



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

Wednesday, Dec. 07, 2005 . . .

Show and Tell... Bring in your Christmas decorated bonsai and or winter silhouette. There will be a prize for the best decorated tree.

Our Next Two Meetings:

Wednesday, Dec 07, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, Jan 04, 7:30 pm

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

Our Christmas party tradition continues. Please bring finger food of your choice or other christmas goodies and Louise will prepare her "magic punch".

We will also set up tables for a members swap meet. Bring in any bonsai related items which you would like to sell or trade with other members. Be sure to clearly price and place a tin, marked with your name, by your goods to collect your money. Members bringing things for sale will be responsible for collecting their own funds.

We will also be holding our usual raffle, please bring donations.

Also don't forget your membership renewal!!!!



TOONIE RAFFLE

We will be selling tickets for a hydraulic lift table which will be drawn for at our December meeting. This is a wonderful table which is on wheels and has a hydraulic lift to adjust the height of your workspace depending on the size of tree your working on. This table retails for around \$140.00

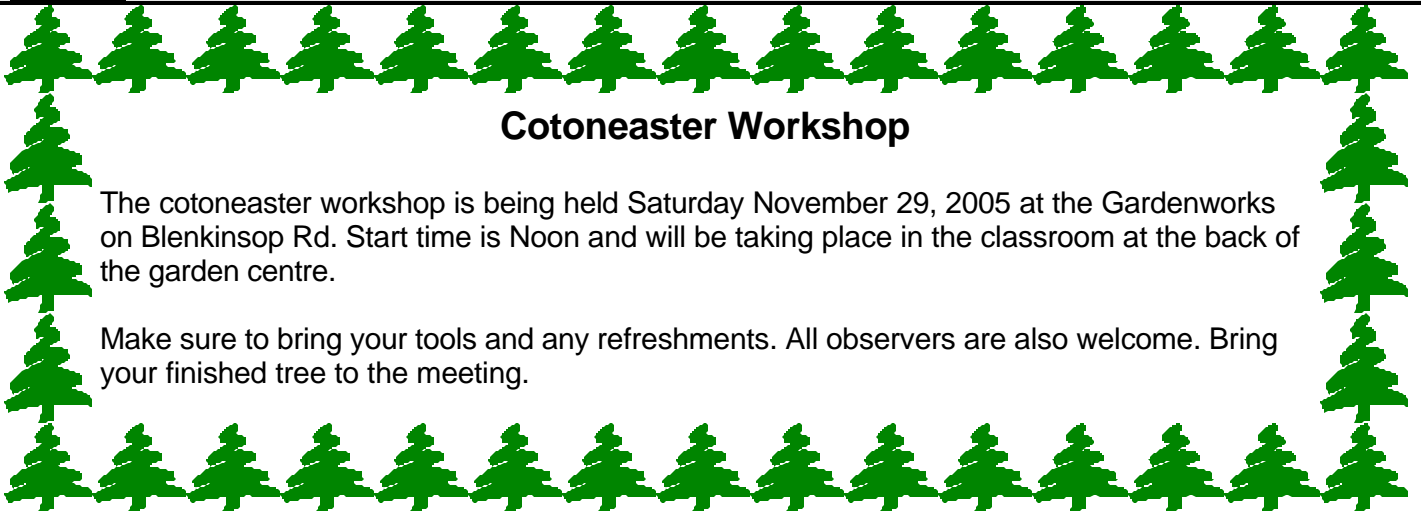


The club address is:
The Vancouver Island Bonsai Club
 P.O. Box 8674
 Victoria, B.C. V8W 3S2
<http://www.victoriabonsai.bc.ca>

Bob Taylor (President) **Tom Burley** (Treasurer)

Randy Kowalchuk (Vice-president/Newsletter)

MallShow Coordinator (Looking for volunteer)



Cotoneaster Workshop

The cotoneaster workshop is being held Saturday November 29, 2005 at the Gardenworks on Blenkinsop Rd. Start time is Noon and will be taking place in the classroom at the back of the garden centre.

Make sure to bring your tools and any refreshments. All observers are also welcome. Bring your finished tree to the meeting.

Art Gallery Display

Thanks to Jane, Steven, and Chuck for the work on the display and irrigation at the Art Gallery. Go by and check out the display. Our intention is to change the display every 6 weeks or so and Jane and Steven are looking for trees to use. If you have a tree you would like to show off for a while at the Gallery, let them know.



Mall Show

Steven C. is the 2006 Mall Show co-ordinator. The show has been booked for Hillside Mall from May 12th to 14th.

We will be looking for lots of volunteers so keep those dates open and if you are available please let Steven know. More information will be coming as we near the show dates.



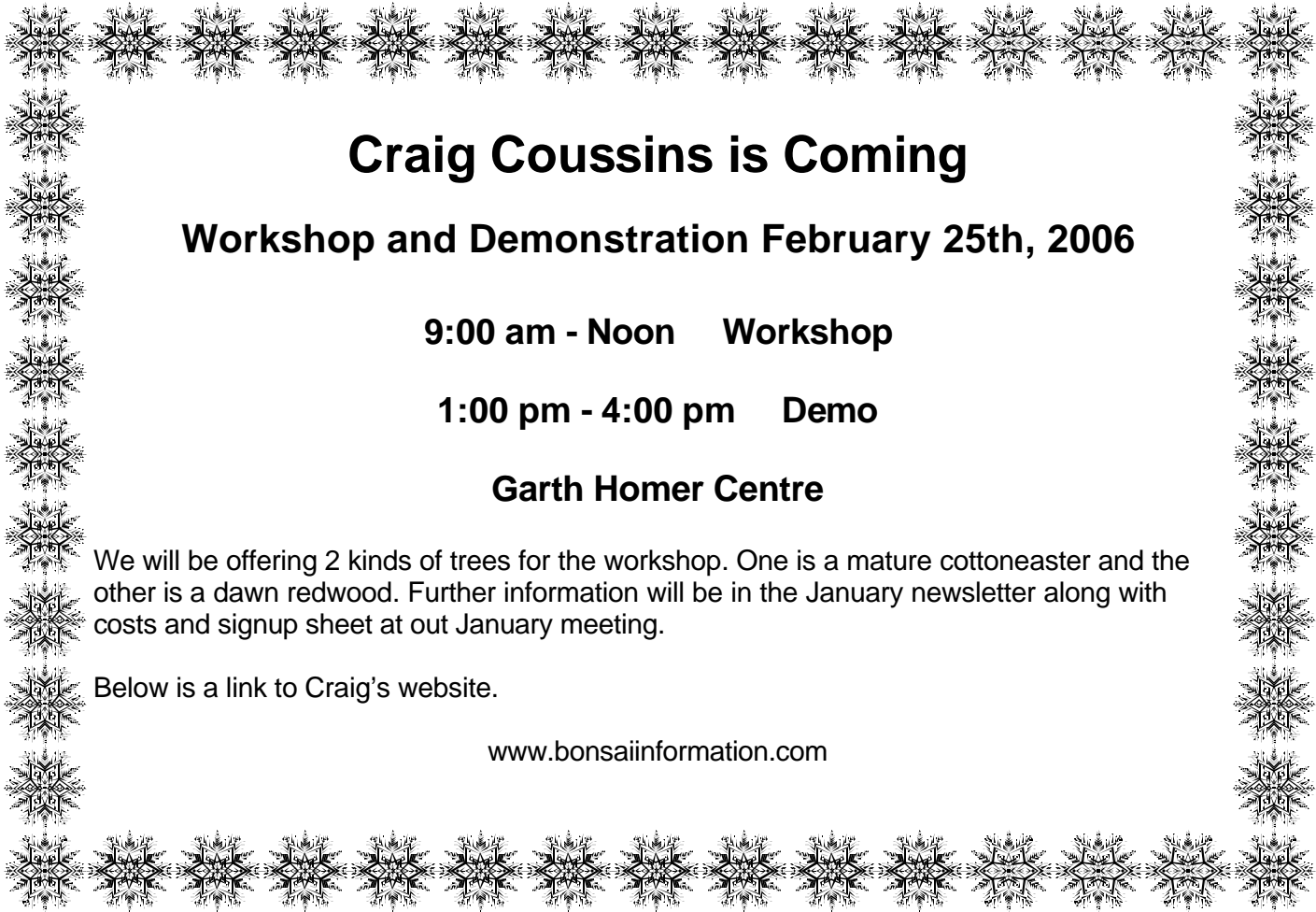
Snow, Snow, Snow

This is a winter scene from Reiner Goebel's back yard in Eastern Canada.

Check out his web-site at:
www.rgbonsai.com

He has some wonder photos of his trees on there.





Craig Coussins is Coming

Workshop and Demonstration February 25th, 2006

9:00 am - Noon Workshop

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Demo

Garth Homer Centre

We will be offering 2 kinds of trees for the workshop. One is a mature cotoneaster and the other is a dawn redwood. Further information will be in the January newsletter along with costs and sign up sheet at our January meeting.

Below is a link to Craig's website.

www.bonsaiinformation.com



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Winter is Coming!!!!!!!!!!!!



Are you ready?? A few helpful hints to keep your bonsai cozy and snug for our winter.



1. Clean all debris off the soil in your pots. This is great shelter for those early spring pests.



2. If leaving trees on your bench, make sure they have some shelter from all the rain or tip your pots a wee bit to ensure runoff.



3. Keep trees sheltered from the harsh cold drying winds.



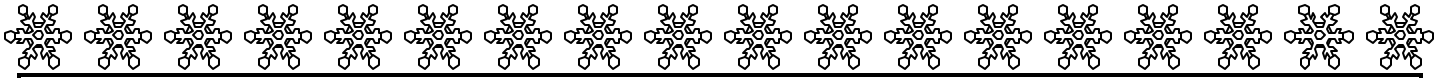
4. Make a cold frame (or buy a greenhouse!!) to shelter your more tender trees such as azaleas, trident maples, and other tender borderline trees. Don't forget to water as needed.



5. If we do by chance get some snow (Oh no!! The sky is falling!!), gently remove as much snow as possible off the trees to ensure you don't lose any branching, especially the ones you want to keep.



6. Pray and hope spring is just around the corner.



Vancouver Island Bonsai Club

Membership Renewal /Application Form for 2006

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 _____

City, Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone Home: _____ Phone Work: _____

Email : _____

Please indicate whether you would like to receive the Club Newsletter by Regular mail____ or by email notification of posting to the club website_____

If you are mailing this form, please mail to:

Vancouver Island Bonsai Club
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Victoria, BC. V8W 3S2





Vancouver Island Bonsai Club Member Questionnaire - November 2005

General For you, what are the most important benefits of belonging to the Club? (please circle up to 5)

- a) monthly meetings
- b) fellowship with other members
- c) access to club "experts"
- d) field trips
- e) workshops with senior club members
- f) workshops with visiting professionals
- g) mall show
- h) annual field day
- i) club library
- j) newsletter/website
- k) acquiring new trees
- l) other _____

Is there anything you don't like? _____

Monthly meetings

At the meetings, would you like to see more, less, or the same emphasis on the following:

	More	Same	Less
a) demonstration of techniques	___	___	___
b) panel discussions on particular topics	___	___	___
c) show and tell		___	___
d) guest speakers	___	___	___
e) hands-on work on your own trees		___	___
f) raffle table		___	___
g) special raffles/auctions		___	___
h) other _____		___	___

Suggestions for topics/techniques to be discussed at meetings

Suggestions for field trips

Do you regularly attend the meetings? Yes___ No ___

Would you like to volunteer for any position or function? Yes___ No___

If yes, please give name. _____

Please place this questionnaire in the box at the December meeting or mail to: VIBC, P.O. Box 8674, Victoria, BC V8W 3S2 . If you are mailing in the survey please mail before Dec 7th.