



EVENT DETAILS

Hotel Accommodations – Provided by the Marriott Houston Westchase Hotel (800) 452-5110. **Ask for the Lone Star Bonsai Federation special rate of \$105 per night** (Offer ends on March 25, 2024). <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/houwm-houston-marriott-westchase>

Registration – Before February 1, 2024 -- BCI/LSBF Member Early Registration is \$295. BCI/LSBF Member Registration after February 1 is \$325. Non-member Registration is \$365. Each full registration includes all meals (Friday and Saturday evenings), access to the exhibit and vendor areas, Friday night demonstrations, raffles, auctions, and observation of workshops. Full and single day registrants may register for workshops and the small group demonstrations which require additional fees.

Accompanying Guest Registration (\$215) – Includes meals and access to vendor and exhibit areas, Friday evening demonstrations, auctions, and silent observation of workshops and seminars.

Single Day Registration (\$150) – Includes access to seminars, exhibits, vendor areas and may register for workshops and small group demos. Meals and the opening reception events are not included.

Single event tickets – These tickets are intended to accommodate the attendance of guests/spouses at the more social events during the convention. Thursday night reception - \$60, Friday night dinner and demonstrations - \$75, and Saturday banquet - \$100.

Visitor pass (Free) – Allows access to the exhibition and the vendor area only. No meals included.

Exhibition Entries – Any full registrant may submit a tree for the juried exhibit. Please limit your entries to no more than three of any type of exhibit. A \$25 entry fee will be charged for each bonsai display accepted into the exhibit except for “legacy” trees (below). Entry forms may be found on the Houston Bonsai Society web page with other convention materials. At least one photo is required.

Exhibition Awards – The Lone Star Bonsai Federation Excellence in Bonsai recognitions will go to: Best in Show - \$500 plus the BCI Medallion, Best Conifer - \$150, Best Deciduous - \$150, Best Shohin Tree - \$150, Best Tropical - \$150, Best Broadleaf Evergreen - \$150, Best Texas Native - \$150, Best Cascade or Semi-cascade - \$150, Best Viewing Stone - \$150, and best shitakusa - \$150. Awards will be presented at the Friday night banquet.

There will be a special legacy exhibit. This exhibit is by invitation only and the invitations will go to past winners of LSBF Excellence in Bonsai awards. Legacy tree owners do not pay an entry fee, but must complete the exhibition entry form. Trees in the legacy exhibit are not eligible for prizes at this convention.

Each display in the exhibit will be photographed and included in the book commemorating the convention. The owner of the display will receive a digital version of the picture of their display.

Raffles – Raffles will be held at 11:45 AM and 5:00 PM on Friday and Saturday. A final raffle will be held on Sunday at 11:30.

Auctions – A silent auction and a live auction will be held on Saturday evening in the Grand Pavilion Foyer after dinner.

Demonstrations – Bjorn Bjorholm, Min Hsuan Lo, and Sergio Cuan will conduct simultaneous demonstrations after dinner on Friday evening in the Grand Pavilion Foyer. Each of the demonstration trees will be auctioned on Saturday evening.

Workshops – Register early as several workshops will fill quickly. Registering on-line will help ensure your spot in workshops. For paper registrations, acceptance into the workshops will be determined by the date payment is received.

Tag Team Bonsai Contest – Thursday afternoon from 4:00 – 6:00 there will be a Tag Team Bonsai Design contest where teams of three will alternate working to style a bonsai. Prizes for this effort are yet to be determined.

Shipping – Boxing and shipping of purchases will be available on Sunday from 9:00 AM to 12 PM in Westchase 4. Packing and shipping costs will be determined by the shipping company.