

****LOCAL PICKUP ONLY****

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~~ Open/Close Times ~~

Auction will start from 11/20/2020 at 5:00pm and end 11/24/2020 at 5:00pm.

~~ PARAMETERS ~~

This auction is intended for bonsai and bonsai/plant related items. This auction is a local auction. Local BSD members will be able to post items up for auction; members and non-members will be able to bid, however all items must be available for local pick-up (no shipping). All transactions must be able to be picked up in Dallas/Tarrant and surrounding counties. It is recommended for sellers and buyers to arrange a neutral meeting place, or porch pickup to avoid contact during this pandemic. If you would like to become a member so that you can post in the auction, go to <https://bonsaisocietyofdallas.com/> to activate or renew membership.

Once the auction is over, BSD will send the winning party a PayPal invoice. After payment is made, the seller will be notified immediately of payment completion. Funds will be dispersed to the sellers within two weeks' time. Items that have a retail value of \$50USD or more will be sold at a 80/20 split; 80% of the final bid amount will be sent to the seller and 20% will be donated to the Bonsai Society of Dallas.

Items up for auction that have a retail value of under \$50USD will be classified as a club donation. Check eBay, Amazon, etc. before listing. Seedlings and smaller items can be grouped into one post if desired. Any sickly or unhealthy tree will be removed. Collected material should show proof of life and be at least 8 months from collection. Please mention collection date. This auction will be monitored by the club board members and any questions or comments are welcome at any time.

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RULES:

1.) Auctions will start on Tuesday 11/20/2020 at 5:00 PM Central Time (Items go live immediately) and will end on 11/24/2020 at 5:00 PM Central Time. The last bid with a Facebook timestamp of 4:59 PM Central Time counts towards being the winning bid. There is a minimum bid increase of \$1. If a bid is placed during the final minute of the auction, it will extend for an additional 5 minutes. Once 5 minutes passed with no bids the auction will end. If another bid is placed within those 5 minutes, the auction extends for an additional 5. This feature helps reduce sniping. See below for examples.

BID WAR EXAMPLES:

(This feature is only activated by a bid with a Facebook timestamp of 4:59 PM Central Time.)

~ Example A: If Josh places a bid for \$150 on 11/24 at 4:59, a bid war is activated, and the auction extends for an additional 5 minutes. If no bid is posted by 5:05 PM Central Time, Josh wins for \$150.

~ Example B: Andre places a bid on 11/24 for \$150 at 4:59 PM Central Time (stamped by Facebook), a bid war is activated, and the auction extends 5 minutes. Josh places a bid at 5:06 for \$160. Josh's bid does not count, and Andre wins for \$150. Had Josh's bid had a timestamp of 5:05, he would have won.

~ Example C: Ryan places a bid of \$150 for an item on 11/24 at 4:59 PM Central Time, a bid war is activated. At 5:02 Randy places a bid of \$160 so it extends an additional 5 minutes. At 5:05 Josh places a bid of \$165, it extends for another 5. At 5:11 Randy places a bid of \$170. Randy's last bid is not valid, and Josh is the winner for \$165. Randy's bid was placed after the bidding war ended. Randy's bid would have to have a timestamp of 5:10 or earlier to count. On a computer, you can hover your pointer and see the exact timestamp.

2.) Bids in the form of a reply to a previous bid/comment are NOT valid, as they are too easily missed by other bidders, especially during a bid war. Each valid bid must be in the form of a new comment on the original listing. Bids made as comments on an individual photograph will likewise be considered invalid.

3.) Bonsai and explicitly related items only! This includes Yamadori, quality plants specially grown for bonsai, pots, stands, scrolls/paintings, tools, and other bonsai/plant specific items. If you are unsure whether your item is suitable, send a message to president@bonsaisocietyofdallas.com.

4.) Once you bid, purchaser is locked and cannot back out. Buyers and sellers cannot remove, retract, or delete bids for ANY reason. Changing your mind, deciding money is tight, etc. are NOT legitimate reasons that prevent the winning bidder from completing the purchase. If you would like to remove a bid, please contact a president@bonsaisocietyofdallas.com. If a buyer/seller removes a bid without permission, the bid will be placed back on the item until someone out bids previous bid or communication is made with president@bonsaisocietyofdallas.com and approval for removal is made. Failure by either buyer or seller to follow through outside of the reasons listed above will be arbitrated by Bonsai Society of Dallas board members.

5.) If you have questions or concerns about an auction item, private message the seller instead of commenting on the listing. Clutter on listing will be deleted by a Bonsai Society of Dallas board members. Please do not comment on individual pictures in an album, as it separates them from the main listing.

6.) Reserves are optional. Reserves must be at least \$100. If you use a reserve, please PM Joshua Murphree with the amount so it can be noted. That way, if anyone has any question as to a reserve being met, we will have it on file. If you decide you want to remove a reserve, you need permission from Bonsai Society of Dallas board member and high bidder. Once you have permissions you should write reserve met on your auction. If you want to change a reserve (before it has been met) you need to PM Joshua Murphree prior to doing so. Once the reserve is met please write "Reserve met" ASAP so bidders know. If a dispute or complication arises due to failure on behalf of the seller to submit a reserve, the high bidder will win item and Bonsai Society of Dallas board members will work with seller and bidder to resolve.

7.) All listings from the auction will be deleted by Bonsai Society of Dallas board members. Please do not delete your own item(s) in case a dispute arises following the auction. We recommend both sellers and buyers take screenshots of things sold/bought prior to payment.

*How to take a screenshot on a Windows computer: <https://www.wikihow.com/Take-a-Screenshot-in-Microsoft..>

*How to take a screenshot on a Mac: <https://www.wikihow.com/Take-a-Screenshot-on-a-Mac>

8.) You are not allowed to tag a business or your personal page, share a post from your page, or post a link to any page during the auction. It will be removed, and if you put it back bids will be removed. It is ok to tag your friends if you think they may be interested in an item.

9.) Sending out spam or unsolicited private messages to members containing links or promoting a business, etc. is not tolerated.

10.) If you place an item up for auction, you cannot put it on eBay or any other auction/sale site at the same time.

11.) Once an auction is posted it cannot be seriously modified. Adding additional details such as dimensions, age, collection date, origin, etc is OK. The following cannot be added after a bid has been placed: Adding or changing a reserve, changing the starting bid amount, or any change that could prevent clear understanding of what is being sold.

12.) Winners must make payments to Bonsai Society of Dallas promptly. Once payment is received, BSD will notify seller that the tree is clear for pickup. At that point, the seller and winner will privately message each other to decide arrangement for collection. Should a winner require extra time to pay, there must be a written agreement with Bonsai Society of Dallas and seller ahead of time.

13.) We ask that sellers only use images which they have taken themselves. In the case of live plants, the images should also be as recent as possible. This is to ensure that sellers physically have the item(s) in their possession and that the images most accurately represent the item(s). Sample images should never be used, except with items like drainage mesh, soil, etc. where variation is small and inconsequential. Even then, we ask that sellers mention that the images represent a sample. Descriptions should be the original work of sellers as much as possible and photos should be your own.

14.) Please note that we will not tolerate the sale of illegally imported plants. Those who would flout federal law and risk ecological disaster for personal gain have no place in our community. If we suspect you may be offering illegally imported or exported trees, we will request that you show your USDA APHIS-PPQ permit(s) or equivalent.

Have a great time and enjoy the auction! If you have any questions/concerns, please call or message Joshua Murphree at 469-487-3742 or email at president@bonsaisocietyofdallas.com.