

Invitation

You are invited to join members of Illawarra Bonsai Society at our 22nd Weekend Workshops, at the Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops. This year we have a special program featuring Demonstration and workshops by Bonsai artist Samuel Thompson. Demonstration and workshops will also be presented by NSW based Andrew Edge.

Registration

Full registration is from 6pm Friday to 4pm Sunday and includes all meals (except dinner on Friday), morning and afternoon tea, supper and accommodation. Day registration includes lunch, and morning and afternoon tea, and Saturday *day* registrants may attend dinner for an additional \$40 (includes cost for Saturday night demonstration)

Payment

All forms and payment should be sent to:
The Secretary, Illawarra Bonsai Society Inc.
PO Box 4736, Sylvania Waters NSW 2224

Payment to be made by one of the following options:

- * **By Cheque/money order:** payable to Illawarra Bonsai Society Inc.
- * **By Direct Deposit:** Illawarra Bonsai Society,
St George Bank, BSB 112-879, Acc No 065568406.

NOTE: Please email treasurer@illawarrabonsaisociety.org with your full name and payment amount

Further Information

- Car access for unloading is from the main road. Please unload as quickly as possible and return your car to the carpark.
- On Sunday morning all bedrooms must be vacated by 10.00am. A storage room can be made available to store your luggage if required.

For more information contact - Julie Smith
Email: secretary@illawarrabonsaisociety.org
Web: www.illawarrabonsaisociety.org



Illawarra Bonsai Society Inc The Tops Weekend Workshops 2021



Featuring:

- **Samuel Thompson**
Assistant Curator for the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection in Canberra
- **Andrew Edge**
Central Coast based Bonsai Artist and Demonstrator

Pottery and Ceramics by Janet Selby and Mudlark Studios

20 - 22 August 2021
The Tops Conference Centre - Acacia

Samuel Thompson



For almost 3 years, Sam Thompson has been the assistant curator for the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection in Canberra. Sam started bonsai at a young age and later studied under Master Kunio Kobayashi. Sam brings a wealth of experience to share at The Tops, as he has demonstrated internationally and undertakes regular training overseas to further his knowledge.

Sam's constant exposure to large volume, high quality and bonsai maintenance of an international standard allows him to work on material with confidence and at a fast pace. His passion and focus lies in teaching bonsai enthusiasts fine tuning and refinement techniques. Although Sam is adaptable to working on a variety of species from his work at the NBPCA, he enjoys working mostly on Japanese Black and Red Pines, Cedars, Hawthorns and Elms

Andrew Edge



A Christmas present in 1995 saw the beginning of what has become a lifelong obsession. I joined the Nepean Bonsai Society whilst living in Sydney, went to shows, conventions and demonstrations, anything to give me a greater insight into this majestic art. After moving to the Central Coast in 2002, I joined the Central Coast Bonsai Society and The South Lakes Bonsai Club. I owned and operated Bibo Bonsai Nursery located in Peats Ridge NSW where for 6 years I lived the dream! Today I

am still heavily involved in the Central Coast Bonsai Society on the committee and as their newsletter editor. My favourite species to work with are pines and junipers, followed closely by native trees.

I have been demonstrating and holding workshops since 2002. I enjoy helping others with their bonsai evolution and teaching what I've learnt from my travels around the world including two trips to Japan. Recently I was appointed as a level three tutor under the Australian Association of Bonsai Clubs travelling tutor program.

*Please indicate your interest on the Registration Form

Program

Friday 20th August

6:00pm	Arrival (Dine beforehand)
8:00pm	Interclub competition – restyling an old Bonsai
9:30pm	Supper

Saturday 21st August

7:30am	Breakfast
8:30am	Workshop 1 – Samuel Thompson
	Workshop 2 – Andrew Edge
12:30pm	Lunch
1:15pm	Workshop 3 – Samuel Thompson
	Workshop 4 – Andrew Edge
	Demonstration – Brenda Parker
5:15pm	Happy Hour
6:00pm	Dinner
7:30pm	Demonstration – Samuel Thompson
10:00pm	Supper

Sunday 22nd August

7:30am	Breakfast
8:30am	Workshop 5 – Andrew Edge
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Demonstration – Andrew Edge
3:30pm	Closing and depart

Other Activities

BONSAI please bring your own trees to work on during the course of the weekend. Plenty of space and people to offer informal ideas and tips

SUISEKI Bring along a project, get some machinery help for suiseki daiza with George Reissis (NO COST)

POTTERY classes with Janet Selby. Enquire with Janet at the weekend. (COST workshop fees are on a cost)