



2026 US National Tropical Bonsai Exhibition Shohin Pot Competition Outline & Schedule

Pots

1. All pots must be **handmade** from US based artists Ceramic, **NO** 3D Printed pot
2. Potters outside the US and Puerto Rico can be displayed **but will not** be judged.
3. All pots will be sized for shohin tree
4. Categories include Glazed, Unglazed, Hand Painted and Hand Carved.
5. Each potter can submit up to a maximum of 3 Pots per category. (Maximum of 12 pots)
6. Each entry must include an information sheet and 6 color photos (front, back, left, right, top and bottom)
7. Maximum dimension cannot exceed 8 inches
8. Pot requires adequate drainage.
9. Pot must be submitted by the Potter who made it. No third-party entries.
10. Pots may be sold at the end of the exhibition (direct transaction between the potter and the buyer)

Awards

1. 1st Place per each category- \$400, custom scroll and a mention in the ABS Magazine
2. 2nd Place in each category - - \$300, custom scroll and a mention in the ABS Magazine
3. 3rd Place in each category - \$200, custom scroll and a mention in the ABS Magazine
4. All winners will have the opportunity to exhibit their winning pots at the 2027 ABS National Show in Rochester, NY

Schedule

1. Completed entry forms must be submitted to shohinpot@usnationaltropicalbonsaiexhibition.com no later than 1200am CDT 7/15/2026. No entries will be accepted after 7/15/2026.
2. No fee is required at the initial submission.
3. Best 80 Pots will be accepted into the Exhibit.
4. Initial submission must include completed entry.
5. 1st Stage Judging will be managed by Sara Raynor and Roy Minarai by 8/1/2026. Entries will be notified of acceptance by 8/7/2026.
6. Once an entry is accepted, the \$60 Entry Fee per entry must be paid for
7. Entry Fee for Accepted Pots will be \$60.00 each.
8. Final judging will be at the exhibition.
9. Potters will be responsible for delivery and set up at the US National Tropical Exhibition on Thursday September 3/ 9am–5pm and Friday September 4 / 8am-Noon.
10. Potters will be responsible for removing their pots from the display area by Sunday September 6 / 6pm.

