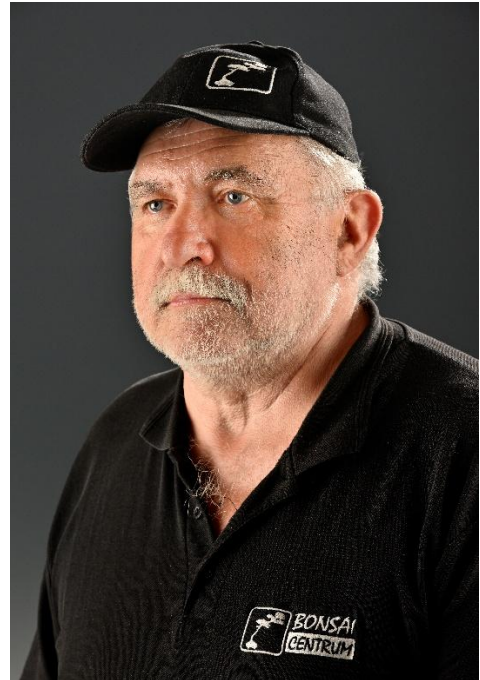




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### **Vaclav Novak: A Bonsai Visionary and Global Ambassador**

Vaclav Novak, born on January 27, 1952, has lived a life dedicated to the art of bonsai. His journey from a technical college student to a renowned bonsai expert is a testament to his passion and commitment.

After completing his studies in water transport at the technical college, Vaclav began his career as a machine operator on a boat on the Labe river. He later worked in a glass factory in Libochovice before returning to his love for boats. However, in 1990, his life took a momentous turn when he established the Bonsai Centrum in his hometown of Libochovice. Together with his partner, Karel Kalouš, Vaclav set up gardens, nurtured a nursery, and, of course, cultivated bonsai trees.

As his passion for bonsai grew, Vaclav decided to devote himself entirely to the art of bonsai from 1999 onwards. He immersed himself in the world of bonsai and honed his skills, becoming a true master of the craft.

Vaclav Novak's influence and expertise in bonsai have transcended national borders. He has organized seminars, demonstrations, and exhibits of his bonsai trees not only in the Czech Republic but also in countries around the world. His talent has been showcased in England, France, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Spain, Poland, Slovakia, Mexico, South Africa, Brazil, the USA, Vietnam, China, and many more.

His interest in bonsai was sparked by a lecture given by Mr. Hideo Kato from Japan during an event in Prague in 1982. What began as a hobby soon transformed into Vaclav's life's work, solidifying his place as a distinguished figure in the global bonsai community.



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Vaclav Novak's dedication to bonsai extended beyond his personal pursuits. In 1990, he co-founded the Bonsai Club Libochovice, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie among bonsai enthusiasts in the region. His passion for bonsai and desire to promote its artistry and culture led to the establishment of the Czech Bonsai Association in 1997, with Vaclav elected as its president. This move marked the beginning of a profound impact on the development of bonsai in the Czech Republic and its integration into the European Bonsai Association (EBA) in 1998.

Notably, Vaclav's contributions were recognized at the 19th EBA-ESA Congress held in Jihlava in 2003, which was successfully arranged by the Czech Bonsai Association. His dedication to promoting the art and culture of bonsai was further acknowledged when he was elected as a technical adviser and board member of the EBA during the 20th EBA Congress in San Marino in May 2004.

Vaclav Novak's passion for bonsai and his commitment to sharing his knowledge have earned him the esteemed positions of BCI (Bonsai Clubs International) instructor and BCI director, further establishing his role as a global ambassador for bonsai.

Vaclav Novak's journey from a young student fascinated by bonsai to an internationally acclaimed expert and ambassador is an inspiring testament to the power of passion, dedication, and the profound impact of a shared love for the art of bonsai.



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