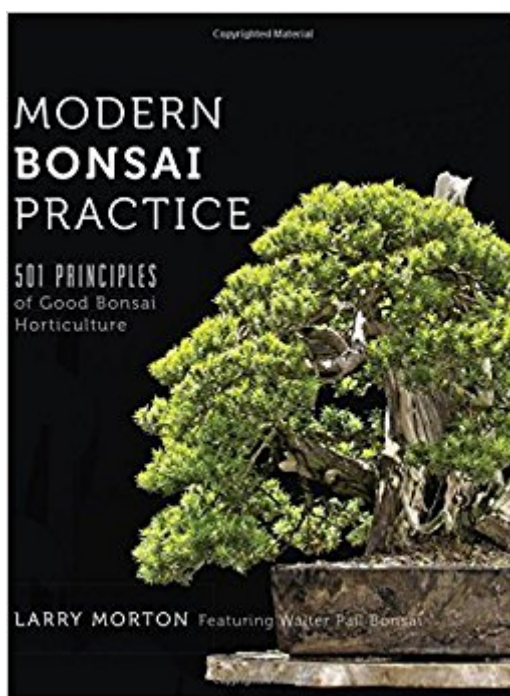


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# Modern Bonsai Practice: 501 Principles Of Good Bonsai Horticulture



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The most current, useful information on growing Bonsai. A Fresh, practical, definitive, comprehensive reference guide to the finest art of horticulture: growing miniature trees. Common sense bonsai answers separating myth from fact with depth and detail. Appropriate for both bonsai hobbyists and experienced practitioners. Featuring Walter Pall Bonsai. Contents: Foreword, by Walter Pall 7 Acknowledgements 9 Introduction: From the Plant's Point of View 11 Soil and Substrate Questions Out of Sight Is Not Out of Mind 17 Organic and Inorganic Materials 20 Physical Properties 26 Chemical Properties 32 Biological Properties 35 Understanding Fertilizers Essential Elements 38 Organic and Inorganic Fertilizers 40 Fertilize Flawlessly 43 Feeding 101 47 Fast or Slow 49 Liquid or Granular 52 Spring or Fall 54 By the Numbers 55 Fertilizers Are Supplements 62 Can't Always Blame Fertilizers 64 Understanding Biostimulants and Other Such Chemicals 635 Growing Superb Roots The Perfect Tree 73 Growing Superb Roots 73 Sink Your Roots 75 How Roots Respond 81 Root Pruning 86 The Root Collar 90 Getting Back to Roots 92 Keeping Branches Happy Branch Parts 97 Keeping Branches Happy 97 Switching Systems 101 Branch Responses 104 The Form of Trees 106 Branching Out 112 Pruning and Manipulating Stems What Is Pruning? 117 Responses to Branch Pruning 117 Before Making the Cut 119 That Was a Kind Cut 123 Prune Like a Pro 127 Wiring, Major Bending and Minor Tree Surgery 135 Tools of the Trade 139 Treat My Cuts 139 Keeping Foliage Happy Solar Power 144 How Foliage Responds 146 Budding Bonsai 151 Leave Our Leaves 152 They Shrank My Leaves 157 Leaves are Blazing 158 Responding to Potting Plants Grow in a Tightly Connected Systems 162 Why and When to Repot 162 Before Potting or Transplanting 166 During Potting 167 After Potting 170 Water, Light, and Temperature Water Wisely 175 Lighten Up 182 This Cold, Cold Pot 185 Extreme Heat 188 Bonsai Challenges Content with Our Natural Beauty 192 Why We Are So Small 192 How We Adapt 194 Looking Good 197 Pestering Pathogens 200 Good and Bad 202 Crawling Critters 203 Time to Recover 204 Walter Pall Gallery 209 Index 335 About the Author: Larry Morton, BS Ornamental Horticulture, is the former owner of Landscape Consultants, Inc, and Preferred Trees Nursery. He provides seasoned, proven, professional advice on how you can care for your miniature trees.

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images in *Modern Bonsai Practice*. From his website, <http://walter-pall.blogspot.com> "For many years Walter has been writing a lengthy and comprehensive encyclopedia on bonsai. Hopefully some day this will be published. He has also written more than 100 articles that have been published in Western bonsai magazines. Walter is a very good photographer and is able to provide many high quality pictures to illustrate his articles. He is also a very active, vocal participant on the internet in the bonsai scene."

This is a wonderful book for anyone interested in starting the art of bonsai. It walks you through problems you will face, along with giving you wonderful advice about taking care of your plants. The book also goes into detail about things that are thought to be true but are actually false. If you have any interest in bonsai, I highly recommend this book for you.

It came in time as promised. It is a wonderful book filling the gaps of my horticultural knowledge.

Incredible photography. Very well done

I was at first reluctant to spend so much money on a book that might not be pertinent to the Southern Hemisphere and Zone 12 +++ where I live, but was intrigued by the horticultural tips in the book. I do think that understanding doing and growing bonsai tops being told what the only way is to do bonsai. From the first page, #1 grabbed my attention and half an hour later, I could not put the book down and had to be reminded to go back to work. I am also a great fan of Walter Pall and loved looking at the photographs at the back. There is honestly nothing bad I can say about this book and I tried to be very objective. I cannot wait to apply all I have learned and fix my mistakes. Most of all, I think the author challenged me to "do bonsai" better than anybody else ever has. I hope we can look forward to Tips #502 to #1001:-)

A very ambitious book. While I don't know if I agree with everything the author states, I learned some new things, and overall challenged what I think. If nothing else, this book gives any bonsai enthusiast plenty to consider. I am unaware of any book that has taken a scientific, thorough approach to bonsai like the author. Extremely informative and one of a kind book. I am happy I bought it.

This book is a must have for anyone that is trying to successfully grow and keep Bonsai. I own a

florist and continuously keep Bonsai in my shop but until buying this book, I now realize I was doing it all wrong. I am now successful and growing beautiful well groomed Bonsai for my clients and now have an understanding. This book addresses myths, gives solutions, and step by step advice on good practices. Great job!!!!

This book was of a great help when I started my hobby of growing bonsai. It is very useful and answered all the problems I faced during the growth of bonsai. It has step by step instructions with pretty picture ideas of bonsai. With additional advises and tips and tricks, my bonsai grew in to a perfect and beautiful plant and it is still alive. This book points out the small mistakes that we make and ways to correct them to have a wonderful Bonsai Tree. There are many books available in the market, that talk about one problem and leave out the other, but this book is a complete package. This book is a must have for all the beginners in the art of Bonsai as well as the expert bonsai enthusiasts, as it is a very informative book.

This comprehensive guide on growing and caring for Bonsai is the best thing on . This book starts with simplicity and evolves into an advanced, technical manual for mastery. The book is informative, reassuring and easy to read from start to finish. The author talks about the complexity of Bonsai and even caring for Bonsai in comparison to typical house plants. I mean, this really is like a textbook written by passionate experts. The difference is that the text is nor boring or mundane. It's conversational and nicely written. I enjoyed the literary journey. The images are gorgeous and provide inspiration for Bonsai growers, giving hope that even a beginner can achieve such a beautiful end product with proper care. There are even variations demonstrated. I look forward to reading more from Larry Morton and urge fellow aspiring botanists to do the same! I'm in the beginning stages of my Bonsai now and can't wait to watch it become one like the ones in the book!

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