**Bonsai References – the Short List**

***Wonderful Bonsai Books:***

* ***Four Seasons of Bonsai.*** Kyuzo Murata-- Many experienced bonsai people will tell this is their favorite bonsai book of all. Why? Because Murata’s 280 full-color photographs of truly beautiful bonsai and much more humble plants styled and shown using the principles of bonsai design show you how to see bonsai and why we love it. Source: Start with Amazon. There were several editions. <https://www.amazon.com/Four-Seasons-Bonsai-Kyuzo-Murata/dp/4770021208>
* ***Forest, Rock Planting & Ezo Spruce Bonsai.*** Saburo Kato--The best book on how to create a forest or rock planting, by a great Japanese master. The National Bonsai Foundation received Mr. Kato’s permission to publish it in English.

Source: Stone Lantern has it on sale as of this writing:

<https://stonelantern.com/products/forest-rock-planting-ezo-spruce-bonsai-by-saburo-kato>

* ***Classical Bonsai Art: A Half-Century of Bonsai Study--***William Valavanis. Design, display, and culture of deciduous, evergreen, and flowering bonsai with full-color photographs of many of the trees over many years so you can see the tree develop. (For example, nine photographs of a maple from 1989 through 2012.) Source: Borrow it from the BRBS Library. Keep looking to find a copy you can buy. It is currently out of print with no copies on Amazon. Originally available from International Bonsai (Valavanis’s website.)

***Best Bonsai Magazine:***

***Bonsai Focus*** --- Best magazine on bonsai, available in print and digital versions, published bi-monthly in the Netherlands: <https://www.bonsaifocus.com/us/e-magazines/>

***Online: Bonsai Blogs and Newsletters:***

The Bonsai Society of Portland has videos on seasonal care at: <https://www.portlandbonsai.org/videos-and-galleries>

Ryan Neil:<https://bonsaimirai.com/blog> For his YouTube channel, go to <https://www.youtube.com/> , then search for “ryan neil bonsai youtube”.

Michael Hagedorn: <https://crataegus.com/blog/>

Jonas Dupuich*:*: <https://bonsaitonight.com/> **Subscribe to this!.**

Andrew Robson: <https://www.rakuyobonsai.com/blog>

Wayne Schoech at Stone Lantern: <https://stonelantern.com/blogs/bonsai-bark>

***More Online Help*** : The following links are already available on the ***Tips, Advice, and More*** page of our own Blue Ridge Bonsai Society website: <https://www.blueridgebonsaisociety.com/tips-advice-more> **Boon’s Tips:** What to do in every month of the year and **Two wiring demonstrations by** Jonas Dupuich**.**

***Japan Bonsai Tours***

Led by Bjorn Bjorholm: <http://www.bjornbjorholm.com/japan-bonsai-tours/>

Led by Bill Valavanis: <http://www.internationalbonsai.com/page/1449251>