

Bonsai Judging Form

Species _____

Location _____

Category _____

Health

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Is the specimen in apparent good health? Well foliated? Are there dead or partially dead leaves, fungus spots, yellowing, or brown edges? Uniform leaf color, free of algae, mildew, and mold? Evidence of pests?

Wiring

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If wire is present, does it show good wiring technique? Is the wire biting in, or, is there evidence of wire scars?

Trunk / Nebari

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Root form, Trunk taper, Bark uniformity
Appropriateness to style

Branching

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Branch placement, taper, and size appropriate to position;
Ramification, character and movement; Length of internodes

Potting

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Pot color balance with tree; placement of tree within the pot;
Soil level and surface treatment

Design

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Tree apex, silhouette, and suitability for Species;
Uninterrupted flow; Uniformity of design or theme.

Overall Impression

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Impression of Age, Naturalness and overall composition;
Dynamic quality or movement.

Total Score

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Comments _____

