



Sharing the art and joy of bonsai.

Juniperus 'nana'

This dwarf Japanese garden juniper makes an ideal bonsai tree. It is a tree, not a houseplant, and needs to be outdoors. Light is important and it can take full sun, not necessarily all day long. Morning sun is more important than afternoon. Place it a height of 3-4' on your patio or other location where you can enjoy it: a table, wall, or bench. For special occasions you can bring it indoors to show it off but no longer than about one day. In winter it can remain outside with some protection from heavy freezing.

The soil should never be allowed to dry out completely but should not be soggy. Usually watering at least one a day will do, but more often if required. Water it softly with a watering can so as to not wash away the soil until water runs out the holes of the pot. The leaves can be misted on a daily basis. Even during winter it will require some water which will depend on weather conditions.

Fertilizer can be applied every 2-3 weeks from spring to fall. Any general-purpose liquid fertilizer will do and should be diluted to 1/2 strength.

Your tree is currently in a plastic training pot. In about one year it will need to be repotted. At that time you can obtain a ceramic pot that you find attractive and do the repotting. The roots will need pruning and further training of the tree can be done at this time. This can be tricky and Cascade Bonsai Society can help with this process.

With adequate care this tree can live for years and give you many moments of pleasure and enjoyment.