



Vancouver Island Bonsai Club

Wednesday, December 1, 2004 . . .

Our Next Two Meetings:

Wednesday, December 1, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 5, 7:30 pm

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

Social night... As in previous years we will not have any bonsai activities. Please bring finger food of your choice and Louise will prepare her "magic punch"

We will have a "**Toonie**" raffle: A group of hedge maple (Acer Campestre) planting done by Chuck (see the November newsletter). The tickets are \$2.00 each and you will still have an opportunity to purchase tickets at this meeting.

Show and Tell... For those in the festive mood, you can bring a "decorated" tree.
For those who took the Invernizzi workshop, please bring your Boxwoods

Membership Renewal... This is the time to renew your Club Membership. There are no changes to the fees from the previous year: \$20.00 per year for a single and \$25.00 per year for a family membership. Please complete the form at the back of this newsletter and bring it together with a cheque to the meeting, or if you cannot attend, please place it in the mail.

Convention Surplus Sale... The following items are surplus inventory from the Convention and will be available to Members at the December meeting at reduced prices. Many of these items will make ideal Xmas presents for those bonsai enthusiasts!

Bags; canvas with the Convention logo	\$10.00 each
Tool Pouches; canvas with the Convention logo	\$15.00 each
Aprons; canvas with the Convention logo	\$15.00 each
Coaster Tiles (small) with the Convention logo	\$1.00 each
Coaster Tiles (large) with the Convention logo	\$5.00 each
Convention logo pins	\$2.00 each
Sue Coleman's Convention logo limited edition prints	\$20.00 each

Things to come...

A maple forest planting workshop, conducted by David, will be held some time in February or March of next year. David has purchased the maple trees and we will schedule the workshop as close as possible to "bud time".

An ailing club member... we have heard from Aileen that Doug Miller has not been well. Doug said the doctor is pleased with his progress, but he wished he felt better and was more mobile, and he is still not able to drive his car. **BEST WISHES DOUG AND A SPEEDY RECOVERY!**

The club address is:
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Bob Taylor (President) **Tom Burley** (Treasurer)

Jim Morrison (Library)

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**Marco Invernizzi workshop
Kingsville Boxwood
20 November 2004**



The Bonsai Directory...

The following local business are known to supply bonsai plants and/or other necessary materials. Frequently you will enjoy a discount if you identify yourself as a member of the Vancouver Island Bonsai Club:

Peninsula Flower Nursery, 8512 West Saanich Rd.,
Proprietors: Fred and Jane Starke

A large selection of bonsai, pre-bonsai shrubs, as well as trees and conifers suitable for landscaping and oriental style gardens.

Better Gnomes and Gardens, 3200 Quadra St.,
Proprietor: Laurie McKay

The very best selection of bonsai pots in Victoria. Mostly good quality Chinese pots; some in larger dimensions.

Marigold Nursery Ltd. 7874 Lochside Drive
Large nursery with garden and landscape stock and some "good finds".

Peninsula Landscape Supplies, 2070 Keating Cross Rd. One trip will get you the components to make bonsai soil. From small bag size to truck load: lava rock, coarse sand and bark mulch.



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Winter Is Sure To Come—Some Suggestions

A Reprint from the Dungeness Newsletter and Jim Scharschmidt

Root hardiness is a complex problem. Root hardiness has absolutely nothing to do with the USDA published zone hardiness for trees. Most roots tolerate temperatures only as low as -9 to -4 degrees C (15 to 25 degrees F). In fact, young roots have tolerances even less than that. Unfortunately, not much scientific data is available on root hardiness. The following graph shows some data based on personal experience and can be considered guesswork only:

SPECIES	KILLING TEMPERATURE OF YOUNG ROOTS		KILLING TEMPERATURE OF MATURE ROOTS	
	F	C	F	C
Trident Maple	25	-4	20	-7
Japanese Maple	23	-5	18	-8
Amur Maple	19	-7	10	-12
Chinese Elm	25	-4	22	-6
Chinese Quince	23	-5	18	-8
Japanese Quince	20	-7	12	-11
Japanese Apricot	26	-3	21	-6
Cherry (most types)	10	-12	10	-12
Shimpaku Juniper	19	-7	12	-11
Rocky Mountain Juniper	10	-12	-20	-29
California Juniper	24	-4	18	-8
Easter White Cedar	12	-11	-20	-29
Ponderosa Pine	12	-11	-10	-23
Pitch Pine	16	-9	5	-15
Japanese Black Pine	22	-6	10	-12
Japanese White Pine	19	-7	0	-18
Scotts Pine	16	-9	0	-18
Satsuki Azalea (large leaf)	25	-4	18	-8
Satsuki Azalea (small leaf)	20	-7	8	-13
Bald Cypress	24	-4	10	-12
Enzo Spruce	18	-8	-2	-19
Wisteria	22	-6	17	-8

The real key is to protect the foliage from drying winds, to protect the roots from extreme low and wide fluctuations in temperature, and to protect the trees from animals and fungi. From the bonsai clubs in Victoria and Sequim the following information seems relevant to most of us in the Puget Sound area:

In February of 1989 there were record low temperatures. The worst day temperatures were: -12 , -11 , -10 , -9 , -7 , -6 , -6 and -6 degrees C, (10, 11, 14, 15, 19, 21, 21, and 22 degrees F), all in the first two weeks of the month. And there was no snow until the 17th, plus days of high winds. The following spring, notes were compared and the following conclusions reached: The most damage came to Juniper Procumbens, Juniper Shimpaku, Chinese Elm, all Acer Palmatum, Acer Buegerianum, Acer Ginalla, then Pyracanthas, Ligustrums, Cotoneasters, Carpinus, Fagus, Acer Campestre, Tsuga and Nishiki pines. There was practically no damage to stock still growing in the ground! One should always keep an eye on the forecast and tuck anything that might be damaged into a garage or covered space. A good covering of snow, even if shoveled onto your plants to cover them, will provide some insulation.



Marco Invernizzi

Demonstration

**Collected
Lodgepole Pine**

**Donated to our
Club by the
Estate of
Margaret Baxter**



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB
Membership Renewal / Application Form for 2005

I wish to renew my membership ___ or I wish to apply for membership ___ (new member)
Attached is \$20.00 for single membership ___ or Attached is \$25.00 for family membership ___

Name(s) _____
Address _____
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Please indicate whether you would like to receive the Club Newsletter by Regular mail _____ or
by e-mail notification of posting to the web site _____

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