



BE A PART OF AMERICAN HISTORY
We need your help!! Every single one of you!

We are pleased to announce that after a year of research and study, we have submitted a proposal to the United States Postal Service (USPS) to issue a stamp featuring bonsai trees.

A USPS American bonsai stamp? Yes! Yes! We can have it, but every one of us needs to let the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee know we want it. Please print and circulate the attached petition or write one in your own words, just be sure to mention you are supporting the proposal written by Eunice Corp for an American Bonsai stamp, and state some reasons why American bonsai should be commemorated.

The postal service receives about 50,000 proposals a year, and only issues twenty-five stamps a year. When a proposal is received it goes before a reviewing committee to see that it meets the criteria set by the postal service, one of these criteria is that it is 'American mainstream' - hence my efforts needed a lot of research to convince the screening committee that an oriental art, with a Japanese name, is American mainstream!

But YEA! We did it! The screening committee approved the proposal to be forwarded to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee! (CSAC): An elite group of fifteen members, including people such as Joan Mondale (wife of Walter), actors, congressmen, history professors, noted artists, etc. This group may or may not recommend it to the postmaster general, who makes the final decision. We are optimistic that it will make it. When We started the proposal We sent it to bonsai people to edit, but they were not answering the questions We needed answered, they were too much into bonsai. So then we formed a committee of "lay" people: an English teacher, a proposal writer, a physician, an attorney and two architects. They quickly alerted me what they needed to know about bonsai that was American. The proposal has ten footnotes, mostly authentic websites. (A special thank you to Judith King of Washington DC and Tim Liu of Honolulu, Hawaii for the magnificent final editing!)

Fifteen booklets were created, one for each member of CSAC, the booklet includes; the proposal, some pictures of bonsai, photos of stamps from other countries, John Naka biography (because we referred to the John Naka pavilion in Washington D.C.) written by Marybelle Balendock (printed by kind permission from her), a map showing the density of bonsai clubs in the US and its territories, and a short biography of me - just to validate that I have credible bonsai knowledge.

My club's* web master (Deb Kennedy) wants to work on our Sakura Bonsai Club web site, so that people can download the proposal and petitions on the site, and receive the latest information about the stamp. However, Deb is having carpal tunnel surgery and cannot work on the site right now, in meantime we are sending out this news release.

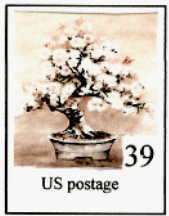
*(Sakura Bonsai Society of Northern Michigan)

We will not have any input about the design of the stamp; the postal service graphic arts department will create that. Nor will we (Eunice Corp) receive any honors or notification from them or anyone else. We will not even be notified if it is accepted, we will just have to read it on the post office web site to learn about it at the same time the rest of the world learns about it. This is to honor all of our trees and bonsai in general and not an individual!

Use the other petition for organizations, including your bonsai club president and board. Also, request signed petitions from your local art council, philatelic groups, church groups, garden clubs, Ikebana groups, your congressmen, your governor, and any other notable persons or groups you can think of. Letters in their own words on their stationary or letterhead will be most impressive. Address and send the petitions to:

Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee
C/O Stamp Development
U.S. Postal Service
1735 N. Lynn St, Suite 5013
Arlington, Virginia 22209-6432

Your participation is appreciated.
Thank you for your contribution to American bonsai!
Eunice Corp



August 19 2006

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee Attn: Re: American Bonsai Stamp
% U.S. Postal Service, Stamp Services
173 North Lynn Street, Suite 5013
Arlington, Virginia 22209--- 6432

Subject: Petition supporting:
 Commemorative postage stamp for American Bonsai Tree(s)

Dear Members of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee:

We, the Board Members of fully support the proposal to issue a postage stamp featuring American Bonsai.

Bonsai has been practiced in the United States and some of its territories for over a century. There are many American artist that are recognized world-wide for their skill.

There is a bonsai arboretum in Washington DC, and the north American pavilion is named for one of these artist, the famous American bonsai master, John Naka. The most famous bonsai in the world was created by John Naka, and it can be found in that arboretum. Hundreds of visitors view the magnificent bonsai trees every year in all of the arboretum.

All 50 states, Puerto Rico and Guam have bonsai clubs. There are hundreds of clubs across the country, with thousands of members. Additionally, there are regional, national and international clubs over the individual clubs, that support several bonsai journals.

Eighteen other countries have issued a bonsai stamp.

Any art, and the art of bonsai is no exception, brings people together and creates friendships. A bonsai stamp would alert the world to the friendship of the United States.

Respectfully,

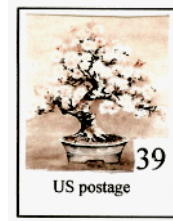
Signature, title

Organization Name

Address, telephone and email.

Be a Part of American Bonsai History! Sign this petition to create:

THE FIRST AMERICAN BONSAI Stamp



DATE: August 19, 2006
(proposal created by Eunice L Corp, Founder of Sakura Bonsai Society of Northern Michigan, Traverse City, MI.)

TO: Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee (Attn: Re: American Bonsai Stamp)
C/O Stamp Development
U.S. Postal Service
1735 N. Lynn St Room 5013
Arlington, VA 22209-6432

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF USPS COMMEMORATIVE. STAMP Of AMERICAN BONSAI

Petition:

We, the undersigned, endorse the proposition created by Eunice Corp of Michigan, for the USPS to issue a commemorative stamp(s) featuring American bonsai trees.

SIGN THIS PETITION

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