



HINOKI BONSAI CLUB

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FACTS AND MEETING DETAIL

The Hinoki Bonsai Club is a group of like-minded practitioners of the ancient art of BONSAI. We are a proud 40+ year member of the Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs, and we meet on the third Wednesday, monthly, 7:30 pm. The usual location is the Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs Building found at 3640 Colonial Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24018. Most meetings feature live demonstrations, spirited discussions of the art of bonsai, hands-on workshops with the aid and critique of skilled members. The meetings also include reviews of new and old techniques, tools, soils, fertilizers, proper chemical usage and/or avoidance, pots, wiring, design and much more.

Most Recent Meeting

- Members in Attendance: Lynne, Cida, Steve B., Mike, Adam, Kathy, Cathy, Steve H.
- New Member Joining: Evan Bates
- Visitors: Gretchen Boise, Sharon Burnham
- Meeting details. We discussed a new process offered by the RCGC. A0 Brick Pathway Memorial. The purpose is to remember and honor members who have passed. I've been nominated as a Member At Large in the RCGC so, as more details are finalized in future RCGC meetings, I'll keep our club informed. I also informed the club that we intend to start offering door prizes at some meetings.

Finally, Lynne presented a discussion on Bonsai Pots. Her presentation was highly informative and included valuable information on some high-quality American potters. I will forward Lynne's information in another email.

Upcoming Meeting

- Our upcoming meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18th, at 7:30 pm. We will be meeting at the regular place in the RCGC Building. Since this is one of our busiest months for shaping, re-potting, wiring, etc, we will have a BYOT (Bring Your Own Tree) agenda. Bring any of your trees you would like to give or get pointers on. We will have wire and a few tools but please bring your own pot if you are going to change. It will be helpful to bring some soil too.
- We will also have a few nice door prizes as we get that process started. These include a custom-made tool cabinet with drawer and locking turntable. Also a small custom made Tokonoma display stage. We may add a few pots if we have a good turn-out.



Become A Member – Give Us A Try

Hinoki Bonsai Club continues to seek new members of all ages. Frequent posts have begun to be posted in the Nextdoor social neighborhood app about our club and we are starting to get quite a few inquiries and visits. We often hear from interested but reluctant potential members that I am too old or too young to start the bonsai hobby. Although it may sometimes take decades to grow a young tree to a truly mature bonsai specimen, new members soon discover that getting there is all the fun! The club often has special new member orientation meetings to bridge the fear of entering the hobby. So, this is an invitation to all members of the many RCGC clubs, Nextdoor and all to visit us and discover something new. Feel free to contact me, Stephen (Steve) Hatcher, President, HINOKI BONSAI CLUB. I may be reached at stephen.e.hatcher@gmail.com or cell phone: 540-892-9842.