

sabamiki

Sabamaki is a Japanese term for a tree with a wounded trunk that is hollow or split open. Sabamiki is considered a bonsai style where the focus is on the large dead part of the tree, depicting old age.

saikei

Saiekie are tray plantings containing stones, trees, plants, but in the strict sense, without figurines - See bonkei.

shari

Shari is a Japanese term for exposed deadwood on a tree. It is the bleached, driftwood area of trunk, where bark has been removed.

sokan

Sokan is a Japanese term for a twin trunk style bonsai.

shakkan

Shakkan is the Japanese term for slant style bonsai

shohin

Shohin is a small sized bonsai tree measuring not over 11 inches.

sifting

Sifting is done to classify the size of the growing medium. Done through different sizes of screens.

sphagnum

Sphagnum is a type of moss used as a soil amendment in its partially decomposed form, or as

a rooting medium in the propagation of trees by air layering

stratify

Stratify is a natural process whereby seeds are exposed to freezing and thawing during winter, encouraging germination. These conditions can also be recreated artificially using a refrigerator or freezer.

suiban

Suiban is a Japanese term for a shallow tray without drainage holes intended for the display of suiseki. Suiban can be used to display individual viewing stones (see suiseki), often being filled with fine sand or for rock plantings, which are usually stood in water.

suseki

Suseki is a Japanese term for viewing stone that suggest a mountain scene or landscape, usually displayed in shallow pots or specially carved wooden stands.

systemic

This is a type of insecticide or fungicide that is absorbed into the system of a plant.