

Dig In Class Itinerary



I can't wait to see you all for an inspiring and hands-on bonsai experience! I've included a detailed itinerary so you know what to expect during our class. I welcome any questions so please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Im excited to welcome you into my garden for a fun day of bonsai.

ARRIVAL & MORNING COFFEE

Address & Parking

My address is: 8937 Bedford Ave., Fair Oaks, CA 95628
Phone: 916-531-7953
Please park on the street, you can access my garden from
the side gate to the left of the house.

Welcome

The left-side gate will be open starting at 8:30 AM, and yes—fresh coffee and donuts will be waiting for you! Arrive early if you'd like some quiet time to walk the yard and explore my personal bonsai collection. It's a great opportunity to get inspired, spark your creativity, and maybe come up with a few questions before we officially begin.







Bonsai Tour

At 9:00 sharp, we'll kick things off with a guided tour of the collection. I have over 75 bonsai, ranging from tiny to towering—including trees that are just 3 years old to others that are over 300 years old!

You'll see:

- Forest plantings
- · Flowering bonsai
- Fruit-bearing varieties
- Trident maples, pines, and much more.

This a rare chance to see such diversity and age up close

Root Over Rock

Please have your rock ready for our root-over-rock exercise. I will be proving your maple sapling.

You'll also have access to a few practice project trees, perfect for getting past any nerves about making cuts. This is where your skills and creativity come to life!

Nursery Trip

After our root-over-rock exercise we'll head to <u>Green Acres Nursery</u> in Folsom to pick out plants for those interested in creating their own bonsai tree.

This part is completely optional—you're not required to buy anything. If you do choose to purchase a plant, expect to spend around \$25-\$35.







Lunch

We'll break midday for a make-your-own sandwich lunch, featuring:

- Sandwich rolls & croissants
- Roast beef, turkey, ham
- Assorted cheeses
- Tomato, lettuce, onion
- Chips
- Green salad

Feel free to bring anything else you'd like to share or add!

Trimming a Bonsai Tree

After lunch you can start to work on any plants you purchased or you can help others in the class work on trimming their plants.

This is the time to ask questions and get advice. Remember that bonsai is about the journey!

After Care

Proper aftercare is essential for your bonsai tree's recovery and long-term health.

We'll cover some basic aftercare during our class, and you'll receive detailed instructions to guide you afterward.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What should I wear?

A: Wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing. Since we'll be working outdoors, please dress accordingly.

Q: What if it rains?

A: Class will still be held, rain or shine.

Q: What should I bring?

A: Bring your bonsai tools, training pots, a rock, and gardening gloves if you have them. I'll provide bottled water, but feel free to bring your own as well.

Q: How long is the class?

A: The class lasts about 5 hours, with lunch included.

Q: What if I don't have all the supplies?

A: You may be able to share—some students bring extra—but it's best to come prepared with your own materials.

Q: How do I pay my class fee?

A: You can pay your \$25 fee via Venmo or cash.



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