



Bonsai 101 Class

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The Art of Bonsai Personal and Spiritual

- ▶ The art of bonsai is a form of Wabi Sabi
- ▶ Wabi Sabi is the appreciation of the beauty found in
 - ▶ Imperfection
 - ▶ Impermanence
 - ▶ of art objects and art styles
- ▶ Bonsai origins are dated to China prior to being seen in **7th century Japan**





The Art of Bonsai

Personal and Spiritual

Personal Yet Distinct

- ▶ Japanese Bonsai is a **less stylized** Japanese art form
 - ▶ Due to **lack of formal schools** that dictate style and shape
- ▶ Even though there is a lack of formal schools and styles, there are around **14 distinct styles**.

Bonsai Styles

- ▶ Cascade
- ▶ Semi-cascade
- ▶ Slanting
- ▶ Informal upright
- ▶ Formal upright
- ▶ Broom
- ▶ Windswept
- ▶ Literati
- ▶ Raft
- ▶ Kasheki
- ▶ Twin trunk
- ▶ Rock planting
- ▶ Root-over-rock



Cascading Bonsai



Literati Bonsai



Raft Bonsai



Slanting Bonsai



Rock Planting Bonsai



Windswept Bonsai



Twin Trunk Bonsai



Caring For Your Bonsai

- ▶ The right soil
 - ▶ Mixture potting soil and sand
 - ▶ Rinse the sand before using
 - ▶ Or buy washed sand from Home Depot





Caring For Your Bonsai

- ▶ The right amount of water
 - ▶ Fall / Winter
 - ▶ ½ cup to a cup every other day
 - ▶ Spring
 - ▶ Step it up
 - ▶ ½ Cup to a cup every day
 - ▶ Feel the soil for wetness/dryness
 - ▶ Summer
 - ▶ In Palm Springs
 - ▶ Major care
 - ▶ 1 cup daily
 - ▶ Water up to 2 times a day





Caring For Your Bonsai

- ▶ What kind of fertilizer & how often
 - ▶ Nitrogen—helps vegetative/green growth
 - ▶ Phosphorus—helps roots and flowers
 - ▶ Potassium—drought resistance, fruit and overall health
- ▶ Quarter size amount of Osmocote 4-6 x a year





Caring For Your Bonsai

- ▶ Pruning
 - ▶ It's all about the framework
 - ▶ What style do you want?
 - ▶ Remove branches that can't be adjusted
 - ▶ Thin crowded areas





Seasonal Care

Spring

- ▶ As tree emerges from dormancy, increase watering
- ▶ Fertilize
- ▶ Reshape trees if needed



Summer

- ▶ Weed regularly
- ▶ Continue pruning, wiring, watering and feeding
- ▶ Lightly fertilize
- ▶ Reduce or remove fertilizer when air temperature is over 90° F (32° C).





Seasonal Care

Fall

- ▶ Reduce watering as growth slows
- ▶ Check wires on branches
- ▶ Protect from frost if weather drops
- ▶ Prune deciduous trees
- ▶ Clear away dead leaves
- ▶ Fertilize



Winter

- ▶ As tree emerges from dormancy, continues but still reduced from Summer
- ▶ Protect roots from freezing
- ▶ Avoid moving wiring on deciduous trees as they can be brittle
- ▶ Fertilize





Osamu's Presentation

- ▶ Pruning
- ▶ Wiring
- ▶ General care