



The American Bonsai Society John Y. Naka Awards

The American Bonsai Society invites you to submit your bonsai for one of our annual awards given in honor of John Y. Naka. These awards will be given to North American bonsai artists and hobbyists who exhibit the spirit of artistic design taught by Master Naka using North American material as exhibited by one of his or her bonsai.

Requirements:

The entrant

1. Any bonsai artist or hobbyist who is a resident of North America is eligible.
2. Applicants must be a current member of ABS. You may join in order to be part of the contest. The bonsai must be accepted for show at the current learning seminars.
3. The entrant may be a hobbyist or professional and are not competing against professionals.
4. May not win a given division more than once.

The entries:

1. Bonsai must be designed from North American Native Material (An ABS committee will verify that the bonsai is a North American Native Species. An entrant may contact the chairperson to verify native status before entering.) **OR any species grown entirely in North America.**
2. The bonsai must be styled exclusively by the artist submitting it from nursery stock, seed or cutting grown or collected material.
3. The bonsai or artist must not be a previous winner of this award.
4. Applicants may submit more than one entry

The Judging

1. The Naka Committee (Appointed by the ABS President) will appoint three judges to review the applications submitted and select the winner. Judges will rank and comment on all qualified entrants to each division. The judges will be given only the Bonsai Information Sheet and view the entries in the exhibition but will NOT be given the name of the artists or hobbyists.
2. Judges will be selected from artists who have not entered the current contest.
3. Winners will be announced at the opening of the exhibition at the beginning of the seminars.
4. Photographs and paperwork will become the property of ABS and may be used in its publications.
5. The decision of the judges will be final.
6. If the judges determine that all submissions to any division of the awards are not suitable to win the award, the award may be omitted for that year.

The Award

The winner of each division (professional and hobby) will receive

An inscribed award designed to be shown outdoors next to the winning tree.

Publication of the bonsai's image in the ABS Bonsai Journal. The winner may submit the story of the bonsai for publication also



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Species/Horticultural Name of the bonsai: _____

Common name: _____

Source of bonsai material: (nursery, collected, seed grown, cutting grown)

Years in development from stock: _____

Pot source or artist: _____

Artist Information Sheet

Name of Bonsai Artist _____

I consider myself to be

___ a professional

___ a hobbyist

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I submit the bonsai in this application for judging for the ABS John Y. Naka Award. It is entirely my work and design from collected, self grown or purchased raw material.

_____ signature