

Kusamura Show Tree Checklist

Tips for a successful presentation

Show Tree Preparation - Start Early

- Pick out possible trees for the show and discretely wire them
- Pick out or purchase a pot for your show trees and repot
- Decide upon accent plants or create if you do not have them
- Ensure the accent plant fits the season and natural area of the tree
- You can also use suiseki or other small complementary items. However a large suiseki should be displayed as the primary tokonoma item.
- Choose a scroll with an image that is the same season as the show
- Pull weeds from show trees and check for pests - spray as needed
- Collect small moss from areas such a sidewalks, rocks, and other trees
- Decide on stands for your tree and complementary item - if you need to borrow a stand, make arrangements early with the Plantings or other members
- Clean the pots of hard water marks with an eraser or a light oil such as walnut oil
- Clean your stands with Pledge or crushed walnuts in a sock
- Right before the show, gently remove wires that are too visible for display
- Hide distracting soil with a top dressing of small evenly colored material
- Write down the name of your plan and give to Charlene Fischer or Karen Greenstadt
- Gently water your show trees the night before the show

Tokonoma Setup - Day Before & Day of the Show

- Do a final cleanup of the pot both for the tree and accent plant
- Ensure any remaining weeds and any pests are removed
- Bring your tree on Saturday and ask for advice on where to set up
- Place your stand on the table first
- Put your tree on the stand and ensure it is facing forward and on the proper side of the display. Be careful to not scratch the stand as you place your tree
- Add your complementary item (accent plant, suiseki, or small item)
- Ensure accent plant is on the appropriate side of Tokonoma display. Accent plants should also be on a low stand
- Obtain tree identification card; place in front and slightly to right of tree and not on the stand
- Accent plants do not have identification cards.
- Adjust tree and accent plant again to create a pleasing balance
- Create an artful hook with copper wire to hang your scroll from. Hang your scroll in the center of the display
- Ensure the tablecloth is clean and tidy
- Shohin trees will be coordinated into a display on the day of the show