

When the Clubs and Associations Were Founded Known Founding Dates of Various Clubs Around the World

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2023	
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2018	UK Bonsai Association (UK, October)
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2014	Lietuvos bonsai (LITHUANIA)
2013	Bonsai Club of Thessaloniki (GREECE); Lebanese Bonsai Club (LEBANON); Munster Bonsai Club (IRELAND); Suikerbos Bonsai Kai Heidelberg (SOUTH AFRICA)
2012	
2011	Southern Highlands Bonsai Group (AUSTRALIA, June)
2010	Bowie Senior Bonsai Club (MD)
2009	Bonsai Society at the Royal Botanical Gardens (CANADA, October); Bonsai Society of South Jersey (NJ, April); Nebraska Bonsai Society (NE)
2008	Valley Bonsai Society (CA, February)
2007	Blackmore Vale Bonsai Group (ENGLAND, October)
2006	Redlands Bonsai Society (AUSTRALIA)
2005	Mohawk Valley Bonsai Club (NY, July)
2004	Dalmatinski bonsai klub (CROATIA); Eda Uchi Kai (BELGIUM); Passion Bonsai Club (FRANCE)
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2002	Havana Bonsai Group (CUBA); Mississippi Gulf Coast Bonsai Society (MS, March)
2001	Broward Bonsai Society (FL); Cape Fear Bonsai Society (NC); Goldfields Bonsai Society (AUSTRALIA); Knoxville Bonsai Society (TN); Southern Arizona Bonsai Enthusiasts (AZ)
2000	Bonsai Society of Scottsdale (AZ)
1999	Bangladesh Bonsai Society (BANGLADESH)
1998	Bay Island Bonsai (CA); China Trade Bonsai Society (CT); Club Bonsai Bolivia (BOLIVIA); Inland Empire Bonsai Society (WA, Fall); Pakistan Bonsai Society (PAKISTAN, August); Polish Bonsai Club (POLAND); Taiwan Bonsai Creators Association (TAIWAN)
1997	Bonsai Society of the Central Coast, Inc. (AUSTRALIA); Le Renouveau du Bonsai (FRANCE); Czech Bonsai Association (CBA) (CZECH REPUBLIC)
1996	Asociacion Dominican de Bonsai (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC)
1995	Akron-Canton Bonsai Society (OH); Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai (CA); Boise Bonsai Society (ID)
1994	Bay Area Bonsai Society (WI); Enfield Bonsai Group (UK, later as North London Bonsai Group); Sociedade Brasileira De Bonsai (BRAZIL)
1993	Avon Bonsai Society (NEW ZEALAND); Berkshire Bonsai Society (UK); Norsk Bonsaiselskap (NORWAY); North Bay Bonsai Society (CANADA); Rio Grande Valley Bonsai Society (TX); The Vale Of Clwyd Bonsai Society (WALES)
1992	Bonsai Club of Payson (AZ); Sale Bonsai Club (AUSTRALIA, March)
1991	African Bonsai Association (SOUTH AFRICA); Asociacion Bonsai de Panama (PANAMA); Bonsai Culture Group (MALTA); Israel Bonsai Club (ISRAEL); Latin American Bonsai Federation; New Zealand Bonsai Association (NEW ZEALAND)
1990	Bonsai Club Libochovice (CZECHOSLOVAKIA); Bury St Edmunds And Cambridge Bonsai Club (ENGLAND); Sakura Bonsai Society of Northern Michigan (MI)

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1989	Bonsai Club Kosice (SLOVAKIA); Bonsai Society of Collier County (FL); Bonsai Society of Saint Lucia (ST. LUCIA); Cape Cod Bonsai Club (MA); Cardiff Bonsai Club (WALES, September); Charlotte Ichiban Bonsai Kai (FL, April); Great River Bonsai Society (IA); Lake Charles Bonsai Society (LA); World Bonsai Friendship Federation
1988	Bairnsdale Bonsai Group (AUSTRALIA); Bonsai Society of Greater Springfield (MA, then Pioneer Valley Bonsai Society); China Penjing Artists Association (CHINA); Deep Cut Bonsai Society (NJ, April); Malaysia Bonsai and Suiseki Society (MALAYSIA); Northeast Pennsylvania Bonsai Society (PA, June); Peninsula Bonsai Society (VA); Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai (CA, January); South Staffs Bonsai Society (1988)
1987	Amis du Bonsai Plaisir (FRANCE); Bowmanville Bonsai Club (CANADA, then Matsuyama Bonsai Society); Central Oklahoma Bonsai Society (OK, April); Cheshire Bonsai Society (ENGLAND); Fédération Française de Bonsai (FRANCE, September); Pikes Peak Bonsai Society (CO, May); Quad City Bonsai Club (IL/IA)
1986	Les amis du Bonsai (Le Mans, FRANCE); Central Virginia Bonsai Society (VA); Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai (CA, January); Northern Ireland Bonsai Society (NORTHERN IRELAND); Svenska Bonsaisällskapet (SWEDEN)
1985	Bonsai Club of Chile (CHILE); Club Palois du Bonsai (FRANCE); Fort Worth Bonsai Society (TX, April); Kent Bonsai Club (ENGLAND, Summer); Korean Bonsai Association (SOUTH KOREA); Oyama Bonsai Kai (WC, SOUTH AFRICA)
1984	Bonsai Club Belluno (ITALY, January); Bonsai Club du Lyonnais (FRANCE); Club Bonsai Guayaquil (EQUADOR); Klerksdorp Bonsai Kai (SOUTH AFRICA, then Wag-'n-bietjie Bonsai Kai (WBBK) in Sept 2023); Mei-Hwa Penjing Society (MD); Ottawa Bonsai Society (ONT, CANADA)
1983	Bimer Bonsai Club (AUSTRALIA, February); Dusseldorf Bonsai Society (GERMANY); Hamamatsu Aiseki Association (JAPAN, now Hamamatsu Suiseki Association)
1982	Australian Associated Bonsai Clubs (AUSTRALIA); European Suiseki Association (May); San Francisco Suiseki Kai (CA); Tasmanian Bonsai Society (AUSTRALIA)
1981	Big Island Bonsai Association (HI); Bonsai Club of Utah (UT); Bonsai Society of Edmonton (CANADA); Bowie Bonsai Club (MD); China Flower and Penjing Association (CHINA); Club des amis du bonsai de nantes (FRANCE, April); Dansk Bonsai Selskab (DENMARK, June); Diablo Bonsai Club (CA); Eastleigh Bonsai Society (ENGLAND); Eugene Bonsai Society (OR); Federation of British Bonsai Societies (GREAT BRITAIN); Green Mountain Bonsai Society (VT); Indian Bonsai Association (INDIA); Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (CA); Shibui Bonsai Kai (SOUTH AFRICA); Susquehanna Bonsai Club (PA)
1980	Association Française des Amateurs de Bonsai (AFAB, FRANCE)
1979	Asociacion Valenciana Amigos de las Plantas Bonsai Club (SPAIN); Azalea City Bonsai Society (AL); Bedfordshire Bonsai Society (England); Bonsai Society of Jakarta (INDONESIA); Bonsai Society of the Southern Peninsula (VIC, AUSTRALIA, November; since 2003 as the Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Society); Iowa Bonsai Association (IA); Kawa Bonsai Society (FL); Northhamptonshire Bonsai Society (UK); Otago Bonsai Society (NEW ZEALAND); Perkumpulan Penggemar Bonsai Indonesia/Indonesian Bonsai Enthusiast Society (INDONESIA, August); Scottish Bonsai Association (SCOTLAND)
1978	Bendigo Bonsai Club (AUSTRALIA, March); Bonsai-Club Deutschland (GERMANY); Golden State Bonsai Federation (CA); Hinoki Bonsai Club (VA); Middlesex Bonsai Society (UK); La Société de bonsai de Montréal (CANADA)
1977	Kofu Bonsai Kai (CA); Modesto Bonsai Club (CA); Singapore Bonsai Society (SINGAPORE); Vlaamse Bonsai Vereniging (BELGIUM)
1976	Bonsai Sekiyu Kai (CA, June); Bonsai Society of Western Australia (AUSTRALIA, July); Chico Bonsai Society (CA, January); Corpus Christi Bonsai Club (TX); Dungeness Bonsai Society (WA); Newcastle Bonsai Society (AUSTRALIA); North County Bonsai Club (CA, then San Pu Kai); Sociedad Peruana de Bonsai (PERU)
1975	Albuquerque Bonsai Club (NM); Bonsai Club of Olympia (WA); Canberra Bonsai Society, Inc. (AUSTRALIA); Midland Bonsai Society (ENGLAND); Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society (CO); South African Bonsai Association (SOUTH AFRICA); Triton College Bonsai Club (IL, then The Morton Arboretum Bonsai Society in '83, then Prairie State Bonsai Society in '93)
1974	Alabama Bonsai Society (AL); Badger Bonsai Society (WI); Italian Bonsai Club (ITALY); Sandusky Bonsai Club (OH); Sansui-Kai Bonsai Club (CA)
1973	Bonsai Societies of Florida, Inc. (FL); Bonsai Society of Greater New Haven (CT); Bonsai Society of the Lehigh Valley (PA, September); Bonsai Society of Queensland Inc. (QLD, AUSTRALIA); Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida (FL); Gainesville Bonsai Society (FL, then study group); Philippine Bonsai Society (PHILIPPINES); Puget Sound Bonsai Association (WA); San Antonio Bonsai Society (TX); South Palm Bonsai Society (FL, then Bonsai Society of the Palm Beaches in '98); Sunshine Bonsai Group, Inc (AUSTRALIA); Yama Ki Bonsai Society (CT)
1972	Baltimore Bonsai Club (MD); Bonsai Society of Upstate New York (NY); Columbus Bonsai Society (OH); Eastern Bonsai Society (SOUTH AFRICA); Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Oakland (MI); Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society (LA); Hanford Bonsai Society (CA); Hawaii Bonsai Association (HI); The Indian Bonsai Society (INDIA); Nederlandse Bonsai Vereniging (NETHERLANDS); Nepean District Bonsai Society (AUSTRALIA, March); Shreveport Bonsai Society (LA); Tucson Bonsai Society (AZ)

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1971	Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara (CA); The Greater Louisville Bonsai Society (KY); Houston Bonsai Society (TX); Louisiana Bonsai Society (LA); Minneapolis [Area] Bonsai Society (MN); Minnesota Bonsai Society (MN); Shibui Bonsai Society of Detroit (MI)
1970	Ann Arbor Bonsai Society (MI); Bonsai Society of Greater St. Louis (MO); Cape Bonsai Kai (SOUTH AFRICA); Descanso Bonsai Society (CA); Illawarra Bonsai Society (AUSTRALIA, July); Northeast Bonsai Association (MA); Potomac Bonsai Association (DC); Richmond Bonsai Society (VA); San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club ; Tianwei Bonsai Association (TAIWAN)
1969	Central Florida Bonsai Club (FL, July); Denver Junior Bonsai Club (CO, November, then the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society in 1983); Eastern Province Bonsai Club (EC, SOUTH AFRICA, September); Elkhart Bonsai Society (IN); Lighthouse Bonsai Society (FL); Milwaukee Bonsai Society (WI); Pensacola Gulf Coast Bonsai Society (FL); Toledo Bonsai Club (OH); Pretoria Bonsai Kai (SOUTH AFRICA); Rhodesian Bonsai Society (RHODESIA, then Mashonaland Bonsai Society in ZIMBABWE)
1968	Bonsai Society of Greater Kansas City (MO); Indianapolis Bonsai Club (IN, January); Mohawk-Hudson Bonsai Society (NY); Santa Maria Bonsai Club (CA); Virginia Bonsai Society (VA); Watsonville Bonsai Club (CA, <i>originally as an all-Japanese club</i>); Yamato Bonsai Club (CA)
1967	American Bonsai Society (USA); Bonsai Society of New Zealand Inc. (NEW ZEALAND); Brandywine Bonsai Society (PA); Coulee Region Bonsai Club (WI); Eden Garden Bonsai Group (NEW ZEALAND, then Auckland Bonsai Society in '92); Gold Coast Bonsai Society, Inc (FL); Midwest Bonsai Society (IL)
1966	Auckland Bonsai Society (NEW ZEALAND); Bonsai Society of Portland (OR)
1965	Akebono Bonsai Club (CA); Austin Bonsai Society (TX); Bonsai Society of Australia (AUSTRALIA); Bonsai Society of Texas (TX, then Bonsai Society of Dallas); Bonsai Study Group of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society (MA); Buffalo Bonsai Society (NY); Colorado Bonsai Club (CO); Nippon Bonsai Association (reorganization of private Kokufu Bonsai Association (JAPAN); Northern Virginia Bonsai Society (VA); San Diego Bonsai Club (CA, September); Suncoast Bonsai Society (FL, then Gulf Coast Bonsai Society in '69, then Hukyu Bonsai Society of Tampa in '71); Transvaal Bonsai Kai (SOUTH AFRICA)
1964	Atlanta Bonsai Society (GA); Bonsai Society of the Carolinas (NC); Bonsai Society of Greater Cincinnati (OH); Bonsai Society of Miami (FL); Nippon Bonsai Association (JAPAN); Santa Anita Bonsai Society (CA); South Australian Bonsai Society (AUSTRALIA); Toronto Bonsai Society (CANADA)
1963	Bonsai Society of Greater New York (NY); Bonsai Society of South Australia, Inc. (AUSTRALIA); Kashu Suiseki Kai (CA, first suiseki club in USA); Pearl City Bonsai Club (HI); Pennsylvania Bonsai Society (PA, May); San Mateo Bonsai Club (CA); Sierra Bonsai Club (CA)
1962	Bonsai Club Association (then Bonsai Clubs International in '68); Community Arts Center Bonsai Club (PA, then Wallingford Bonsai Society by '73); Phoenix Bonsai Society (AZ, November)
1961	East Bay Bonsai Society (CA); The Japan Society of London's Bonsai Kai (ENGLAND); Midori Bonsai Club (CA); Seinan Bonsai Club (CA, then Nampu Kai)
1960	Bonsai Society of San Francisco (CA, January); Bonsai Society of South Africa (SOUTH AFRICA); Los Angeles Bonsai Club (CA, <i>exclusively for Japanese men and all meetings were initially held in Japanese</i>); Monterey Bonsai Study Group (CA, <i>started by six men from Japan, with non-Japanese allowed in starting in 1965</i>)
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1958	American Bonsai Association (CA); Marin Bonsai Club (CA)
1957	Pittsburgh Bonsai Society (PA)
1956	Guangzhou Bonsai Club (CHINA, then Guangzhou Bonsai Association in 1980); Honolulu Bonsai Club (HI); Hokubei Kusamura Mujin-ko (CA, later to Northern California Kusamura Mutual Association <i>still only in Japanese</i> , and then Kusamura Bonsai Club in June 1960)
1955	Cleveland Bonsai Club (OH); Hanford Bonsai Club (CA)
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1953	Peninsula Bonsai Club (CA)
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1950	Southern California Bonsai Club (CA, November, then Southern California Bonsai Society in 1953, then California Bonsai Society, Inc. in April 1958, <i>first English/Japanese-speaking club in US</i>)
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1946	Sacramento Bonsai Club (CA)

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1945	Denver Bonsai Club (CO, by Takita 'George' Fukumo and 7 others, Japanese-only with formal teaching by a sensei.)
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1939	West Los Angeles Bonsai Club (CA, by Kenneth Iwatoki Sugimoto)
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1934	Kokufu Bonsai Association (JAPAN)

This list was compiled from our All the Nations pages <http://www.magiminiland.org/BigPicture/Nations.html> and Book of Days pages <http://www.magiminiland.org/Days/Days.html>, plus material from Google and individual club websites. Where dates differed, we went with what the websites listed.

The basis for this list is a compilation of several hundred clubs gotten from books and magazines prior to about 1996. Most of those I had noted, for example, thusly: (p72) meaning that the earliest date I had for that example club was 1972, but it most likely was established before that year. We are in the process of going through that list line-by-line and seeing if there is a website or Facebook page for each club which gives a specific year date. Most do not, and at least half of the clubs on my list have no listing on Google at all. A listing of those approximately dated clubs is at <http://www.magiminiland.org/BigPicture/OldestClubsApprox.pdf>

USA states are listed just with their 2-letter abbreviation; locations outside USA are spelled out entirely.

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