



Vancouver Island Bonsai Club

Wednesday February 4, 2004 . . .

We will discuss winter hygiene utilizing lime sulphur and dormant oil. Also we will be preparing rocks for a March Schefflera planting by gluing into place the wire anchoring loops.

Our Next Two Meetings:

Wednesday, February 4, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 3, 7:30 pm

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

2004 Membership...

For those who receive the Newsletter via Canada Post, this is your last issue....unless you have already renewed your VIBC membership for another year.

Show and Tell... At this Club meeting we will have the second and last part of the Lodgepole Pine workshop. Please bring your tree, if it is already finished or not, and tell us your experience.

We need your help... We are missing the green box containing club wire. It was last seen at the David Easterbrook workshop and lecture in late November. We have checked with Garden Works and they report that it was not left behind in the classroom. If a member, in order to help with the moving out that evening, picked up the box to transport it, please let George know at 216 8595 or bring it to the next meeting.

BONSAI TOUR OF CHINA - Organized by one of our Club members, Bosco Chang.

If you recall Bosco was the translator for our visiting guest Quinquan Zhao from China (see Newsletter from June 2003). Bosco and Quinquan have kept in touch and came up with the idea of this guided tour of many public bonsai gardens, as well as many private gardens which very few people have access to. This is a great opportunity for any bonsai enthusiast, to visit China and these gardens, at a very reasonable cost.

Dates: 10 to 24 May, 2004

Package price: \$2,499.00 per person, double occupancy and \$599.00 extra for single, all in Canadian funds. This pricing is based on a minimum of 10 passengers travelling together with the same itinerary.

A deposit of \$250.00 per person will be required as soon as possible.

The pricing includes: Round trip from Vancouver on Air China (economy); train ticket Shanghai—Hangzhou—Sozhou—Wuxi—Yangzhou—Nanking; domestic air fare Nanking-Beijing; round trip airport/hotel or train station / hotel transfers; English guided sightseeing admission; accommodation and meals as per itinerary.

The pricing does not include: Airport departure taxes; China visa and entry fee, travel insurance, tipping and expenses of personal nature and round trip to Vancouver.

The tour is organized by Chinapac International Travel, Ste. 107 - 511 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver B. C., V5Z 4R2, 1-800-661-8182, www.chinapac.com.

Please see next page for the Itinerary ==>>>

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BONSAI TOUR OF CHINA ITINERARY

SHANGHAI, JIANGSU AND BEIJING TOUR—TOUR CODE 0510SNP PTY/16

10 MAY VANCOUVER – BEIJING Your journey begin by boarding Air China flight CA992 at 1330 and move your watch one day ahead as you cross the international dateline.

11 MAY BEIJING – SHANGHAI Arrive Beijing at 1515. Connect to CA175 at 1850 and arrive at 2050. You will be met and transfer to 4-Star Ocean Hotel.

12 MAY SHANGHAI Visit Jade Buddha Temple, Yu Yuan Garden, the Bund and Nanking Road. Dinner will be followed by famous acrobatic show. (B/L/D)

13 MAY SHANGHAI – HANGZHOU Transfer to the train station and depart via train for Hangzhou. Visit Six Harmony Tower and overnight at 4-Star Holiday Inn. (B/L/D)

14 MAY HANGZHOU Visit the Lingyin Temple and Long Jing Tea Farm and cruise on the West Lake. (B/L/D)

15 MAY HANGZHOU – SUZHOU Transfer to train station and depart via train for Suzhou. Visit Lingerig Garden and Tiger Hill. Overnight at 4-Star Suzhou Hotel. (B/L/D)

16 MAY SUZHOU Visit Fish Net Garden, Embroidery Factory, Silk factory and take a boat ride in the Grand Canal. (B/L/D)

17 MAY SUZHOU – WUXI Transfer to train station and depart via train for Wuxi. Visit a clay figurine workshop, tour the Xi Hui Garden and take a cruise on the beautiful Taihu Lake. Overnight at 4-Star Xi Hui Garden Hotel. (B/L/D)

18 MAY WUXI – YANGZHOU Transfer to train station and depart via train for Yangzhou. Visit Lean West Lake, Heyuan Garden and Lesser Pangu Garden. Overnight at 4-Star Xiyuan Hotel. (B/L/D)

19 MAY YANGZHOU – NANKING Transfer to train station and depart via train for Nanking. Transfer to 4-Star Central Hotel. (B)

20 MAY NANKING Visit Dr. Sun Mausoleum, Linggu Temple, Ming Great Wall and Qinhuai River Scenic Belt. (B/L/D)

21 MAY NANKING – BEIJING Transfer to the airport and depart via domestic flight for Beijing. Transfer to 4-Star Beijing International Hotel. (B)

22 MAY BEIJING Visit Forbidden City, Tian An Men Square, Temple of Heaven and Summer Palace. Dinner will be followed by Peking Opera. (B/L/D)

23 MAY BEIJING Visit the mighty Great Wall and Ming Tomb en-route. A delicious Peking duck dinner will be arranged for the evening. (B/L/D)

24 MAY BEIJING – VANCOUVER Transfer to the airport and depart via CA991 at 1455 and arrive at 1000 same day. (B)



MALL SHOW 2004 - 29 APRIL TO 2 MAY 2004

Please mark this date on your calendar and reserve this weekend for our annual fund raising, exhibit, demo and sales. Steven Cook has volunteered to be the Mall Show Coordinator but we need lots of volunteers for sales, security, demonstration, set-up and tear-down.

If you have any questions, please contact any Board member. It is an enjoyable weekend and we always manage to have fun while we carry on with our chores.

Major Bonsai Conventions in 2004...

Do not forget that this year is our turn! Victoria is the site for the **PNBCA Convention XV** in September 2004, and our Club is hosting it!

We are a few months away, but please start thinking about it as we are going to need lots of volunteers. We will keep you informed.



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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GREATER VICTORIA ART GALLERY WORKSHOP

Because Jack Sustic has had to bow out of our participation the "*Art in Bloom*" event, a periodic fund raiser of the Greater Victoria Art Gallery, we are pleased that our member and resident bonsai teacher David Rowe has agreed to fill in.

On Saturday February 21 between the hours of 9AM and noon, David will lead a hands-on workshop. In the afternoon he will give a lecture with the title, "Yamidori, Transforming Collected Tree into Fine Bonsai", to be followed by a demonstration of the preliminary tasks in converting one of his own collected trees.

"*Art in Bloom*" is made up of special displays and demonstrations during the week of February 15 through 21. Entrance to the gallery for a general look around is \$8.00 for the general public, and \$4.00 for gallery members. There are also to be a series of daily lectures during the day and in the evenings by featured garden and horticultural specialists. The charge for a lecture will vary being in the \$20.00 or higher range.

In recognition of our Club involvement, members of the Vancouver Island Bonsai Club will be given a pass at the door upon showing their club membership card. The pass will be issued at the gallery member price of only \$4.00 and will be good any day during the whole week and, of course, for the bonsai workshop on Saturday morning.

As to the Workshop: In order to encourage newer members with limited bonsai experience we prepared a very appealing package. David selected nice 12" Mountain Hemlock from Greenthumb nursery, and will offer this workshop at a charge of only \$44.00.

For this fee you will receive a tree, David's professional consultation and styling, and also a Gallery pass. Silent observers are welcome at the \$4.00 price of admission.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting.

As to the Lecture: We are being provided free of charge for David's afternoon lecture with 20 free tickets. These can be signed up for at our meeting and if more people want to come than we have tickets for, a draw will take place.

We will have a quantity of the official *Art in Bloom* brochures containing complete information on details of the week long events to hand out at the February meeting.



Typical Mountain Hemlock for the workshop