

LEGACY PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND POLICIES

The Goal:

The Legacy Program is formed under the auspices of the Inland Empire Bonsai Society to provide care for members' and non-members' bonsai collections in the event of an emergency, sickness, age deterioration, or death.

How it works:

1. The Owner of the collection in need (or their designated representative) contacts the committee.
2. Legacy Program contact information will be listed on the website (inlandbonsai.com).
3. The Owner (or rep) will be visited by the Legacy Program and a plan will be created. The Owner (or rep) will always be in complete control.
4. Once agreement is reached, the Legacy Program will carry out the plan.

Requirements for Participation:

1. Must be a member of IEBS in good standing.
2. If not a member, must be willing to donate items to IEBS or pay a reasonable and agreed upon fee, typically 10% of sales.

IEBS Obligation:

The IEBS agrees to provide, through the Legacy Program, the services as outlined in this document. The Legacy Program assumes the responsibility for the care of the Owner's trees, but neither the IEBS nor the Legacy Program assumes any liability in the performance of these services.

Member Obligation:

The Member agrees to assist the Legacy Program, to the best of their ability, in caring for the trees of other members in need.

Owner Obligation: The Owner agrees to work with the Legacy Program representative in developing a plan for the disposition of the collection and its accessories (pots, tools, soil, etc.).

The Plan: Three general alternatives:

1. Short term temporary care: The Legacy Program will arrange for care at the Owner's home, usually daily watering for one week or less.
2. Longer term tree care at Owner's home by the Legacy Program; disposition by Owner or family:
 - A. The Legacy Program will arrange for care at the Owner's home, excluding repotting and styling, for one week while a plan is developed.

- B. The Legacy Program will assist the Owner or family in any way possible, as needed, including disposition of the collection, if requested.
3. Relocation, care, and sale of trees through the Legacy Program.
 - A. The Legacy Program will identify, number, and record the collection.
 - B. The Legacy Program will be in charge of getting the trees picked up and cared for until sold. This will include daily watering at a minimum but excludes repotting and styling.
 - C. The Legacy Program will organize an auction at a regular IEBS meeting or IEBS function.
 - D. A sales report will be provided to the Owner or their family and proceeds distributed to the Owner or, if material is donated, to the organization receiving the donation.

Cost to Member:

1. IEBS Members in good standing - no charge, other than direct expenses incurred by IEBS, e.g. Visa/MC expenses, etc.
2. For non - IEBS Owner's, if trees and accessories are not donated to the club, a fee will be negotiated, typically 10% of sales.
3. For non - IEBS Owner's, if daily care extends beyond one week, a fee may need to be negotiated for further daily care.

Policies:

1. Urgency is a key issue. Contacts must be followed up as soon as possible, and plans carried out with diligence.
2. Collections are to be disposed of as rapidly as possible.
3. The usual method of disposal would be to have a silent auction at the earliest possible regular IEBS meeting.
4. The Owner, Member or representative does not lose control of the trees and will be able to make changes up to the time of disposition. Any changes are to be reported to the Legacy Program Chairperson.
5. Since the Owner has control, if he/she should offer to make a gift to the caregiver, it is permissible to accept; however, this should not be encouraged. Any gifts are to be reported by the recipient to the Legacy Program Chairperson for accounting purposes.
6. It is the goal of the Legacy Program to keep the trees alive and healthy, not to groom or style them.
7. Accurate records will be kept of all trees and items, with each identified and numbered, at first contact.