

The Bob Kataoka Memorial Artist of the Year Award

Purpose

The Bob Kataoka Memorial Artist of the Year Award was established in 1987 by the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society as a tribute to the late Yoshio (Bob) Kataoka, a master bonsai artist, and to the perpetuation of the tradition of excellence that he established in his great collection of living bonsai. This award recognizes members of the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society who have demonstrated a knowledge and practice of the art and horticulture of bonsai through the excellent examples of the bonsai art they have established, designed, and maintained.

Selection Criteria

Article 1: Each year, unless otherwise decided by formal action of the Society, an Artist of the Year shall be selected from among the Society's active membership and his or her selection shall be based on the consistently high quality and artistic merit of bonsai he or she has created and displayed at the Society's Annual Shows and at other functions over a period of years. The merit of the Artist's bonsai shall be such that the Society can take pride in their display in its places of honor.

Article 2: The artist of the Year shall represent the Society by displaying his or her trees in a place or places of honor, to be designated by the Society, at the Society's annual show and at such other events as the Society shall designate.

Article 3: Each year, immediately preceding the annual show or at a time designated by the Society's President, a committee of three persons shall be appointed to select the next Artist of the Year. This Committee shall consist of: (1) The current Chairperson of the Society's Annual show, (2) One former Artist of the Year whose name has been chosen by lot from a pool of all former Artists of the Year who are still active in the Society and are available to participate in the selection process, and (3) One other Society member whose name has been chosen by lot from among those showing trees in the current annual show and who is available to participate in the selection process.

The Selection Committee should give some favor to choosing an Artist of the Year from among Society members who have not previously received the award, but previous recipients may be chosen to receive the award again, especially if they have shown notable advancement in the art or if no other candidates are deemed appropriate. In every case a candidate should be chosen who qualifies in all aspects of Article 1.

The selection process shall take place during and immediately after the current year's annual show, and the current President of the Society and the selected recipient both shall be notified as soon as possible after the current year's annual show, but in any event, not more than one month thereafter. The name of the new Artist of the Year shall be announced at the subsequent Annual Show or at a reception for that show, but will not be announced in advance thereof to anyone not having a need to know, as deemed by the Society's President.

Original date probably 1993 as the selection committee, instead of the previous artist of the year, was defined after the 1993 award selection.

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