



YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY

"Learning from each other ~ Sharing with the community"

August nights are getting cooler, so that means its time to think about Yama Ki's annual exhibition at the New York Botanical Garden.

As we did last year, we will be selecting the best trees of our members to exhibit this year. The show runs from **Friday, October 17th to Sunday, November 2nd. Setup will be on Thursday, October 16th.** We are asking for members to submit one or more photos of each tree for evaluation. No major requirements other than the photo must be clear enough for us to see it clearly. Our goal is to put on a high-quality display that delights and informs the public about bonsai.

As detailed last year by Colin Lewis, trees will need to be detailed for display with pots cleaned and moss applied correctly. An email with show preparation guidelines will be emailed to those who have trees selected for the exhibition and posted to the website.

Once again we will have a shohin exhibit made up of trees belonging to different members. So, if you have a display-ready shohin tree (under 10" tall), please make sure to submit it (them) for consideration.

As Norm wrote last year "Colin and the Garden are looking to create, long term, a top notch bonsai show with trees coming from all over the country. This is a starting point and we have been given space to display our group's top-notch trees. There will be trees from other sources in the exhibit. We will also be allowed to promote Yama Ki and use this opportunity to corral some new members."

One of the key reasons for a show like this is to educate the public about the art of Bonsai and it gives Yama Ki a vehicle to meet its goal of "*Sharing with the community*". In this spirit, we are looking for Yama Ki members to serve as docents during the exhibit. As a docent you would be talking to the public about bonsai and checking/ watching over the trees. ***I encourage everyone to be a docent even if you do not have a tree in the show.*** By participating, you aid us in attracting new members because they can actually speak to someone who is into the art. It is also lots of fun! We will be planning two shifts per day. A sign up sheet will be posted to the website.

Being a docent at this show is always one of the highlights of my bonsai year. If you haven't participated before, try it this year!

I'm excited for this year's show and look forward to seeing your submissions. Please feel free to email or call me with any questions.

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