



Vancouver Island Bonsai Club

Wednesday July 7, 2004 . . .

There will be a presentation on seed propagation.

There will also be tables set up for Members to bring their trees for styling consultation

Our Next Two Meetings:

Wednesday, July 7, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 4, 7:30 pm

Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria

Show and Tell... Please bring the trees for styling consultation for everybody to look at (and give you more opinions than you really want) Also a tree that you are proud to show off.

Auction Tree ... Dave Easterbrook's demo tree a collected Eastern Larch will go to the highest bidder at this meeting!!

Second Field Trip of 2004... How about some rock collecting? Members of your Board went "up island" to survey a possible site for rock collecting. We looked at two sites and the consensus was unanimous that there are rocks and stones for just about everybody's taste. Please note that there are no flower stones on this location.

Date and Time 10 July, 2004 at 10:00 at Meads Creek bridge.

Location Meads Creek, which feed the Lake Cowichan on the north side

Directions Take Hwy 1 northbound, pass Duncan and turn left (west) on Hwy 18 (light at the intersection) and travel towards Youbou/Lake Cowichan. Stay on Hwy 18 when you see the Youbou—Lake Cowichan sign. Approximately 5 km from that point you will find Meads Creek. Please park before the bridge and follow a narrow path towards the creek.

What to bring Sun protection, there is some shade, but most of the rocks are in the sun, water, chairs, old runners or beach sandals just in case you end up in the water (we did). The creek is almost dry during this time of the year, but there are spots with water, but no more than a couple of feet deep. Also a bathing suit and a picnic lunch because we are all invited after the field trip, to Tom's place on the Lake Cowichan for a swim.

Third Field Trip of 2004...

It is on the works. Tak Yamaura, from Japan Bonsai in White Rock, has offered our Club a free workshop and also a free Barb-B-Q at his nursery. The cost to our Members will be the workshop tree plus transportation. Observers are also welcomed.

We will ask for a show of hands at the meeting to have an idea of how many people might be attending.

The club address is:
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2004 Pacific Northwest Bonsai Convention XV

"Talk to the Trees"
September 17 - 19, 2004
Laurel Point Inn
Victoria, BC



The registration form for this convention is available from the club website and from the Club Board members and there will be registration forms at the Club meetings.

The workshops are being filled very fast. If you are planning to register, particularly if you wish to take one of the workshops, please decide very soon.

All the information regarding the Convention, is on the Club web site (www.victoriabonsai.bc.ca). If you are planning to participate and you do not have internet connection, we strongly suggest that you find a friend, neighbor or relative with internet access and visit the site. You will be able to see photos of the artists, their background as well as the workshop trees, and you will be able to print the Registration form from the site.

Please do not forget to send in the information on exhibit trees for the Convention

2004 Pacific Northwest Bonsai Convention Featured Visiting Guest Artist - Bob Wilcox

Bob is currently president of the Toronto Bonsai Society. He gives credit to early training in architecture which led to a career in the graphic arts—most recently he works as a book designer. His specialty has been the collection of wild trees in Ontario. Larch, pine and cedar are levered out of pockets on the rocky shores of cool, northern lakes and occasionally, apples and hawthorns are dug from farmers' fields. He was a finalist for the Ben Oki Award in 1999 and has had trees featured each year in the Japan Airlines competition.



Bob's workshop assignment is to preside at a session with field-grown Kingsville Boxwood, *Buxus japonica* var. *Kingsville*, on Friday afternoon working with 20 year old stock averaging 8" in height. Bob will also be available for an extra session with 8" Kingsvilles on Friday morning if required.

As you can see from the before and after photos (on the next page), Bob has done a wonderful job in designing the tree from the bushy start it had.

The **early bird registration** for the PNBC 2004 ends on **July 1**. Boxwood workshops are filling up, as a matter of fact, **Cheryl Manning's workshops are sold out** and only **a few spots remain** for the **Bob Wilcox workshops. Sign up today!!!**



Kingsville Boxwood before Bob's styling, and after Bob's styling:



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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Report on the June Field Trip , from our exclusive field correspondent Helen.

On Saturday June 12th 2004 24 early birds took a ferry to Salt Spring to visit a couple of garden centres to browse and to shop. Aileen did a stalwart job and managed to get us all away from Victoria by 7.30am and at Thimble Farms Nursery at the North end of Salt Spring Island by 10am. It was a dull grey day with threatening clouds overhead. Our first stop offered more varieties of potential masterpieces than most of us could resist. "Oh I'm only browsing" became "Look what I've found" as we shuffled trunk space to accommodate new bonsai in training. My best find was a *Malus Fusca* - native crab-apple - with a fascinatingly contorted root structure just looking for a rock sekijō style planting. Now I must go searching for the rock.

Then on to our inspiring 2nd visit which was to The Plant Farm on Vesuvius Bay Road where we all admired a *Liriodendron Variegatum* or Tulip Tree. It had grown through its pot and developed into a magnificent specimen. Many companion plants were found and miniature bamboos and ground covers were being purchased by club members so look forward to some interesting new landscapes for "Show and Tell". It was good to have knowledgeable Bonsai enthusiasts with us as we all exchanged ideas and reaped the benefits of the experience of others.

Then it was on to lunch and/or a visit to the market where different tastes were treated to local cheeses, chocolate crowbars and enticingly fragrant pot stickers. Those who got to Moby's Marine Pub first enjoyed quesadillas and a good pint. A leisurely drive to Fulford Harbour got us on the 4pm ferry back to Swartz Bay just as the rain started. Eva Frisby, a visiting friend from New Zealand who joined us for our adventure, wanted to know what others had bought at the market and what were the pot stickers being mentioned as very good. Were they a special label for bonsai containers? !!!

Thanks to Aileen for being a master organiser and we all look forward to more fun adventures in the future on field trips with the club.

Shots from the good pint and the good Club Members that participated.



John Biel tree... Here is Sue showing her lucky number that won her the John Biel demo tree. Her husband wanted to air layer the tree (joke) and make 3 small ones, but he was very soon "persuaded" to change his mind.

