

INTRODUCTORY BONSAI COURSE

AUTUMN 2023



This comprehensive **Introductory Bonsai Course** has been planned to teach the fundamentals of classical bonsai art to people who have had no experience in this fascinating living art form. Detailed and thorough information will be explained on the theory and techniques of bonsai design, pruning, wiring and potting. Students will learn the background and skills to create, develop and maintain their own bonsai. Each three hour lesson consists of a Powerpoint program that reveals the beauty of well developed bonsai masterpieces, followed by a demonstration and workshop where students are encouraged and assisted in creating their own bonsai.

Instructor for this special course is **William N. Valavanis**, professional bonsai artist, author and educator. He has combined his two horticultural degrees and fifty plus years intense bonsai study and passion to develop dynamic educational programs which he shares with organizations around the world. He is the publisher and editor of *International BONSAI*, a well recognized magazine distributed around the globe.

The **Introductory Bonsai Course** will be held on five Monday evenings from 7:00 - 10:00 P.M. or on Saturday mornings from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. All classes will be held at the **International Bonsai Arboretum, 1070 Martin Road, West Henrietta, New York 14586**, home of the Valavanis Bonsai Collection. An area map will be sent with confirmations.

AUTUMN 2023 COURSE OUTLINE

	Mondays	Saturdays	Study Topics	Workshop Trees
Lesson I	Sept. 18	Sept. 23	Care & Maintenance	<i>Carefully selected plants will be available at each workshop- Many different indoor species</i>
Lesson II	Sept. 25	Sept. 30	Styles- Pruning- Aesthetics	
Lesson III	Oct. 2	Oct. 7	Wiring- Transplanting	
Lesson IV	Oct. 9	Oct. 14	Bonsai Training Techniques	
Lesson V	Oct. 16	Oct. 21	Miniature Bonsai	

REGISTRATION

Registration for the Introductory Bonsai Course is \$90.00 for the entire five week (15 hours) course. Registration fee includes instruction, handouts, screened bonsai soil and cut paste. Please bring your own bonsai tools, however tools will be available for rental or purchase in the classroom with a 20% discount. Don't purchase tools until after the first class for recommendations. Workshop material will be available for purchase. Space will be limited in order to provide individual instruction and social distancing, please send your application early to avoid disappointment. **Phone (585) 334-2595** for additional information or future course offerings.

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Mondays 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. _____

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY-STATE-ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

My check in the amount of \$ _____ attached. Phone for credit card payments (585) 334-2595

Please send checks payable to:

International Bonsai, 1070 Martin Road, West Henrietta, New York 14586-8901