

# The Bonsai Workshop Inc.

[www.bonsaiworkshopwa.com](http://www.bonsaiworkshopwa.com)

**Newsletter: April 2024**

## The President's Post

Dear Members,

Welcome,

Another month has passed with the weather still warm though now missing the heat waves, thank the heavens for it.

It was great to hear that all positions for Tony's Workshop were sold in no time and the event was a great success. We're looking forward to have Tony back next year.

We have David Nassar booked in for a visit in June with more info coming out closer to the event.

AABC 36th National Bonsai Convention is now offering billeting options if you are thinking of travelling to Brisbane for the event.

Please remember to pay your membership fees as this provides money to pay for our visitors and other club items and needs.

We have Rolf providing the first beginners class this month with information on soils and fertilisers starting at 11:00 am. A thank you to all members for your continued support.

See you all on Saturday.

Michael Kelly

President Bonsai Workshop of W.A

## Tony's workshop last Saturday 20 April.



What a wonderful time we had with Tony, learned heaps and got plenty of advice for future work as well. Looking forward to next year when he'll be back. Thanks Tony, have a good trip back home!!

## Tree of the month



*Ficus Rubiginosa* purchased 2019 as per pic developed to current form in time for the Nationals @ Crown last year, currently in a custom Marg Fenn pot. Stand made by *Michael Kelly*. A strong little tree that has handled multiple defoliations and continued tip pruning during the growing seasons. The health of the tree of course was paramount.

*Neil Endesby*

**Please do not come to the workshop  
if you have any flu symptoms!!**

Workshop starts at 12:00PM **27th** April.  
Beginners Class starts at 11:00AM.  
We will talk about soils and fertiliser.

## Notices

Please remember to wear your name badge to the workshops.

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Don't forget to sign the attendance book, this is for insurance

## Some links of interest:

<https://www.schoolofbonsai.com.au/seasonal-jobs/>

<https://bonsaitonight.com/2015/04/14/repotting-black-pine-in-nursery-soil/>

<https://bonsaitonight.com/2010/10/01/bonsai-soil/>

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## INVITATION -

An invitation is extended to **members of all bonsai clubs around Australia** and to the general public to attend a very special event to be held in Victoria.

**In July, 2024 popular Bonsai teacher and demonstrator, Hirotohi Saitoh will visit Australia** again to teach bonsai.

He will be in Australia for 2 weeks from July 3 until July 14 to run a series of workshops and demonstrations.

Sensei Saitoh is an authorised Nippon Bonsai Association demonstrator and has been teaching bonsai in Japan on a regular basis for many years. This very popular teacher first visited Australia in 1993, but not since 2014.

Hirotohi will be conducting 10 workshops - each for 8 participants and 8 observers in Melbourne.

**Bookings for these events have been very popular with most workshops sold out. Full details are on the BSV website.**

**[www.bonsaisocietyvictoria.com.au/](http://www.bonsaisocietyvictoria.com.au/)**

**Kind Regards**  
**Bill Bons**  
**Secretary**



## Greetings, Bonsai Enthusiasts!

This July, immerse yourself in the world of miniaturised beauty and natural wonder at the Indonesia Bonsai and Suiseki Convention, set in the vibrant city of Surabaya. An unparalleled event that promises not just a convention, but an enriching journey into the heart of bonsai and Suiseki culture. With a fusion of art, nature, and community, this convention is your gateway to an unforgettable experience.

Why you should attend:

- **Expert Demonstrations:** Learn from the masters! Esteemed demonstrators with stellar reputations are gearing up to share their knowledge, skills, and passion for bonsai and Suiseki artistry.
- **Networking Galore:** Connect with fellow enthusiasts, experts, and artists. This convention is a melting pot of ideas, techniques, and inspirations—a chance to grow your network and friendships.
- **Cultural Immersions:** Beyond the leaves and stones, engage in a rich cultural experience with a welcome dinner, two exclusive lunches, a heartwarming farewell party, and an explorative city tour of Surabaya.
- **Learning and Appreciation:** Dive deep into workshops, exhibits, and sessions designed to broaden your understanding and appreciation of these ancient arts.

Event Details:

- **Locations:** Surabaya, Indonesia
- **Date:** 4th - 8th July, 2024
- **Registration Fee:** USD 350 (includes welcome dinner, 2 lunches, farewell party, and city tour)
- **Accommodation:** \$40/\$75 a night (Paragon and Ciputra hotels)
- **Flights:** Return flights are currently around \$600.

This convention is more than an event; it celebrates beauty, discipline, and community. It is a rare opportunity to nurture your passion, meet like-minded souls, and create memories that will flourish like the bonsai you love.

If you have any more questions, contact Peter Odin at 9374 0555 or visit the website for further information and registration - <https://indonesiabonsaiconvention.com/>



# 36th AABC National Bonsai Convention

17th - 20th May 2024

Royal on the Park Hotel, Brisbane City



Bonsai Exhibition showcasing some of Queensland's best bonsai

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Lindsay & Glenis Bebb - Queensland



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For more information or to register visit:  
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**Happy Bonsai-ing!**



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