

Introductory Bonsai Course

SPRING 2021



This **Introductory Bonsai Course** has been particularly planned for students who have had no experience in this fascinating living horticultural art form. The aesthetic appreciation and fundamentals of Classical Bonsai Art are taught in the five week course. Major emphasis will be on the theory and techniques of bonsai design, pruning, wiring and potting. Each lesson consists of a slide lecture, demonstration and workshop where students are encouraged and assisted in creating their own bonsai. Five bonsai will be created by each student by the end of the course.

Instructor for this course is William N. Valavanis, professional bonsai artist, author and educator. He has combined his two horticultural degrees and fifty year intense bonsai study and passion to develop dynamic educational programs which he freely shares with organizations on five continents. 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 or Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. All classes will be held at the International Bonsai Arboretum, 1070 Martin Road, West Henrietta, New York, home of the Valavanis Bonsai Collection. Developed bonsai as well as trees in training can be studied in this unique garden. An area map will be sent with confirmation.

COURSE OUTLINE

	Mondays	Wednesdays	Topics	Plant Species
Lesson I	March 29	March 31	Care & Maintenance	Japanese Larch
Lesson II	April 5	April 7	Styles- Pruning-Aesthetics	Japanese Maple
Lesson III	April 12	April 14	Wiring-Transplanting	Azalea or Flowering
Lesson IV	April 19	April 21	Bonsai Training Techniques	Dwarf Juniper
Lesson V	April 26	April 28	Miniature Bonsai	Mixed Species

REGISTRATION

Registration for the **Introductory Bonsai Course** is \$90 for the entire five week course. Registration fee includes instruction, handouts and screened bonsai soil. Please bring your own bonsai tools, however tools will be available for rental or purchase in the classroom. Plant material, containers, wire and textbooks will be prepared and available for purchase. Registration fee must be received in order to reserve your space. Register early since space will be limited in order to provide individual instruction and safety precautions. Masks must be worn during the class. Phone (585) 334-2595 or check our web site: www.internationalbonsai.com for additional information or future course offerings.

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

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Mondays 7-10PM _____

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City-State-Zip _____

E-MAIL _____

My check in the amount of \$ _____ attached. Please make checks payable to:
The International Bonsai Arboretum, 1070 Martin Road, West Heniretta, New York 14586-8901