



ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY
Monday, August 17th, 2015

Who can enter?

- Open to all bonsai artists
- Unlimited entries per artist
- Two divisions: **Professional** and **Hobbyist**
- No purchase necessary

How is it judged?

Entries will be judged based on the most impressive artistic transformation from 'raw' material to 'completed' tree.

Awards

Grand Prize - All Participants

1 **Winner** - American Bonsai Complete Tool Set, Wire, Potting Supplies, & Gear (Value \$1,041)

Professional Division:

3 **Winners** - \$500 AmericanBonsai.com Gift Certificate

Hobbyist Division:

3 **Winners** - \$250 bonsai scholarship & 6-piece American Bonsai Tool Set (Value \$297)

Honorable Mentions - All Participants:

20 **Winners** - American Bonsai Tool & Supply gear

How do I enter?

For each tree you submit, email info@americanbonsai.com with:

- (1) Your full name
- (2) Division (**Professional** or **Hobbyist**)
- (3) A "before photo" of 'raw' material, prior to any styling
- **This photo must be taken in 2015**
- (4) A "styling photo" of you styling your 'raw' material
- **You must be in this photo**
- (5) A "styled photo" of your 'completed' bonsai tree



For every 10 participating artists, American Bonsai Tool & Supply Co. will donate \$25 to Adam Lavigne's Recovery Fund.



Visit Adam Lavigne's Bonsai Blog at www.AdamAskWhy.com

Direct donations can be made at:

<https://www.crowdfunder.com/fundraise-and-volunteer/donations/lavignefamilysupport/stephencournoyer>

Need flyers for your club? Send an email to info@americanbonsai.com

Participants

This competition is open to participants of all ages and skill levels. It will be judged between two divisions: Professional and Hobbyist. A Professional is an artist that has received monetary contributions for teaching the art of bonsai. Hobbyists may enter into both divisions, but Professionals may not enter the Hobbyist division. A tree can only be entered into one division. Participants may only win once in either division. Each tree submitted can only win one award.

Prizes

The Grand Prize is selected from all participants. Additionally, 3 winners will be selected from the Professional Division and 3 winners will be selected from the Hobbyist Division. Scholarships are to be used within 12 months of being awarded. Scholarships are applied towards studying with an approved bonsai artist. All prizes will be shipped at no cost to the participant or

Judging

Judging criteria includes, but not limited to, ramification, composition, technique, presentation, pottery selection, display, health, fruits, and flowers. Entries will be judged within their chosen divisions by a panel of independent bonsai artists.

Additional Rules

We will gladly accept additional photos submitted to document the styling process, but only the three listed above are required. All submissions shall be original with no photo editing. Employees of American Bonsai Tool & Supply Co. are not eligible. No purchase necessary.

Full competition details available at www.AmericanBonsai.com

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