

Shohin Pot Open

A Premiere Bonsai Pottery Event

Saturday 12th September 9am to 5pm
Sunday 13th September 9am to 4pm

Exhibitor Rules and Guidelines

VENUE: “The Show Room” Mingara Recreational Club, Tumby Umbi NSW

View some of Australia’s best Shohin pots portraying an “Australian” aesthetic.

Proudly presented by
Central Coast Bonsai Club Inc

Shohin Pot Open

In conjunction with the Bonsai Open, the Central Coast Bonsai Club proudly presents the “**Shohin Pot Open**”, a competition open to all Australian ceramic artists.

The **Shohin Pot Open** will be an annual event, held in conjunction with the Bonsai Open.

Shohin pots are a study in themselves. Shohin pots can be elaborately decorated or pure simplicity of form and design.

We intend to promote the art of Bonsai ceramics by bringing together the best Shohin pots in Australia in a display of excellence.

In 2020, cash prizes will be offered in addition to an attractive trophy.

- 1st Prize \$400
- 2nd Prize \$150
- 3rd Prize \$ 75

Shohin Pots will be on display throughout the Bonsai Open along with potter's name and the description supplied by the potter. (Descriptions are to be mounted on firm wide cardboard – maximum size is 13cm by 6cm and must include your name)

Exhibitor Guidelines

Electronic entries must be submitted as outlined by the following process.

1. Creation
2. Selection Process
 - a. Pre-Selection
 - b. Acceptance
3. Confidentiality
4. Important Dates
5. Logistics
6. Judging

1. Creation

Create a pot suitable for a shohin bonsai. The pot must have an Australian aesthetic

Describe the process of designing and making the pot (100 words maximum)

2. Selection Process

The selection process consists of two phases:

- a) Preselection (free)
- b) Acceptance (subject to \$10 fee per entry – if entry is accepted)

a) Pre-Selection

- i. Potters may submit multiple “pre-selection” entries (up to a maximum of 3 Shohin pots) using the designated entry form. No fee is required to apply for Pre-Selection.
- ii. Three (3) photographs (1 – 2MB jpeg) against a plain background must accompany each entry:
 - a. Bottom
 - b. Front
 - c. Side viewAll Photographs are to be clearly labelled to identify the pot, the view shown and the potter.
- iii. Include your description of the process of designing and making the pot .

An application will not be “Accepted” until formal advice is provided by Central Coast Bonsai Club.

b) Acceptance

- i. The Central Coast Bonsai Club selection panel will review applications and advise an applicant if a Shohin Pot is "Accepted" or "Rejected" for exhibition in 2020.
- ii. Upon receiving an offer to exhibit, the applicant will promptly pay a \$10 admission fee per accepted "Shohin Pot". Once the acceptance / admission fee(s) has been paid and all conditions met, the application will be deemed accepted.

3. Confidentiality

To appropriately recognise the skill and artistic capabilities of the Shohin potters, the Central Coast Bonsai Club proposes to publicise owner information relating to each Shohin pot entry submitted.

However, if the Shohin potter does not want their name made public, they should make that request on the entry form.

The Central Coast Bonsai Club reserves the right to use photographs of any Shohin pot entry for future publicity. Ownership details may be divulged in such photographs unless the Shohin Potter has expressed and stated their desire to remain anonymous.

4. Important Dates

- i. Closing date for Pre-Selection entries: 31st July 2020
- ii. No late entries will be accepted.
- iii. Notification of the outcome of the Pre-Selection process: 8th August 2020
- iv. Closing Date for payment of qualifying entries: 20th August 2020
- v. Shohin pots are to be **received by Central Coast Bonsai Club** no later than 31st August 2020

5. Logistics

The Shohin Pot Open will be held in conjunction with the Bonsai Open at Mingara Club, Tumbi Umbi, NSW on Saturday 12th September 2020 from 9am – 5 pm and Sunday 13th September 2020 from 9am to 4pm.

Central Coast Bonsai club will advise applicants of the outcome of the Pre-Selection process by 8th August 2020. Potters then have until 20th August 2020 to pay the entry fee for each Accepted Shohin pot.

The potter shall then securely protect and package each pot and send the package(s) it by registered post to:
Central Coast Bonsai Club
c/- 6 Timber Cutter Avenue
Terrigal NSW 2260

The package will also contain:

- Return packaging, full return address details and registered postage included
- A white firm cardboard sign (maximum size 13cm by 6cm) stating your description of the creation and design of the pot (as submitted in the Entry process). Include your name on this sign unless you have requested your entry remain anonymous.

Accepted Shohin pots should be posted in sufficient time such that they are received well prior to 31 August 2020. Entries received after this date will not be accepted.

6. Judging

Judging will be conducted by two independent judges after all Shohin pots have been set up and the area vacated on Friday evening 11th September 2020. All judges' decisions will be final, and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

Pre-Selection Entry Form
(One Shohin Pot per entry)

Preselection Registration

Name:

Email No:

Address:

Phone No:.....

I confirm:

- i. The Shohin pot submitted in this entry form has been designed and made solely by me;
- ii. The attached photographic images are a true representation of the Shohin Pot.
- iii. If my application is accepted, I will promptly pay the \$10 entry fee.
- iv. If my application is accepted I will not hold Central Coast Bonsai Club liable for any cost or loss incurred during or as a result of this exhibition, including damage or loss incurred during transport.
- v. Substitution of an Accepted Shohin Pot is not permitted.
- vi. It is my responsibility to deliver "accepted" Shohin Pots to the Central Coast Bonsai club at the nominated address prior to the close off date nominated in these guidelines. I understand that Central Coast Bonsai Club will return the pot as soon as possible after the event using the prepaid and prelabelled package I supply to them.
- vii. I understand that "accepted exhibits" cannot be removed before the formal event closure.
- viii. Judges at the time of publication are expected to be Mr Joe Morgan-Payler and an independent ceramic artist. If circumstances change, the name of the judge(s) will be amended by the Central Coast Bonsai Club. No dispute over judging results will be entered into.
- ix. All Central Coast Bonsai Club decisions are final and not subject to discussion or negotiation.
- x. I understand Central Coast Bonsai Club intend to identify the name of the potter of each Shohin pot. By placing a tick in the following box, I wish to keep my identity confidential and not stated for the Shohin pot governed by this entry.

I want my identity to be kept confidential in relation to this particular Shohin pot entry.
- xi. I permit Central Coast Bonsai Club Inc free perpetual right to use photographs of my entry for future publicity.
- xii. Central Coast Bonsai club reserves the right to amend these rules and guidelines as appropriate.

Signed:.....

Email "Pre Selection entries", accompanying photographs and descriptions to
shohinopen@centralcoastbonsai.com.au