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WBFF World Bonsai Photo Contest 2012.

The World Bonsai Friendship Federation announces the beginning of the 2013 WBFF World Bonsai Photo Contest. The Contest is in memory of the WBFF founder, Saburo Kato. The WBFF photo contest originated in 1999 and was initially organized by Tom Shigemitsu, International Director to WBFF and supported by the Nippon Bonsai Association in cooperation with JAL. The contest begins immediately and submissions will be accepted by your regional coordinator until September 1, 2012

Two trophies will be awarded to for the grand prize winner: the “Saburo Kato Memorial Bonsai Trophy” which the winner will be awarded to keep, and a large rotating trophy with his/her name engraved on it which will remain with the winner until the next WBFF contest is held. The awards will be presented at the World Bonsai Convention in China in 2013.

In addition to the grand prize winner, 5 runner up entries will be selected, and 25 additional as “Exceptional”. Each of these 30 entries will also receive special awards. 169 additional entries will each receive “Honorable Mention Entry Certificates”. Thus, 200 trees selected by the judges, representing all 9 regions of WBFF, entered in the contest will receive formal recognition. Photographs of these 200 bonsai entries will be exhibited during WBFF 2013, and a permanent record of the contest entries and winners will be available in full color book which will be available for order at WBFF 2013 and subsequently on the WBFF website.

The “WBFF 2013 Bonsai Photo Contest” will be conducted primarily via the internet. Entry forms and additional information will be available on the websites of each of the 9 world regions of WBFF, and the main WBFF Website as well. Entries submitted to each regional coordinator will be collated and judged following the submission deadline of 1 September, 2012. Each region is then permitted to forward up to 50 world class bonsai entries representing their region for the final judging in November 2012. Final results will be published in 2013 and all 200 photos will be displayed at the World Bonsai Convention in Jintan, China in 2013.

WBFF strongly desires and encourages participation from bonsai lovers from the entire world.