

General Information

Please plan to join us the second weekend in April for this informative, interactive, and fun convention. Our theme, ***Make the Cut***, is a whimsical reminder of the fundamental action we take as bonsai enthusiasts. We are excited to have three wonderful guest artists joining us. They are Bjorn Bjorholm, Daisaku Nomoto, and Juan Andrade, who collectively have over 15 years of training under accomplished Japanese bonsai masters. We rarely get a chance to have such talent in the same room at the same time, much less for an entire weekend. You won't want to miss any of it!

Hotel Information

Our hotel is the Sheraton Dallas North Hotel located at 4801 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, a four star hotel located on the northwest corner of LBJ and the Tollway, near the Galleria shopping area. We have secured a very reasonable room rate of \$99 per night. The hotel offers their signature Sweet Sleep bed, flat screen TVs, a fitness center and high-speed Internet access. Parking is free and they even allow pets! Check out further details about this property at www.sheraton.com/dallasnorth. Please make your reservations early by calling 1-800-325-3535 or online at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1610207227&key=1721A91D>. The room rate of \$99 is only guaranteed if reservations are made by March 20, 2017. Mention LSBF Bonsai Convention for our room rate.

Vendor Area

Interest is high among our many vendors to participate, so come ready to buy. There will be a special vendor reception on Thursday evening to welcome them to the convention and give our Full Registrants and LSBF members a chance to get a first look at all the material, pots, and supplies. Come join us for a sneak peek and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Auction

There will be a live auction on Saturday evening after our meal. As in years past, we want to encourage everyone to bring trees for sale with a value of \$100 or more. Only LSBF club members will be allowed to sell trees but everyone attending can buy. We will accept cash and credit cards. A portion of the proceeds goes to LSBF to help fund future visiting artist tours.

Exhibit Area

The Bonsai Society of Dallas will have an exhibit area with many beautiful bonsai displays. There will be critiques by the guest artists. We would like to invite you to display your bonsai trees, companion plants, *suiseki*, or other display items in our exhibit area. Bringing stands, scrolls, or other pieces to compliment your display would be much appreciated. Please contact our Exhibit Chair (contact info below) if you intend to bring something for the exhibit area. All material must be at the hotel by Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Raffles

As with all LSBF conventions, a very fun part is our many raffle drawings. This is a great way to pick up wonderful bonsai related material for a fraction of its value. This is also our major fundraiser to help offset the cost of the convention so please consider donating generously – both in material to be raffled and also by buying many chances to win! Raffle drawings will be held twice a day, with the final drawing on Sunday. Be sure to join the fun!

Workshops

Last but not least are the wonderful workshops and demonstrations we have planned by our renowned guest artists. Please check out the details further in this package.

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