

MABS TO HOLD A REGIONAL RUN OFF FOR THE ABS JOSHUA ROTH NEW TALENT CONTEST IN 2012

That MABS will hold a regional New Talent Competition at its annual festival in 2012 on Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM. Each person chosen to participate in the contest, will purchase the stock material provided by the MABS contest committee.

The winner, to be selected by a votes of the artists of the festival and the festival participants, will be guaranteed a position at the North American final contest described below.

MABS will support the winner of our regional by providing a \$500 prize to be used to defray the expenses of the winner attending the Denver ABS/BCI convention event to compete. The local club of the winner may contribute additional funds if they so choose to support their member.

WHAT IS THE FINAL CONTEST?

The Joshua Roth New Talent Bonsai Competition is an annual competition to recognize and promote new bonsai talent in North America. First prize at the National in Denver CO is an exclusive course of instruction with an approved bonsai teacher. The North American final contest will involve the actual production of a bonsai during the Rocky Mountain ABS/BCI Bonsai Convention in Denver CO, June 21-25,2012. The **American Bonsai Society, Bonsai Clubs International** and the **Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society** are sponsoring the event.

Eligibility requirements

Any person who lives in North America, including Puerto Rico, is eligible. He or she must have been involved with the art of bonsai for less than ten (10) years. Any past winner or runner-up is ineligible to enter. Participation in the second stage is limited to two (2) competitions.

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MABS REGIONAL, A PERSON MUST ALSO BE A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE MABS BONSAI CLUBS.

First stage submissions

Each contestant shall submit photographs of at least three bonsai that he or she has personally styled. More than one picture of each bonsai is preferred. The photographs do not have to be of publication quality; however, they should show the talent of the artist to the best advantage. All of the photographs submitted shall be enclosed in a single presentation folder with the photos enclosed in clear plastic sleeves. A brief description and history of each bonsai shall also be enclosed. Taped to the back inside cover of the folder shall be an envelope with the completed application form. There should be no identification on the photos or on the outside of the enclosed envelope. Mail all entries to:

PAULINE MUTH 7 WESTERN AVE , WEST CHARLTON NY 12010

or submit electronically to ABS@pfmbonsai.com

First Stage Submissions of the photographs must be received before MARCH 1 2012. Entries from artists whose photographs indicate the most promise will be selected to participate in the second stage of the competition at the MABS festival . Contestants selected for Stage Two will be notified by March 10, 2012.

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Stage Two

Each contestant selected for the second stage of the regional competition must come to the MABS festival on Friday. Each contestant must pay his or her own expenses. An individual chosen to be in the second stage, may receive financial support from his or her home club if the club so chooses.

Each contestant shall:

- 1) Be provided with pre-bonsai material and wire by the Competition
- 2) Furnish his or her personal tools, wire and turntable. Power tools are acceptable.
- 3) Be given an eight (8) hour time period in which to style the material into a finished first stage bonsai. The competition will begin at 8 AM and will close at 4 PM, on Friday. There will be an optional one-hour lunch break.

Repotting of the finished bonsai will not be done during the competition.

Judging

The artists of the festival will judge the completed bonsai. In addition, all registrants at the festival will be able to vote for their personal choice. The "popular vote" is worth two votes. The artist whose bonsai receives the majority of the five votes will be awarded the title of MABS NTC finalist at the Saturday evening Banquet.

Questions may be emailed to Pauline Muth at Pauline@pfmbonsai.com

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**APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS FOR STAGE ONE
BY MARCH 1, 2012.**

Entrant's
Name: _____

Address _____

City _____

State/ _____ Zip/ _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

I declare that I have personally styled each of the bonsai in the photos I am submitting. I understand that upon submitting this application to the New Talent Bonsai Competition, the application and all accompanying documents and photographs become property of the Competition and cannot be returned. I further understand and agree that if I am selected for stage two of the Competition, I will register and attend the MABS 2012 festival to compete.

If I win the regional contest, I will register and appear at the 2012 ABS/BCI Convention in Denver CO to compete in the Competition. It is further understood and agreed to, that if I am selected to participate in the final competition, the Competition has the exclusive right to photograph and publish photographs of any of the bonsai created in the Competition.

I hereby certify that I have been involved with the art of bonsai for less than ten years, have not won or been the runner-up in a previous National Competition and have not participated in the final stage of the Competition more than one time. I understand and agree that I will not receive assistance during the competition.

Signature _____

Date _____