



## MINNESOTA BONSAI SOCIETY

Presents the

### 2021 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR BONSAI SHOW

**September 3 and 4**

Horticulture Building, Minnesota State Fairgrounds

President: Cheryl Sykora

State Fair Chair: Jumi Kassim

Entries are welcome from both Minnesota Bonsai Society members and bonsai enthusiasts who are not members of the Society. Demonstrations and information on classes will be available at the show. For information on Society membership consult the website at [www.minnesotabonsaisociety.com](http://www.minnesotabonsaisociety.com) or write to Minnesota Bonsai Society, P.O. Box 454 Lake Elmo, Minnesota 55042 or email [administrator@minnesotabonsaisociety.org](mailto:administrator@minnesotabonsaisociety.org).

#### SHOW RULES

- 1) Entries shall be divided into four classes:
  - **Deciduous** – Exhibitor must have maintained the tree as a bonsai for one full year.
  - **Coniferous** - Exhibitor must have maintained the tree as a bonsai for one full year.
  - **Novice** – Novice entrants having three years of bonsai experience or less.
  - **Exhibit only** – Entered for display only, will not be judged. Exhibitor may request tree be critiqued.
- 2) Entries will be received at the show location in the Horticulture building on **Thursday, September 2, 2021 between 10:00 pm and 11:30pm only**. Late entries will not be accepted. Please have your trees properly groomed before bringing them for display. Some final pot cleaning, top dressing placement, and/or re-setting branches may be required after the trip to the fair, however, it is expected that trimming and wiring is complete and the tree is show ready before bringing them for display. Exhibitors must stay with their trees until tree labels are completed.
- 3) Shoji displays are limited to six society shoji screens or others by permission only. Main tree in the shoji receiving sufficient points for a blue ribbon is eligible for “Best of Show”.
- 4) Viewing stones may be entered for exhibit only and will not be judged. Limit of 5 stones per exhibitor.
- 5) Each exhibitor may display a maximum of five trees.
- 6) Trees must be clean, healthy, and pest free. Trees must be potted and displayed in the commonly accepted bonsai manner. Display stands, scrolls, viewing stone and/or accent plants may be included. Any plant material showing signs of disease or infestation will be denied entry.
- 7) Each exhibitor must complete one appropriate entry form per tree following the outlined procedures.
- 8) Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place for each division by class. Best of show will be selected from first place division winners. Award of Merit ribbons may be awarded to any trees of the judge’s choice. Special plaques will be awarded to best species based on point totals. This year the categories are Best Boxwood (Taxus), Best Hornbeam (Carpinus), 2021 Best Cedar (any tree with a common name including "cedar") and Best Tropical (any).
- 9) Judging standards shall be those currently in use by the Minnesota Bonsai Society. Rules for judging are available upon request.
- 10) The decision of the judge is final.
- 11) No entries may be removed prior to the close of the show on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00pm.
- 12) Entries must be picked up between 9:00pm and 10:00pm on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 13) The Minnesota Bonsai Society will take all reasonable precautions to protect exhibitor’s trees and stones but assumes no responsibility for loss or damages.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM COMPLETION

<b>Registration/ Judging Forms:</b>	Use only one form per tree. Be sure to complete both sides of form. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>White:</b> Deciduous Class</li> <li>• <b>Yellow:</b> Coniferous Class</li> <li>• <b>Pink:</b> Novice Class</li> <li>• <b>Green:</b> Exhibit Only</li> </ul>
<b>Exhibitor Number:</b>	Use your MBS member number. If you are not a MBS member, a number will be assigned at registration.
<b>Entry Number:</b>	Use consecutive numbers for your entries starting with #1, e.g. 100-01, 100-02
<b>Class:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Deciduous Class:</b> (white form) For deciduous tree species. Exhibitor must have maintained tree as a bonsai for at least 1 year.</li> <li>• <b>Coniferous Class:</b> (yellow form) For coniferous tree species. Exhibitor must have maintained tree as a bonsai for at least 1 year.</li> <li>• <b>Novice Class:</b> (pink form) Entrants having three years or less experience. Entrants with less than 3 years' experience can enter the open class if they wish, however, judging rules are stricter in the other classes.</li> <li>• <b>Exhibit Only:</b> (green form) Not to be judged. Awards of Merit and/or the President's award can be given to this class. Check the box yes, for a critique of your tree.</li> </ul>
<b>Division:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Small:</b> The size of the tree size is 8" or less.</li> <li>• <b>Medium:</b> The size of the tree is greater than 8" and less than 22".</li> <li>• <b>Large:</b> The size of the tree is greater than 22"</li> <li>• <b>Landscape:</b> Includes, saikei, penjing, landscape and forest</li> <li>• <b>Shoji Display:</b> Includes tree and any accessories displayed within the Shoji screen.</li> </ul> <p>*Note: Do not include the height of the pot when determining division size.</p>
<b>Accessories:</b>	Identify the accessories such as stand, accent plant, and viewing stone that are being displayed with your tree. Please mark them separately so that they are not lost or separated from your tree.
<b>Previous Awards:</b>	If your tree has received "Best in Show" for previous years, it is not eligible to receive it again.
<b>Style:</b>	Identify the style of the tree.
<b>Name on Display:</b>	If you wish to have your name displayed with the tree, check "yes" otherwise only your member number will appear on the card.
<b>Common Name:</b>	Identify the common name of the tree
<b>Botanical Name:</b>	Identify the botanical name of the tree. If you do not know it see list for assistance
<b>Estimated Age:</b>	Estimated age of the tree
<b>Years in Training:</b>	Years in training as a bonsai

### DIRECTIONS FOR ENTERING TREES

- Plan to arrive at the fairgrounds **Thursday night at 10:00 p.m. to bring your entries.** (Do not come earlier because the previous exhibit will be tearing down until 10:00 p.m.) Park at the door of Green Room to bring in your entries; then park car at street level.
- Complete the appropriate color-coded entry form for each tree that you plan on showing.
- If your tree has won Best of Show in previous years or if you do not wish to be in award competition, you can enter in exhibit only division and receive a critique of your tree by the visiting judge.
- Forgot your member number? There will be a membership list available for you to use at set-up. If you are not a MBS member, consult with the volunteer preparing labels.
- Put a toothpick and colored dot with your exhibitor number/entry number (i.e., 750-02) at the front of your tree and accent plant. Place a colored dot on the front of viewing stone.
- Complete your forms and give to the label maker to prepare identification tag. Place the tag in a Lucite display holder and leave with the corresponding entries. **Please, stay until your entries are tagged/labeled.**
- Viewing stones may be exhibited, however, they will not be judged or critiqued. Provide the label maker with details to prepare the identification tag. Place the tag in the Lucite display holder and leave it with your stone.
- We need help with setting up and tearing down the show. Please, consider doing your part.
- Your trees will need to be **picked up Saturday evening beginning at 9:00 p.m.** If you can't pick up your tree(s), make arrangements for someone else to pick them up.

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR REGISTRATION/JUDGING CRITERIA 2021

<b>JUDGE: Peter Tea</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
<b>TOTAL TREE SCORE:</b>	
<b>DESIGN SCORE (35 points):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Root structure</i></li> <li>• <i>Trunk and branch taper</i></li> <li>• <i>Silhouette</i></li> <li>• <i>Well proportioned, balanced</i></li> <li>• <i>Creative</i></li> <li>• <i>Container style, size, color, placement of tree</i></li> <li>• <i>Artistic treatment of deadwood</i></li> </ul>	
<b>TECHNIQUE SCORE (35 points):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Wiring (correctly applied, neat, unobtrusive, appropriately sized, effective)</i></li> <li>• <i>Appropriate leaf and needle reduction</i></li> <li>• <i>Branch placement</i></li> <li>• <i>Pruning (branch ramification, stubs, scarring)</i></li> <li>• <i>Properly groomed (dead leaves, twigs removed, old foliage and axillary growth removed, foliage thinned and pinched.)</i></li> <li>• <i>Container is clean and free of defects</i></li> </ul>	
<b>HORTICULTURE SCORE (35 points):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Overall Health (color, vigor)</i></li> <li>• <i>Signs of insect or disease damage</i></li> <li>• <i>Environmental stress</i></li> <li>• <i>Potted properly (healthy roots, well distributed)</i></li> <li>• <i>Surface treatment (presence of weeds, harmful algae, etc.)</i></li> </ul>	
<b>TREE SCORE SUB-TOTAL:</b>	
<b>ARTISTRY SCORE:</b>	
<b>ARTISTRY SCORE POINTS:</b>	
<p><i>Overall impression of the judge (percent will be added to sub-total to reach total score.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Exceptional (30%)</i></li> <li>• <i>Very good (25%)</i></li> <li>• <i>Good (20%)</i></li> </ul>	
<b>SHOJI COMPOSITION SCORE (25 points):</b>	
<b>TOTAL TREE SCORE + SHOJI:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Main tree is the focal point; accents and scroll are appropriate to the season and harmonious</i></li> <li>• <i>Components are directed toward the center of the display</i></li> <li>• <i>Components are visually balanced</i></li> <li>• <i>Shoji size is appropriate for the elements of the display</i></li> <li>• <i>overall impression of the judge; balance, beauty, and harmony of the display as a whole</i></li> </ul>	

<b>Exhibitor Name:</b>	<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Exhibitor Number:</b>	<b>Botanical Name:</b>	
<b>Entry Number:</b>	<b>Estimated Age:</b>	<b>Years in Training:</b>

**Accessories:**

**1.) Do you wish to have your name appear on the display card?**

No  Yes

**2.) Has this tree received Best in Show award in a previous year?**

No  Yes

**3.) If this tree is exhibit only would you like the tree critiqued?**

No  Yes

**Class:** (choose one)

- Deciduous
- Coniferous
- Novice
- Exhibit Only

**Division:** (choose one)

- Small (8" or less)
- Medium (greater than 8" less than 22")
- Large (greater than 22")
- Landscape (forest, penjing, saikei)
- Shoji Display

Reminder: Measure only the height/length of the tree to determine Division size.  
(Do not include the height of the pot.)

**2021 Best Boxwood (Taxus), Best Hornbeam (Carpinus), 2021 Best Cedar (any tree with a common name including "cedar") and Best Tropical (any)**

**Style:**

- Formal upright
- Informal upright
- Slanted trunk
- Raft
- Exposed root
- Forest
- Root over rock
- Literati
- Cascade
- Semi-cascade
- Windswept
- Phoenix graft
- Penjing
- Saikai
- Double trunk
- Multi-trunk
- Hollow trunk
- Broom
- Weeping
- Yamadori/collected
- Other:

**Diagram layout of tree and accessories (or attach picture):**