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### Boon Manakitivipart ("Bonsai Boon")

Bonsai Boon is a premier American bonsai artist, teacher, and Nippon Certified Professional based in California. Known for elevating North American bonsai standards, he trained in Japan and offers expert-level workshops, a Bonsai Boon online club, and Boon Manakitivipart tool sales. He is recognized for his structured approach to teaching and creating high-quality, award-winning trees.



#### Key Facts About Boon Manakitivipart:

- \* Background: One of the first foreign apprentices accepted in Japan, he is a certified professional under the Nippon Bonsai Association.
- \* Bonsai Boon located in Sacramento, California
- \* Teaching & Education: He founded Bay Island Bonsai to teach, emphasizing, "If the tree isn't healthy, you've got nothing". His teaching focuses on a step-by-step system for both beginners and advanced artists. Bay Island Bonsai has been inactive. It will be started again soon
- \* Specialty: He is highly regarded for his work on Pine, junipers and various varieties of trees around the world.
- \* He created and popularization of a specialized soil mix ("Boon Mix"). It has been used by professional artists.
- \* Awards: He won the 1995 Ben Oki International Design Award, and his trees were recognized in the top 100 entries of the World Bonsai Contest in 2000, 2001, and 2002.
- \* His work focuses on training trees to appear natural rather than over-styled, often emphasizing long-term care and development over rapid styling.