



Vancouver Island Bonsai Club

Wednesday May 5, 2004 . . .

Elections... One board member is stepping down and we need to replace her. If you have been thinking on getting involved in helping to run this Club, take this opportunity to come forward and run for Director.

Our Next Two Meetings:

Wednesday, May 5, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, June 2, 7:30 pm

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

Propagation from cuttings... Many different trees can be rooted from cuttings. One of the easiest is the common European olive tree, which, not so surprisingly, goes under the Latin name *Olea Eun-pea*. There are many olive trees growing in the Mediterranean regions that are more than a thousand years old. Olives have been cultivated for so long that nobody knows what the tree looked like in its original, natural state.

Doug Phillips, a grower in California, reports that olives can survive in temperature that reach as low as 21 deg. F. That's down to -6 on our centigrade scale. There is now a commercial olive grove in the Gulf Islands and, one of our members has grown olive outside in his garden for the last four winters.

So, if you have a little plastic covered propagating box, bring it along. If not, we will show how to make one from a Coke plastic bottle. If you want to make your very own "greenhouse", salvage a clear plastic 2L. bottle from a super market recycle bin and we will show you how it is done - we may even do it for you as it only takes a minute or so..

The club will supply the proper starting mix as well as the hormone powder or liquid. One of our members who is an olive freak (we say that in a nice way!) will bring in an olive tree or two in need of pruning. Away we go with your very long term adventure with a biblical tree.

Show and Tell... Phoenix grafting. For those who participated in the Phoenix Grafting Field Day at George's farm last year, please bring your tree, dead or alive.

Photo Contest... The May meeting is the last day for presenting the photos for the "Winter Trees".

Things to Come... There will be a raffle of the John Biel demo tree in June. Tickets will be on sale on both May and June meetings. There is also an auction scheduled for July, but as of this issue, a tree has not been selected yet.

PNBCA Logo The PNBCA Logo Committee received word from Kay March, PNBCA President, that the prize for submitting the winning logo will be \$250.00 (US funds)

The Logo has to be of size and quality to be used as a pin, on stationery, the web site and on apparel. All entries must be submitted to the PNBCA Logo Committee by 15 September, 2004. The PNBCA Board of Directors will select the winning logo at their annual meeting which will be held at the PNBCA 2004 convention in Victoria.

<p>The club address is: The Vancouver Island Bonsai Club P.O. Box 8674 Victoria, B.C. V8W 3S2 http://www.victoriabonsai.bc.ca</p>	<p>Bob Taylor (President) Tom Burley (Treasurer) Jim Morrison (Library) Luis Martin (Newsletter)</p>
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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.

WANTED: EXHIBIT TREES FOR THE 2004 PNBC XV CONVENTION

I have been asked to coordinate the exhibit tree display for the Convention, and I would like to invite all the Vancouver Island Bonsai Club members, as well as the members of all the Greater Vancouver area bonsai clubs, to select their best specimens and submit their tree particulars, as well as a photo, in order for us to select the "Best of BC".

To put things in perspective, our Club organized the 2000 PNBC in Victoria, and we had 41 display trees inside and 17 display trees outside. Our Convention site is the same as four years ago so we are looking at the same number of trees. The inside trees were displayed in 3 adjacent and secured rooms. The outside trees were 2-men-trees and some up to 4-men-trees, which were distributed along the lobby and outside areas.

Please refer to page 4 of this Newsletter for the application form. Please complete as much information as you can and forward it to me at the Club mailing address no later than 31 July, 2004. Please send 1 form per tree, and indicate how you are planning to deliver the tree(s) to the Convention.

Soap solution: (borrowed from Carl L. Rosner, ABS Forum)

Pour 1 to 2 tablespoons of dishwasher liquid detergent and 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil into a plastic gallon jug and slowly fill with water. Pour this solution into a spray bottle and just before using it, add 1 to 2 caps full (use the cap of the alcohol bottle) of rubbing alcohol and spray immediately. If you do not use the full spray bottle, next time you use it add the same amount of alcohol since the alcohol will evaporate.

Spray on plants covering all leaf and stem surfaces. You may have to spray three to four times with intervals of three days, but this will eliminate most pests including scale.



For those who enjoy rocks / stones... Knowing that bonsai and stones often go hand in hand, educator Val Murray is anxious to meet and talk with any of our members who may be interested in stones and would like to join with her to do some non-commercial recreational rambling in hopes of finding artistic stones along the rivers and in the valleys of our beautiful Island.

She found out about us because she saw a display of Hal Seybold's limestone at the Better Gnomes *and Gardens* shop on Quadra Street. Val can be reached at her home 250-658-4289 or by e-mail valmail@shaw.ca.

First Field Trip of 2004. - Salt Spring Island. The date has been moved from May 15th. to Saturday June 12th.

We will meet at the Crofton ferry terminal and catch the 9:30 am ferry to Vesuvius. We will visit The Plant Farm and Thimble Farms in that order. We will have lunch in Ganges and have some time to visit the market before departing for Fulford Harbour to catch the 4 pm ferry to Sidney.

A sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting. If you are unable to sign up at the May meeting, but would like to come on the field trip, please call Aileen at 385-4448.

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



I will
treat your
Real Estate
like I treat
my bonsai,
...
*with care and
attention!*

Kent MacLeod
Newport Realty
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Exhibition Committee - Bonsai tree exhibit application form (please print)

Tree Latin Name: _____
Tree Common Name: _____

Age of tree: _____ Years in training: _____
Height including pot: _____ Maximum width: _____

Please trim a photo to fit here
or submit a scan of the tree

Applicant: Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

Will you authorize us to print your name as the tree owner? YES NO
Please give us an indication on how you are planning to deliver the tree to the Convention site:

Any questions or comments please call the Exhibit Chairperson, Luis Martin - 250-544-1551, or email at luisandsue@shaw.ca