

The Art of Bonsai

Welcome to Pacific Bonsai Museum! Today you will explore what makes bonsai such a special art form. Have fun!

For every bonsai you see today make a tally or check mark under its style.



Formal Upright

A single trunk that rises in a straight line.



Informal Upright

A single curved trunk with then top and bottom of the tree in a line.



Slanting

A straight or curved trunk, grown on a slant, with the top to one side of the base.



Semi-Cascade

A straight or curved trunk reaching out and sometimes down.



Cascade

Most of the trunk drops below the soil line and may be below the bottom of the pot.



Group Planting

A grove or forest of trees in a shallow pot.

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Choose your favorite bonsai. Draw it here:

Pay attention to which style it is and the lines of the trunk and branches.

What feelings does this piece bring out in you?

What story is the scene of your bonsai telling?

Art Creation: Go to the Art Station under the tent. Follow the instructions provided to create your own bonsai inspired art piece and take home your own living bonsai!