



**WORLD BONSAI FRIENDSHIP FEDERATION, INC.**

**Meritorious Service Award**

This prestigious Award is presented by the WBFF Board of Directors to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional meritorious service in carrying out the objectives of WBFF, promoting bonsai and penjing as a living art to be appreciated by all peoples.

This Award recognizes those whose efforts, over a period of at least 5 years, have had a profound positive influence in advancing international friendship and goodwill through the art of bonsai and penjing consistent with WBFF's objectives. Such efforts may include providing

- (i) sustained voluntary service in support of WBFF or one or more other bonsai or penjing organisations;
- (ii) education, innovation or creativity benefiting the art or horticulture of bonsai or penjing;  
or
- (iii) significant financial support to WBFF or other bonsai or penjing organizations.

Eligible candidates for the Award include any current or former WBFF Officer, Director or other official; any official of any WBFF Regional Organization; and any member of the bonsai or penjing community anywhere in the world. The name of a proposed candidate with supporting information may be submitted to the WBFF Nominating Committee by a WBFF or Regional Organisation official or any member of the world-wide bonsai or penjing community.

The following persons have received the Meritorious Service Award:

<b><u>Name of Recipient</u></b>	<b><u>Country</u></b>
Nikunj Parekh	India