

# NATIONAL BONSAI AND PENJING COLLECTION OF AUSTRALIA



## THE CHALLENGE

Create a **larger bonsai pot** for *Callistemon viminalis*,  
Bottlebrush 'Captain Cook' (pictured above)

- Tree year 1982
- Trained since 1986
- Artist Carole Waller

Tree dimensions are:

- 70cm tree height from the top of pot
- 75cm width
- 60cm front to back

Current internal pot dimensions are:

- 11cm height
- 43cm width
- 36cm front to back

## BONSAI POT ACQUISITION PRIZE 2024

The Bonsai Pot Acquisition Prize is to encourage the appreciation of the art of bonsai pottery and to highlight the beauty and functionality of bonsai pots.

The beauty and style of the pot adds to the aesthetics, the emotions evoked and to the way a bonsai is styled and maintained.

## HOW TO ENTER

- Create a bonsai pot and write a 100 word description.
- Pots and entry form must be received by the National Arboretum Canberra by 22 March 2024.
- If pots are couriered, address to:  
  
Attn: Leigh Taafe  
National Arboretum Canberra  
Forest Drive, Molonglo Valley  
ACT 2611
- Late entries will not be accepted.

## KEY DATES

- 06/10/2023** Competition opens
- 22/03/2024** Competition closes
- 22/03/2024** Pot and description received
- 10/04/2024** Competition judging
- 12/04/2024** Winning entries announced



# APPLICATION FORM



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National Bonsai  
and Penjing  
Collection of  
Australia

Date		Name	
Mobile		Email	
Address			

## DESCRIPTION OF POT

 Description will be used for judging and promotional purposes (100 words)

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Promoter is the National Arboretum Canberra (**the Arboretum**), ABN 720397293490. Forest Drive, Molonglo Valley, 2611, ACT.
2. Competition opens 06 October 2023 and ends 22 March 2024.
3. The entrant must be the artist and owner of the pot.
4. One entry per pot. Limit of two pots per artist.
5. Entry is free and open to all Australian residents.\*
6. This competition is a game of skill. Judges will base their decision on the pot's suitability to the *Callistemon viminalis* bonsai as featured; on increased size, balance; artistic merit; aesthetics; practicality and written 100 word description.
7. Three cash prizes will be awarded: 1st prize: \$1000, 2nd prize: \$600 & 3rd prize: \$400.
8. By entering, winners of first, second and third prizes relinquish all propriety rights to their pot. Winners will be acknowledged as the artist and prize winner. The Arboretum has the right to display, store or sell the pots.
9. Entrants may elect to donate their pot regardless of competition outcome, by doing so entrants relinquish all propriety rights and give the Arboretum the right to display, store or sell the pot.
10. As a condition of entry, you agree to transporting the pot at your expense to the Arboretum by Friday 22 March 2024 between the hours of 9am and 4pm. Pots to be collected on Monday 15 April 2024, between 9am and 4pm.
11. Entrants are responsible for the cost, packing and logistics of transporting the pot to and from the Arboretum.
12. Pots not collected by 13 May 2024 will be deemed as a gift to the Arboretum and the National Bonsai & Penjing Collection of Australia (**the Collection**).
13. Selected pots will be on display at the Arboretum from 11 - 14 April 2024. Entered pots are not guaranteed to be on display.
14. Entry is at your own risk. The Arboretum take no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen pots. We recommend the entrant has appropriate insurance.
15. The winning pots are considered a gift to the Collection. The transfer of possessions and title is absolute and unencumbered. Winners will be required to sign transfer papers.
16. The winning artists must be willing and consent to a story and photograph for distribution through traditional media and social media channels.
17. Judging panel will include a member from the Collection Advisory Committee (CAC), the Arboretum, the Collection and an independent external party.
18. Judging will take place at the National Arboretum Canberra on 10 April 2024.
19. The judge's decision is final and no further correspondence shall be entered into.
20. Prize money will be delivered within 60 days of prize announcement.
21. \*Staff of the Collection and members of the CAC are not eligible to enter the competition.
22. Winners will be notified on 12 April 2024. Winners names will be published on the National Arboretum Canberra's website and social media channels.

I agree to donate this pot regardless of competition outcome (optional).

I agree to the above Conditions of Entry

DATE		NAME		SIGNATURE	
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