

2022 TAUNTON BONSAI CLUB AUCTION RULES

This is a reminder of the Club Auction on Wednesday, 9 February 2022

1. It would help us immensely in planning and running the auction if you could let us know in advance the items you wish to put in the auction, preferably by sending in photos.
2. You can submit your photos by responding to this email or by text to 07789004493
3. We are compiling a catalogue of lots in advance of the auction, including photos. [View here](#)
4. Some members have already responded with pledges of donations or commission based 'lots' for the evening. We need as many pledges as possible to make a good evening so please give some thought in advance and submit photos if possible. Any 3 bonsai related items can be brought along.
5. We will be opening up for 6.45pm to set out the layout for the auction so volunteers to set tables out will be greatly appreciated.
6. Could members wishing to participate in the auction try to aim for 7.00pm for booking in?
7. Also note that while selling is for members only you may join/re-join on the evening if you have not yet done so.

How the auction will operate

1. The devised format worked well for the last 5 years so it will run on the same lines as before.
2. The auction is restricted to Taunton club members only to sell but non-club members are welcome to attend and bid on lots if interested.
3. Each member can bring into the hall up to 3 items that he or she wishes to auction. Small pots can be grouped together if required as 1 'lot' as opposed to individual 'lots'.
4. If time permits and you have more 'goodies' in your car you wish to auction, these can be brought into the hall at the end of the session.
5. All items to be auctioned must be bonsai related. They can be bonsai as young starter material or even specimen bonsai, pots, books, tools etc. Please make sure there are no weeds and clean pots will make the item more attractive to the buyer!

THERE WILL BE 2 CATEGORIES.

- a. The item is donated to the club, so all the proceeds go to club funds.
 - b. The item is to be auctioned with the proceeds going to the seller after a commission of 10% being deducted going to the club funds. (You can place a reserve on the item when booking in if required).
6. All items being bid upon and won by the highest bidder must be paid for on the night.
 7. We will collect money from bidders first then pay out to the sellers afterwards to make it easier for administration.
 8. All payments will be CASH ONLY so please bring plenty of cash
 9. Any private sales won will result in the bidder paying by 2 payments or cash at the rate of 90% to the seller and 10% to the club.
 10. As you bring your trees in a draw ticket will be given to each 'lot', so please be patient as we do the administration.
 11. When the auction starts a ticket will be drawn out and that 'lot' will be auctioned. This will randomise the order of lots which is a fair way to run the evening so no one member gets all their items bid upon in a row or all at the start or end of the auction.
 12. Let's make this a great fun evening for everyone, donators, sellers and buyers. The previous years have raised additional club funds running these events. I am determined to continue to make my idea a success, but it needs all the members to contribute to put it into reality.
 13. So put your spare cash into your pockets for the evening, some great trees, books, pots etc. went at bargain prices in previous years from as low as 25p, and some very good high prices as well!
 14. Just a final reminder – please submit photos by responding to this email or text to 07789 004493

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