

## Invitation

You are invited to join members of Illawarra Bonsai Society at our 23<sup>rd</sup> Weekend Workshops, at the Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops. This year we have a special program featuring Demonstration and workshops by Bonsai artists Sean and Michael Hood.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@illawarrabonsaisociety.org)  
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## The Tops Weekend Workshops 2022



Featuring:

- **Sean and Michael Hood**  
Local Bonsai artist brothers from Newcastle in New South Wales

Pottery and Ceramics by  
Janet Selby and Mudlark Studios

**26 - 28 August 2022**  
The Tops Conference Centre - ACACIA

## Sean and Michael Hood:



Michael and Sean, 2 brothers from Newcastle began bonsai in 1995 working a few days at Alan Weedon's Bonsai Nursery on Lake Macquarie.

They really enjoy going on digs with bonsai mates and working on raw stock as well as refining work on advanced material. Michael won the Central Coast Bonsai Open in 2020 with an Eleagnus, originally a collected piece.

They have both been lucky to have had a few trips to Japan visiting many incredible nurseries. The favourites included Kimura's, Shunka-en, Mansai-en and Omiya Bonsai Village. Other highlights were the growing fields and nurseries of Kinashi Takamatsu, Kokofu and the WBFF were also awesome experiences.

The boys believe that bonsai is a great way to escape everyday stresses and the busy Sydney life, by immersing yourself in and expressing yourself through an ever-changing art form.

\*Please indicate your interest on the Registration Form

## Program

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August

6:00pm	Arrival (Dine beforehand)
8:00pm	Fun Friday – Bonsai in a Box
9:30pm	Supper

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August

7:30am	Breakfast
8:30am	Workshop 1 –Sean Hood Workshop 2 – Michael Hood
12:30pm	Lunch
1:15pm	Workshop 3 – Sean Hood Workshop 4 – Michael Hood Workshop 5 – Brenda Parker
5:15pm	Happy Hour
6:00pm	Dinner
7:30pm	Demonstration – Sean & Michael Hood
10:00pm	Supper

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August

7:30am	Breakfast
8:30am	Workshop 6 – Sean Hood Workshop 7 – Michael Hood
12:30pm	Lunch Representatives from 3 different clubs will be re-designing an old bonsai
1:30pm	
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 diaza with George and John (NO COST)

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

**DAIZAS** Made from stones and hot glue gun. Bring your own stones (Saturday afternoon) Brenda Parker (SMALL COST FOR GLUE STICKS)

**BAMBOO MATS & WATER SCOOPS** Bring some bamboo and black twine or shoe laces. (NO COST) Brenda Parker.