

2013 BONSAI CALENDAR

OPEN HOUSE APRIL 6TH AND 7TH

April 6th 8:00 am till 5:00 pm

April 7th 9:00 am till 3:00 pm

10% Discount on all bonsai and supplies

REPOTTING YOUR BONSAI APRIL 6TH

Saturday 9:00 am till 12:00 pm

Limit 10 students

I know we touched on this briefly in the past but now it's time to really learn how to repot and develop a strong refined root system. When looking at a bonsai the roots and trunk are most important, with a good root system you will be able to build a great branch structure later. With a poor root system you will have problems with watering, fertilizing, and you will never be able to create a fine twiggy branch structure. Please bring your bonsai and let us help you with the repotting. Bring up to 3 trees per student.

COST: \$40.00 SOIL AND WIRE INCLUDED

Sign up for the Repotting, Wire and Design, and Summer Maintenance workshops and SAVE. All 3 classes \$90.00

JIM DOYLE Workshops April 6th and 7th

BRING YOUR OWN TREE WORKSHOP

Saturday April 6th 1:00 pm till 4:00 pm

Limit 10 students

Need help with styling, refinement, getting your tree to the next level? Work one on one with Jim to get the most for your tree.

Cost \$90.00

ENGLEMAN SPRUCE WORKSHOP

Sunday April 7th 9:00 am till 1:00 pm

Limit 8 students

Jim has selected these trees from his nursery for this workshop. They have thick trunks with great movement. Actually these trees belong to Walter Pall who said he is willing to sell us some for this workshop.

Cost 160.00 includes tree (value \$125.00)

WIRING AND DESIGN

Saturday April 20th 9:00 am till 12:00 pm

Limit 8 students

There are very few bonsai that can be created with just pruning. Learn how to wire select branches for a future design or refine the ones you have. Bonsai are never finished so you need to continue wiring to develop the artistic vision you have for the tree.

Cost \$40.00 wire included

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JUNIPER WORKSHOP

Saturday May 4th 9:00 am till 12:00 pm

Limit 8 students

You may bring your own juniper or purchase one from us. Junipers are one of the classic bonsai and should be in your collection. Learn how to prune, wire, style and create deadwood. This is a hands on workshop so come prepared to prune and wire your juniper.

Cost \$40.00 material not included

CHAMAECYPARIS OBTUSA WORKSHOP

Saturday May 25th 9:00 am till 12:00 pm

Limit 8 students

We have selected a group of 3 gallon dwarf Chamaecyparis for this workshop, the trees have thick trunks and many branches to work with. This plant will make a great bonsai in a short period of time.

Cost \$120.00 tree included (\$85.00 value)

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Saturday June 9th 9:00 am till 12:00 pm

Limit 10 students

You have learned how to repot, wire and style your bonsai, now what? Learn how to prune your bonsai to stay compact and build branch structure during the growing season. Bring in your bonsai and let's continue the development.

Cost \$40.00

Sign up for the Repotting, Wire and Design, and Summer Maintenance workshops and SAVE. All 3 classes for \$90.00

TROPICAL BONSAI WORKSHOP

Saturday July 13th time TBD

Limit 8 students

We will be going to the nurseries in March to look at tropical bonsai. I am thinking of using ficus for this workshop but I might find something a little more unusual. I will add details soon.

Cost \$40.00 plus cost of tree

ALL DAY BONSAI

Saturday August 24th time TBD

We did this for the first time last year and it turned out to be a lot of fun even in the rain. We will be having classes and workshops all day and some great bonsai on display.

JOIN US FOR THIS **FREE** EVENT

ANDY SMITH Workshops October 19th and 20th

Saturday and Sunday times TBD

Andy is from Deadwood, South Dakota where he collects trees for bonsai in the mountains. Andy's specialty tree is Ponderosa pine. The workshop trees will be posted on the Golden Arrow Bonsai website as soon as he can dig them out of the snow. This should be a great workshop because Andy's motto is "If it ain't fun it ain't bonsai".

NEW THIS YEAR: BONSAI LESSONS

Limit 6 people

We will be having small group bonsai classes on selected Saturdays this year. Join Mark Karczewski as he guides you through the art of bonsai. Mark is a 2nd generation bonsai artist who has been very active in bonsai since 1984. He has been on the board of Prairie State Bonsai Society since 1987 and won the People's Choice Award at the Prairie State show in 2009. You can check out some of his trees at the Open House on April 6th and 7th.