

Bonsai Trees Can Be Grown With Patience

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Jacksonville, Fla. — (UPI) — An ancient, gnarled oak tree sitting on a coffee table is sure to impress visitors. Lilliputian trees can be bought for a handsome price at some nurseries, but a patient person can stunt his own as a hobby with little cost.

The Japanese call this centuries-old art "Bonsai," and for a miniature potted tree to have real beauty, the Orientalists believe it has to be tended for a century. Translating "bon" means shallow pot and "sai" means to plant.

The secret of this dwarfing process is regulated starvation and root pruning, plus a person's own creative touch in shaping the tree. A green thumb is not needed, but the patience of a stamp collector is required.

Cherish
The Japanese cherish the tiny trees — no higher than a foot — as symbols of tranquility in a crowded land, and American hobbyists find growing them relaxing after a hard day's work in this rapid space age era.

Some have found it profit-making hobby, for the Bonsai trees can be sold from \$20 to several hundred dollars.

To begin this fascinating hobby, buy or remove a seedling from the garden and after cutting from one-half to three-quarters of an inch off the bottom of the taproot, place it in a two-inch pot with a drainage hole.

If an evergreen is to be stunted, the pot should contain 50 per cent soil, while flowering trees do better in 20 per cent sand. All mixtures should have 10 per cent leafmold.

Prune
The top should be carefully pruned so the root system can furnish enough food and water to keep the tree alive. Fertilizer should be used only when needed, perhaps twice a year, to keep the miniature within the desired size.

However, the lilliputian should not be considered merely an indoor plant. It must be grown outdoors a major part of the time, generally from spring to fall, but never in severe cold weather. The pot should be placed up to its rim in a protected spot in the garden.

The roots must be kept closely confined to prevent their entering the rich soil from the bottom of the pot and assuming normal growth. New growth should be pinched off just above a bud or branch each spring to control its shape. The taproot must be pruned each spring, also.

The tree can be watered twice weekly, or when the soil is dry, by plunging the pot into a pan of water. It should be left there until air bubbles stop rising to the surface of the water.

Originality
The hobbyist's originality begins when the tree is four years old, or large enough to handle. This is when the tree is shaped to beauty.

To give the tree that centuries-old look, the trunk and branches are wired with copper wire. But it must not be distorted, but bent in a natural curve to give it a wind-blown appearance.

The wire can be left on the tree for about two years, for it won't rust or scar.

If the gnarled, storm-tossed appearance of trees growing in mountainous regions is desired, place a rock under the trunk. Every time the tree is re-potted, leave it a little higher out of the pot. In time, the rock will be at the top of the soil and the heavy roots will cling tightly to the rock.

In a few years a person at little cost — but with a lot of patience and regulated tree starvation — will have a Bonsai tree that can be used as a centerpiece on a table, a feature of a rock garden, at the edge of an outdoor pool, or in many other places.

Demonstration Protests Cuba Stand

Portland — (UPI) — A three-day demonstration against President Kennedy's stand on Cuba was scheduled to get under way around the Pioneer post office here today.

It was to be co-sponsored by the Portland Students for Peace and the Portland Women for Peace. The demonstration was to consist of sign carrying and literature distribution.

Crash Injuries Fatal To Prineville Man

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