Name: Denise Cain

Denise Cain has been a member of Midway Bonsai Society since 2006 and onstage at WBC8. She is a master carver of deadwood and a very capable Bonsai artist. The quality of her trees speak for themselves. She agreed to answer a few questions.

1. Denise would you mind telling us about your first tree, how you got it and what happened to it?

Denise Cain: In 1999 I bought a property with 2 dead bonsai trees on the patio. It turned out that they were baobab and not dead. Then I was given a tree from Woolworths for my birthday in Dec 2002. It was a cotoneaster. I still have this tree. See photo below.

Denise Cain: The baobabs died about 10 years later

Denise Cain: But the cotoneaster (below) started the obsession!



Artist: Denise Cain. Tree: Cotoneaster. My first bonsai that I still have.

2. You were onstage at a previous WBFF demonstration, helping with the wiring when Hannes was presenting.

I helped Hannes with the wiring on Kimuras bonsai. There were only male demonstrators at WBC8 and Jonathan wanted to see more women involved in bonsai on an international platform. I reluctantly agreed.



WBC8 Denise Cain, Hannes Fritz (demonstrator) and Gary Howse. Tree: Juniper from Masahiko Kimura Nursery.

3. Denise how many trees do you have at your home and at the Shop that is yours and is not for sale?

I don't know how many trees I own, too many. The only trees I have at home are Baobab. The rest are on permanent display at the bonsai nursery. All are for sale at the right price or the right person.



Artist: Denise Cain. Tree: Firethorn

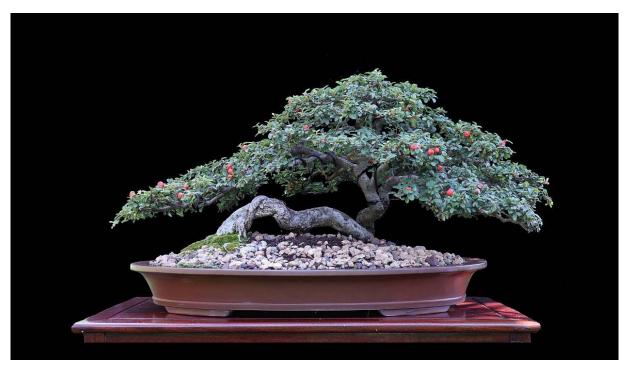
4. What is your favourite style in bonsai?

The tree will lend itself to a style, but I lean towards informal upright and cascade.



Artist: Denise Cain. Tree: Buddleja Saligna. Fallen tree

5. What is your Favourite species of tree? My favorite species would be buddleja and cotoneaster.



Artist: Denise Cain. Tree: Cotoneaster

6. Do you have a favourite tree in your collection?

I do not have a favorite tree. I find all trees a challenge in order to bring out their inner beauty. I find some species a challenge.



Artist: Denise Cain. Tree: Hinoki Cypress Saikei

7. Your best bonsai advice received?

My best advice received was to join a workshop. When I first started I met up with Duncan Wiles, who, through his workshop and friends showed me the path. I am still friends with many of the workshop attendees, 20 years later.



Artist: Denise Cain. **Tree:** Ficus Burtt Davyi Root over Rock, started at a Midway Bonsai Society workshop in 2010



Artist: Denise Cain. Tree: Juniperus procumbens nana



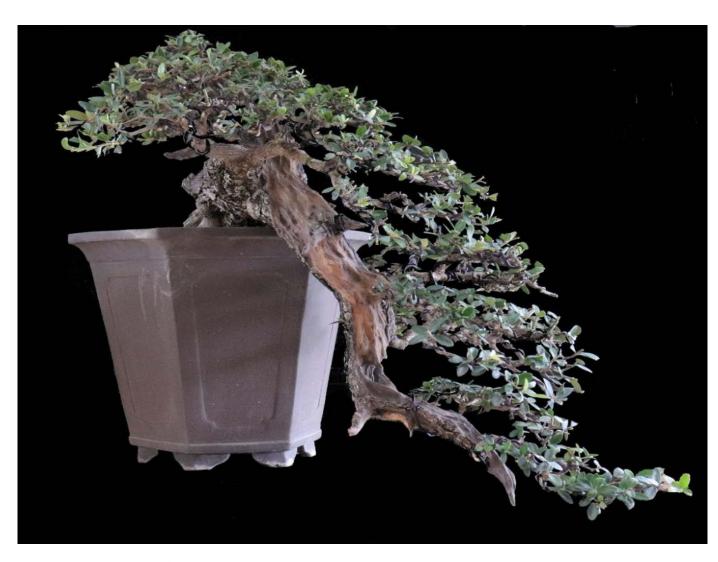
Artist: Denise Cain. Tree: Trident Maple next to Rock

8. Best advice you can give?

Best advice to give ... find the front, don't be scared to cut, keep the tree alive.



Artist: Denise Cain. Tree: Juniperus Itoigawa



Artist: Denise Cain. Tree: Wild Olive cascade



Artist: Denise Cain. Tree: Juniperus Procumbens nana



Artist: Denise Cain. Tree: Chinese Elm