

### **Mini CV: GH Exley**

I joined the Pretoria Bonsai Kai in 1988 after going to their Bonsai show at the Transvaal museum in Pretoria. I have been a member ever since. I have been on and of the committee since 1990 as member and vice chairman. In 2010 I was elected as chairman of the Kai and has held the position ever since.

I have been a member of BRAT committee since 2008 that organises bonsai in the region. I was the vice President for 3 years. I was voted in as President in 2012 and I still hold that position.

I was a member from 2011-2013 of the National committee (SABA) that organises Bonsai in South Africa. I was re-elected as Vice-President in 2017-2019. In 2019 I was elected as President of SABA.

I have a wide variety of species in my collection. I propagate trees from seeds as well as from cuttings and I love to go on digs to collect trees. 2-3 Times a year I go on collecting trips where I collect Wild Olives and other species for Bonsai.

I have most of the bonsai styles in my collection.

I have ±100 bonsai in my collection and 200+ pre-bonsai trees in containers that have been styled or are in the process of being styled. I have a few hundred cutting, seedlings and trees growing in containers and in the ground for future use.

I have workshops at my house every second Saturday of the month. I have done demonstrations at club, regional and national level. In 2013 I was invited to China by the WBFF to represent Africa at the World Bonsai conference to do a demonstration.

