

State Fair Rules

Are you interested in entering a tree at State Fair? If you have never exhibited before, please consider doing so this year. Classes are: Youth, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Open. Our space is smaller than in previous years, so it will be necessary to limit the number of trees to about 20 per show, 1-2 trees per individual. You must sign up at Club meetings or call Jean S 414-979-0281 or John M 262-560-0418 to participate. Fox Valley Bonsai Society - Exhibit #1 (August 6 - August 8) - We will fill in if there is space. Milwaukee Bonsai Society - Exhibit #2 (August 9 - August 12) Milwaukee Bonsai Society - Exhibit #2 (August 13 - August 16)

Rules Governing the Show

2009

- 1) There will be three separate Bonsai Exhibits during the length of the Fair.
- 2) The schedule for the different exhibits is as follows:

First Exhibit - The first exhibit will be on display Thursday August 6 through Saturday August 8. Second Exhibit - The second exhibit will be on display Sunday August 9 through Wednesday August 12. Third Exhibit - The third exhibit will be on display Thursday August 13 through Sunday August 16.

- 3) The Milwaukee Bonsai Society will coordinate the setup, maintenance, display and supervision of these Exhibits.
- 4) The Milwaukee Bonsai Society will select the Show Coordinator and the Judges for the Wisconsin State Fair Bonsai Exhibits.
- 5) The Milwaukee Bonsai Society and the Wisconsin State Fair will exercise all reasonable care during the Exhibits. However, neither the Milwaukee Bonsai Society nor the Wisconsin State Fair assumes any liability for damage or loss to any exhibit or exhibitor.
- 6) Any active member of a Bonsai Society or 4-H club is eligible to exhibit a bonsai.
- 7) Each exhibit will be judged separately according to the judging criteria listed in Article 17. Judging will be done on the first day of each exhibit.
- 8) The decision to award any prize is solely at the discretion of the Judges and all decisions made by the Judges are final.
- 9) More than one award may be given in any Class at the discretion of the Judges.
- 10) If no specimen in a Class meets the criteria necessary for an award, an award may not be made in the class.
- 11) Additional awards may be given by other bonsai oriented organizations.
- 12) There shall be six classes of entries: Class#
 101. Youth Class - Exhibitors 18 years of age or younger
 102. Novice Class - Exhibitors with less than five years' experience in bonsai
 103. Intermediate Class - Exhibitors with more than five years experience in bonsai
 104. Advanced Class - Exhibitors that have previously won an Award of Merit in the Intermediate Class or Best of Show in any Class at the Wisconsin State Fair
 105. Open Class - Open to all exhibitors
 106. For Exhibit Only - Not eligible for any award

13) A tree may be entered in only one class. Each class will be judged separately and the “Best in Show” and Awards of Merit may be selected.

14) All trees submitted for exhibition must be healthy and free of disease and infestation and must be exhibited in a bonsai container.

15) Any tree submitted for judging must have been in the direct care of the exhibitor over two winters. Youth and Novice Class entries are exempt from this requirement.

16) Exhibitor 's names will NOT be displayed on any exhibited tree. As matter of security, the bonsai identification cards will identify only the club affiliation of the tree's owner.

17) Specimens exhibited for judging may be awarded prizes according to the guidelines below.

White Ribbon - A very good example of the art of bonsai
Red Ribbon - An exceptional example of the art of bonsai
Blue Ribbon - A highly exceptional example of the art of bonsai
Award of Merit - A superior example of the art of bonsai, which exhibits unique characteristics or design
Best of Show - The specimen which best exhibits the highest quality of the art of bonsai

18) These are the complete rules governing the Wisconsin State Fair Bonsai Exhibit.