

Guest Artist: Kathy Shaner May 20-21-22

Starting her career in bonsai in 1983, Kathy Shaner has become internationally known and recognized for her excellence in the art of bonsai. After becoming a member of more than ten bonsai clubs and studying under several of California's most respected instructors, she was granted an apprenticeship in Japan with master Yasuo Mitsuya. Several years later she became the first non-Japanese citizen to be certified by the professional bonsai grower's branch of the Nippon Bonsai Association.

Today, Kathy conducts seminars, workshops and lectures on a national basis in addition to designing and maintaining many private collections. She uses her knowledge and ability to find the "soul of the tree" to teach her students in a clear understandable manner. She was recently named curator of the Golden State Bonsai Federation Collection - North, and also serves as resident bonsai master at the El Dorado Bonsai School in Placerville, California. Ms. Shaner will conduct one demonstration only, on Saturday, May 21, beginning at 1 p.m. This demonstration is free and open to the public. In addition, she will lead two all day workshops on Friday May 20 and Sunday May 22. Workshop details are listed below.



Kathy Shaner - Hinoki Cypress Workshop

Friday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fee: \$335

This is an all day workshop. If you are going to work with one of America's best teachers, you should have outstanding material to work on. We've got it! The trees are three gallon specimens of Hinoki Cypress (*Chamaecyparis obtusa*). All specimens were hand picked by us specifically for this workshop. They have trunk diameters about the size of a silver dollar and have been pre-trained for bonsai styling. The brilliant green fan like foliage of the hinoki make it a particular favorite among bonsai lovers. These specimens stand about 36 inches tall and have excellent trunk movement and good branching. They will make an excellent addition to any collection. Morning and early afternoon will be spent working on the cypress. The remainder of the day will be structured as an open workshop. You should feel free to bring material of your own choosing. A buffet luncheon will be provided. Registration limit 7 students. Early registration is advised. Sorry, no observers.



Kathy Shaner - All Day Open Workshop

Sunday, May 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fee: \$170

This is an all day workshop. Open workshops are BYO tree events. It's a pleasant way to spend a Sunday with friends and to work out styling and design problems with one of America's foremost bonsai artists. You bring the trees and your tools and Kathy will supply the know-how and inspiration. Students at all learning levels are welcome. Registration limit 7 students. Early registration is advised.



Transplant Seminar

Saturday, March 19, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee: \$55

This is like an open workshop, but is specifically focused on assisting you with potting and transplanting tasks. We have scheduled it early in the springtime just as plants are pushing their new growth for the season. It's an all day event and we invite you to bring as much material as you feel you can work on during the course of the day. As an added bonus our professional grade bonsai soil will be on sale this day at 20 percent off its regular price. Pack up your trees and come get your hands dirty with us.



Open Workshops

Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee: \$65

Open workshops are BYO tree events. It's an excellent way to work out styling problems... or to just spend a pleasant afternoon with friends. You bring the plants and we will supply the technical assistance and advice. Students at all levels are welcome. These workshops are offered five times during the year and may be repeated as often as you wish.

April 2 May 7 June 18 July 23 October 15



Detail & Refinement Technique

Saturday, August 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee: \$245

Students continue to tell us this is one of the best classes they have ever taken and this year it will be better than ever because we will be using some exceptional examples of Shimpaku juniper. They are similar to the ones we were able to score for last year's special shimpaku class... only better. Taking care of the details can turn even an ordinary bonsai into a prize winning showpiece. Unfortunately, most students never take the time to bring out the best their tree has to offer. This class is about "taking care of business". We are going to plant these junipers into finished containers and partially train them for you. The focus in this class will be on refining the branch structure, trunks and nebari. The tree you go home with will look like a prize winner. We will work on all the details and nobody goes home until the job is done.



Korean Hornbeam Forest

Saturday, April 30, Noon to 4 p.m. Fee: \$178

These Korean Hornbeams (*carpinus coriana*) are well established plantings containing from 5 to 7 trees each. They stand about 11 inches high and have trunk diameters the size of dime or better. The primary activity in this class will be refinement work. We will be structuring apexes and arranging branch placement. The trees are already planted in a glazed ceramic container. Korean hornbeams are excellent subjects for bonsai with leaves about one third the size of our American hornbeam. They have spectacularly brilliant fall color.



Chinese Elm

Saturday, June 4, Noon to 4 p.m. Fee: \$145

It would be hard to imagine a bonsai collection that did not contain at least one Chinese elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*). The ones for this workshop were hand selected and are imports from China. They have interesting trunk movement and good branch placement. They have trunk diameters about the size of a quarter and are planted into glazed ceramic containers. The finished trees are slightly larger than shohin class bonsai standing about 10 inches high with abundant leaves about half the size of a fingernail. Nowadays it's hard to find well formed Chinese elms, but these are, and we know you will be pleased.



Japanese Flowering Quince

Saturday, August 6, Noon to 4 p.m. Fee: \$135

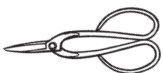
We've got something special for you this year! Japanese quince (*Chaenomeles japonica*) is a special favorite of the Japanese, not because its fruit is so yummy, but because flowers appear early in the springtime before any of the leaves open. This particular cultivar is known as "Toyo nishiki" and is unique even among Japanese quinces because it produces three colors of flowers... red, pink and white. Unlike the Chinese quince which has a tree like form, Japanese quince are usually styled as multiple trunk plantings. These are no exception. All specimens are planted into glazed ceramic containers.



Shohin Bonsai - Miniature

Saturday, June 25 , 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee: \$186

Shohin is the Japanese term for bonsai which are 3 to 6 inches in height. For those with limited growing space, this is often an appealing size of bonsai, because large numbers can be kept in a small space. Because of their small size, certain styling and maintenance techniques are used which are different from regular bonsai cultivation. This is the tenth year we have offered this popular class, but this year we managed to snag three better than average specimens of Kingsville boxwood, Satsuki azalea and Dwarf mugo pine. All three are planted into glazed ceramic bonsai containers and are included in the price of the class.



How to register for a class



There are three ways to register for a class or workshop.

1. You may call us directly and we will take your registration over the phone. Our number is 704-392-9244. Class deposits may be charged to a Visa or Mastercard account.
2. You may drop us an e-mail letting us know which classes you wish to register for. Include your telephone number. We will call you back to obtain your credit card number. DO NOT send credit card information in an e-mail please. Our e-mail address is: randybonsai@carolina.rr.com
3. You may complete the form below and send it through the regular postal service. Be sure to include credit card information or a check for the deposit.

An advance, non-refundable deposit is required for each class you select. Balance for the class is due on the day of the class. Checks should be made payable to: Bonsai Learning Center. You may also charge fees to your VISA or MasterCard.

PLEASE NOTE: The selection of trees for any given workshop is based on a "first registered, first choice" system. We reserve the right to cancel classes with fewer than 5 students. It is therefore advisable to register as early as possible.

| Number of students | Class & Dates | | Deposit per Person | Total |
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| | Bonsai Beginner Basics <small>circle one please</small> | MAY JULY SEP. NOV. JAN. | \$50 | |
| | Technique & Design Series | (Mar. 27 Apr. 10 Jun. 5 Sep. 25 Dec. 4) | \$70 | |
| | Hinoki Cypress Workshop Special Workshop with Kathy Shaner | (May 20) | \$70 | |
| | OPEN WORKSHOP Special Workshop with Kathy Shaner | (May 22) | \$40 | |
| | Transplant Seminar | (Mar. 19) | \$20 | |
| | Open Workshops <small>circle choices</small> | Apr. 2 May 7 Jun. 18 Jul. 23 Oct. 15 | \$20 ea. | |
| | Detail & Refinement Techniques | (Aug. 27) | \$60 | |
| | Korean Hornbeam Forest Workshop | (April 30) | \$30 | |
| | Chinese Elm Workshop | (June 4) | \$30 | |
| | Japanese Flowering Quince | (August 6) | \$40 | |
| | Shohin/Miniature Bonsai Workshop | (June 25) | \$50 | |

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

May we have your E-Mail address ?:

You May Charge Your Registration To Your Credit Card

Please send this registration form along with your deposit to: Bonsai Learning Center, 4416 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28216.



Circle One:

Name on card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Amount of charge _____

VIN # (from signature area on card) _____

Signature: _____

Address to which bill is sent each month: _____

About The Center

The Bonsai Learning Center, located in Charlotte, North Carolina, is a full service bonsai nursery offering a wide variety of containers, tools, books, plant materials and supplies for the art of bonsai. In addition the Center offers a full curriculum of classes and workshops designed for students from beginner to advanced. The Center is owned and operated by Randy Clark, an internationally recognized bonsai artist, teacher and author. Mr. Clark has more than two decades of bonsai experience and has appeared as a lecturer and demonstrator for bonsai clubs and federations throughout the US and Europe. We invite you visit the Center and to participate in any of the classes and workshops offered each year. Whether you are a beginner looking for a good starting point or a practiced veteran of bonsai looking for ways to expand and enhance your talents... the Bonsai Learning Center can provide you with a very special learning experience. Please Join Us!

Enrollment - Cancellation Policy

We endeavor to limit class sizes to 8 persons, but some classes may contain more. We also reserve the right to cancel classes with fewer than five participants and to refund or credit your deposit. We will NOT refund deposits from participants for cancellations which are received less than two weeks prior to the scheduled class date. Selection of plant material for any given class is based on a first registered, first pick basis. Early registration is advised.

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NORTH CAROLINA

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OPEN
HOUSE

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

May 20 - 21 - 22

Come help us celebrate. Our special Summertime Picnic & Open House will include free demonstration and two special workshops with guest bonsai artist, Kathy Shaner, A special exhibition of our students' trees, plus special activities, lots of plant material, pots and other truly cool bonsai stuff at special SALE prices, FREE hot dogs, drinks and other goodies.

HOURS:

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Other Times By Appointment

