

Golden State Bonsai Federation

Judged Bonsai Competition

Entry Form *required information

Name:* _____

Address:* _____

Phone:* _____

Email: _____

GSBF Club Affiliation:* _____

Entry Information (check one)

Conifer__ Deciduous__ Broad-leaved evergreen__ Shohin__ **Native Species** __

Species of plant* _____, Height in inches* _____

Rules

Any member of a bonsai club that is in good membership standing with the Golden State Bonsai Federation may enter a bonsai in this competition. Entries are limited to one per person. Competitors must be the sole owner of the bonsai entered. Bonsai must be entered by the owner and no other person. Competitors may not be represented by a third party and any awards shall be presented to the owner of the bonsai exclusively.

Cash awards will be made in the amount of \$200 in each of the following categories, **Conifer**, **Deciduous**, **Broadleaved Evergreen**, **Shohin** (**Shohin** – is defined as a bonsai of any species that is 20 centimeters, or less, in size, less the container. Questions regarding qualifying size for an entry shall be submitted to the Chair of the GSBF Judged Bonsai Competition for clarification) and **Native Species** (**Native species** – will be defined as any plant species that is indigenous to the United States). In addition there will be a \$200 award for **People's Choice** (**People's Choice** will be determined by popular vote of the attendees of the Convention). No person shall submit more than a single vote in the People's Choice portion of the Judged Bonsai Competition. Solicitation of votes for the People's Choice Award is strictly forbidden and solicitation of votes may result in the immediate removal from competition of the bonsai and or entrant that is the object of the solicitation. Votes will be counted under public scrutiny by a panel of convention attendees chosen at random. There will also be a \$500 award for **Best of Show** (**Best of Show** – will be selected from the winners of the other categories). Winners for all categories other than People's Choice shall be determined by a panel of judges that shall be the headliners of the Convention Program. The decision of the judges and the popular vote shall be final.

Entry forms will be accepted starting July 1, 2016. Acceptance of entries will be on a first-come-first-served basis until Judged Bonsai Competition Exhibit space is exhausted. Post marks for mailed entries and time/date on email entries shall be used to determine the order of receipt. Entry forms can be mailed to Bob Hilvers, 2339 S. Woodland, Visalia CA 93277 or emailed to bonsaigui@comcast.net.

All bonsai accepted as entries to this competition shall be placed on display at the 2016 Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention to be held in Sacramento, California. All entries must be presented for set-up in the Exhibit no later than 5:00 pm on the opening Thursday of the Convention. All entries must remain in the Exhibit for the duration of the Convention unless other arrangements are approved by the 2016 Convention Committee. Once bonsai have been placed in the exhibit and arranged as determined by the entrant no modification of the tree, its position or accompanying display media shall be permitted until after the Exhibit has been judged. All complimentary display media (stands, plants, scrolls, etc.) shall be the responsibility of the competitor.

I hereby attest that I shall abide by the rules for this competition and that all information submitted herein is true, correct and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation of facts may result in removal from award consideration.

Signature: _____ Date: _____