

## Bonsai Workshops

Learn from some of the best bonsai artists and teachers in the region.

Visit [MeijerGardens.org/Education](http://MeijerGardens.org/Education) for workshop descriptions. Workshops often fill quickly; preregister online at [MeijerGardens.org/Education](http://MeijerGardens.org/Education) or by calling 616-975-3147.

During the Show, check at the bonsai information desk for availability.

**Saturday, May 15**

### Create a Juniper Bonsai : A Beginners ' Workshop \*

9 am-12 pm

Instructor : Jon Holwerda

**FEE:** \$55 members, \$62 non-members

**Saturday, May 15**

### Penjing Workshop: Create a Landscape-Style Bonsai \*

9:30 am-12:30 pm

Instructor : Eric Newton

Skill Level : All/Beginner

**FEE:** \$60 members, \$67 non-members

**Saturday, May 15 OR Sunday, May 16**

### Bring-Your-Own-Tree Workshop \*

1-4:30 pm

Instructor : Michael Hagedorn

Skill Level : Intermediate to experienced

**FEE:** \$50 members, \$57 non-members

**Saturday, May 15 OR Sunday, May 16**

### Bring-Your-Own-Tree Workshop for Gallery Observers \*

1-4:30 pm

Instructor : Michael Hagedorn

Skill Level : All

**FEE:** \$8 members, \$15 non-members

**Saturday, May 15**

### Create a Raft Bonsai \*

1:30-4:30 pm

Instructor : Gene Deci

Skill Level : All/Intermediate

**FEE:** \$65 members, \$72 non-members

**Sunday, May 16**

### Create a Cotoneaster Bonsai : A Beginners ' Workshop \*

12:30-3:30 pm

Instructor : Eric Newton

**FEE:** \$55 members, \$62 non-members

(\*) Applies toward MSU Extension  
Master Gardener education credit.

## 2010 Vendors

All Things Bonsai  
Grand Rapids, MI

Bonsai Do Jo  
Roseville, MI

The Flower Market  
Monroe, MI

Growco Garden Supply  
Grand Rapids, MI

Basically Bonsai  
Greenville, MI

Kaede Mishi, LLC  
East Leroy, MI

Heritage Laurels  
West Olive, MI

Wildwood Gardens  
Chardon, OH

# The 12th Annual Michigan All-State Bonsai Show

May 15-16, 2010



### Vendors

Saturday 9 am-5 pm  
Sunday 12-5 pm

### Displays

Saturday and  
Sunday 12-5 pm



FREDERIK MEIJER Gardens & Sculpture Park

# 2010 Michigan All-State Bonsai Show

May 15 and 16, 2010

It's pronounced bone-sigh and means "tree in a pot." But as you'll see, bonsai is so much more. A bonsai should capture the essence of an old tree growing in nature. Sometimes the trees are very old; sometimes they're not. The actual age isn't important; it's the appearance of age that matters.

## Show Highlights

- View some of the finest bonsai in the state, as well as younger trees still in their early stages of training.
- Vote for your favorite bonsai. Follow your instincts or use the "How to Judge a Bonsai" criteria.
- Attend a demonstration and watch bonsai artists at work; see how to prune, wire and repot bonsai.
- Watch a potter throw pots on a wheel.
- Shop for hard-to-find supplies—pots, soil mix and wire—as well as bonsai.
- Participate in a workshop; we've planned workshops for beginners through experienced enthusiasts.
- Meet our headliner, bonsai artist Michael Hagedorn.

## Demonstrations

Demonstrations are free and take place in the Atrium area.

**Saturday, May 15, 2010**

9:30-10:15 am

**Making a Shohin Bonsai Using a Narrow-Leaf Ficus**  
Kurt Smith, The Flower Market

10:30-11:30 am

**Wiring - A New Twist** Will Heath, Art of Bonsai,  
Bonsai Do Jo

11:45 am-12:15 pm

**Bonsai Feeding - Nutrients, Supplements,  
Innoculants, & More** The "Growco Guys"

12:30-2:30 pm

**Three of A Kind** Will Heath, Steve Jetzer,  
Vance Wood - Bonsai Artists

2:45-3:45 pm

**Forest Planting** Eric Newton, President,  
Bonsai Society-Kalamazoo

4:00-5:00 pm

**Styling a Conifer, Part I** Vance Wood,  
Bonsai Do Jo

**Sunday, May 16, 2010**

12:30-1:30 pm

**Suiseki - Exploring the Beauty of Viewing Stones**  
Tim Priest, Yasuragi Bonsai Society

1:45-2:15 pm

**Bonsai Feeding: Nutrients, Supplements,  
Innoculants, & More** The "Growco Guys"

2:30-3:30 pm

**Styling a Conifer, Part II** Vance Wood, Bonsai Do Jo

3:30 pm

**Announcement - People's Choice Top 10 for 2010  
and Best of Show**

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# How to Judge a Bonsai

While beauty is in the eye of the beholder, here are some of the criteria the judges use:

- **Does it look old?**  
Old age is beautiful and the tree should capture the character of a tree growing in nature.
- **Does the bonsai have good trunk taper?**  
The trunk should be wider near the base and become gradually thinner toward the top.
- **Is there good root development?**  
Large roots on the surface of the soil give the appearance of age. Do they look natural?
- **Are branches properly placed and developed?**  
Branches should be staggered, not directly across from each other, and should be thicker toward the trunk.
- **Is it in the correct pot and placed on a display stand?**  
Does the style, shape and size of the pot complement the tree?
- **Does it fit the specified style?**  
Bonsai are classified by size, number of trunks, number of trees in a pot, and the shape of the trunk (such as upright, cascade, windswept). Does the style specified on the entry tag match the style of the tree?
- **Is the tree healthy?**  
The tree should appear strong and vigorous, not sickly.



## Meet Our Headliner, Michael Hagedorn

Nationally recognized bonsai artist and author Michael Hagedorn will "headline" the show. He lectures and teaches throughout the country and runs his own bonsai school in Portland, Oregon. Michael will judge the show and teach two workshops. His book, *Post-Dated: The Schooling of an Irreverent Bonsai Monk* will be available for sale and signing.

## Be part of the show!

Entering a bonsai is a great way to share your love of bonsai and meet other bonsai enthusiasts.

Entries may be dropped off on Friday, May 14 from 5-8 pm or on Saturday, May 15 from 8-10 am. Trees must remain on display until 5 pm on Sunday.