



BONSAI EXHIBITOR ENTRY FORM

“GATEWAY TO BONSAI”

AMERICAN BONSAI SOCIETY/GREATER ST LOUIS BONSAI SOCIETY

APRIL 19-22, 2018

GATEWAY CENTER, COLLINSVILLE, IL

EXHIBITOR:			
ADDRESS:			
PHONE NUMBER:		EMAIL ADDRESS:	
BONSAI CLUB(S) AFFILIATION			
Entry (one tree per form)			
Bonsai (Common Name)			
Bonsai (Botanical Name)			
Height of tree from soil to top (inches)		Dimensions with stand Inches x inches	
Container			
Accent Description			
Stand			
(Tree) Previous Awards			
Approximate space needed for display			
Vision for the tree display that you wish to share with the viewer – can include years in training as a bonsai, memorable collecting trip, professionals that worked with you on the tree, uniqueness of the accent and meaning of display, etc.			

There is a \$25 entry fee payable when you receive notice of acceptance into the exhibit. Bonsai will not be accepted without this form completed and acknowledgement of acceptance into the exhibit. Deadline for entries is February 1, 2018. Please email this completed entry form along with a picture of the front of your tree to gatetobonsai2018@aol.com . After receiving acceptance, mail entry fee check to ABS, PO Box 6, Lynnville, IN 47619.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXHIBITOR FORM COMPLETION

Showing bonsai trees is important to furthering the art of bonsai by sharing your accomplishments with tree material with others. Showing your trees provides valuable feedback on the future through multiple sets of eyes considering the elements of your tree and allows the enthusiast a creative outlet to explore display elements. Gateway to Bonsai 2018 (April 19 – 22, 2018) is providing \$3,000.00 in prize money including \$1,000 for Best in Show. Other awards include 2nd Place—\$500, 3rd Place—\$250, Best Conifer—\$250, Best Shohin Display—\$250, Best Tropical—\$250, Best Broadleaf—\$250, Best Native Bonsai & ABS Medallion—\$250, Best Ikebana, \$100.

The tree must be delivered by 12:00 noon on the Thursday, April 19th to allow display set up and be removed immediately after the show closes on the 22nd. Gateway to Bonsai 2018 has no available transport, but can put a person in touch with others from the same area when requested to allow transport coordination.

Trees will be judged by Bjorn Bjorholm and Marc Noelanders, both well respected and internationally known bonsai artists.

1. The Entry Form is in pdf and is designed to be completed electronically. If you experience problems with the form, please email gatetobonsai2018@aol.com and describe your problem. All problems are solvable. Complete the entire form. All information is important to providing a good bonsai display.
2. Please complete the entire form. The form is designed for one tree entry, but if you are entering a shohin display that contains multiple trees and wish it judged as a display, complete one form for the entire entry identifying all the tree members of your display.
3. Obviously, trees that have been in training for many years are going to exhibit a higher level of refinement and ramification but the intention of the exhibit is to display trees in various stages of development beyond the initial style. All entries need to be shown with a stand in a mossed condition with minimal wire or well executed wire. Provide a photograph of your proposed entry from the front. The photograph should be good quality but does not need to be a professional photograph nor of the tree as it is intended to be shown.
4. Email the completed entry form and a good photograph in either pdf format or jpeg format to gatetobonsai2018@aol.com. All entries should be submitted by March 1, 2018 to allow time for the information to be dispersed amongst those reviewing the entries and for exhibit planning and preparation of the informational cards that will go with the trees. You will either receive an acknowledgement of acceptance or reasons for rejection if we cannot use the tree for the exhibit. Remember that rejection can be for many reasons including receiving too many entries of the same species. Try to provide an entry that will stand out from the rest through unique species and/or style or elements of display. If your display(s) are accepted, mail your entry fee check to ABS PO Box 6, Lynnville, IN 47619.
5. Gateway to Bonsai 2018 recognizes that the time between submittal and acceptance can be a time when the tree may suffer some adverse condition making it undesirable to show the tree. In this case, email gatetobonsai2018@aol.com with that information and (if possible) an alternative tree for consideration.

6. The convention in April may be early for some of the deciduous to show a spring hardening off of foliage. When choosing your entry(s) keep this in mind and if submitting deciduous provide a photograph without leaves if possible. Trees without foliage should show advanced ramification to exhibit well. Deciduous without leaves frequently show better than those fully leafed and entry of trees without fully developed foliage is desirable.