

Introductory Bonsai Course

SPRING 2025



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 four 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. Four bonsai will be created by each student by the end of the course.

Instructor for this course is William N. Valavanis, professional bonsai artist, educator and scholar. He has combined his two horticultural degrees and over sixty 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 four Monday 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

Lesson I	April 7	Care & Maintenance	Japanese Larch
Lesson II	April 14	Styles- Pruning-Aesthetics	Flowering Cherry
Lesson III	April 21	Wiring-Transplanting	Japanese Maple
Lesson IV	April 28	Bonsai Training Techniques	Dwarf Juniper

REGISTRATION

Registration for the **Introductory Bonsai Course** is \$90 for the entire four 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. Phone (585) 334-2595 or check our web site: www.internationalbonsai.com for additional information or future course offerings.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT WILLIAM N. VALAVANIS- (585) 334-2595 - wNV@internationalbonsai.com

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

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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 Henrietta, New York 14586-8901