



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

Wednesday, July 6, 2005 . . .

Show and Tell... Bring a your Jim Doyle workshop tree and any stones you picked up during our recent Port Hardy trip.

Steven Cook will be doing a demo on making fertilizer cakes.

All members are asked to bring a tree to work on and you can exchange ideas and opinions from those of us who have lots of opinions but not necessarily the right ones.

There will be a sign-up sheet for the Vancouver—Japan Bonsai field trip.

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

Our Next Two Meetings:

Wednesday, July 6, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 3, 7:30 pm

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

PNBC XVI CONVENTION

“BACK TO OUR ROOTS”

To be held 16-18 September, 2005, in Bremerton, Washington, sponsored by Evergreen Bonsai Club (www.EvergreenBonsaiClub.com). This is the event that our Club sponsored last year.

Registration (for Canadians) is \$167.00 each / \$322.00 for a family, in US funds , before 30 April; prices go up after this date. Printed copies of the information and registration forms will be available at our May meeting.

Workshops:

Dan Robinson - an all day workshop on a large specimen tree,
 Stan Serbouski - Crabapple,
 Jerry Meislik - Brazilian Leopard Tree,
 Tak Yamaura - Shimpaku Juniper.
 Yasuo Misuya - Sold out
 Kathy Shaner - Sold out.
 Glenn Gardner - Literati Black Pine

Hotel:- Hampton Inn at Bremerton (just opened); convention special price of \$85.00 US per night. Tel. 360 - 405- 0200. When calling please ensure you designate your reservation at the above bonsai convention rate.

If you are planning to attend, please do not leave it to the last minute as registrations go up in May and the workshops, as you can see, are filling up.

The club address is:

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

Randy Kowalchuk (Vice-president/Newsletter)

Luis Martin (Mallshow Co-ordinator)



BONSAI WORKSHOP AND DEMO BY JIM DOYLE July 1st and 2nd

The distinguished Pennsylvania teacher will spend 2 or 3 days on Vancouver Island over our long weekend. He has been engaged in private consultation upon arrival and on Saturday July 2nd, will conduct a workshop in the morning and a demonstration in the afternoon, starting about 1:00 PM.

Both sessions will be on the patio at Highcroft Farm at 6081 Old West Saanich Rd. (Go out the Pat Bay Highway turning left on Keating Rd., turn left again on West Saanich Rd., go about 1 km and turn left this time onto **OLD** West Saanich Rd., watch for the number and then turn left yet again. The workshop will be from 9:00 AM to Noon with not more than 10 participants working with Jim on some nice Hinoki Cypress. The workshop fee is \$85.00 which includes your tree. There are still several spaces left. If you are interested please contact Randy Kowalchuk right away at 370-7562 or email at randyko@shaw.ca There is no charge for members to be silent observers.



The afternoon session is open to all members at no charge. Jim will be undertaking a "transformation" of a tree from its raw state into a semi-finished bonsai. We have set aside two possibilities for him to work on—an interesting, twisty, medium sized yew obtained several years ago from Tak at Japan Bonsai or a large Subalpine fir, *Abies lasiocarpa*, collected here on the Island. There are some alternatives but we tend to favor the Yew which, when raffled or auctioned at a subsequent club meeting, will be a fine addition to a member's collection.

We have about a dozen lawn chairs, so if you have one, especially for the afternoon session, please bring it.

See you there!!!



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Port Hardy Field Trip June 18—19th

Port Hardy is a long way up the island but for those of us who traveled to Hal Seybold's and Peter Wilson's places I think I can say it was worth the trip. A very good size contingent of club members were welcomed at Hal and Willis's place and were treated to an outstanding display of stones which they have collected. Hal put on a demonstration of how he cleans the stones and also how to make some minor repairs to chips. Willis prepared excellent snacks and a good time was had by all touring through the Seybold's hidden garden.

We also drove over to Port Alice to visit the home of Peter Wilson and to see some beautiful collected trees including a hemlock which Peter brought out himself. It was well over 8 feet tall!!!!. Bob Taylor nearly became a permanent resident of Port Alice as there are no gas stations there and Bob was running on fumes. Thanks to the ingenuity of Peter we were able to get Bob back safely to Port Hardy. Perhaps the club could invest in a jerry can for our club president. Hehe.

I believe most of us left Port Hardy loaded down with the one of a kind stones we purchased and Hal and Willis very generously donated boxes of stones to the club which we will most likely be using in upcoming workshops.

We would like to thank Hal, Willis and Peter for the wonderful weekend and there very generous hospitality.





2005 Annual Show and Sale Hillside Mall May 27—29, 2005

Our mall show went off without a hitch again this year and thanks so much to the dedication and hard work by all the volunteers, especially the amount of time put in by Luis and Sue Martin. See you next on Mother's Day weekend!!



Field Trip to Vancouver

We will be going on a field trip to Vancouver on Saturday August 20th. We will be visiting Sunny's Bonsai, Japan Bonsai and at least one other nursery. Cost for the trip is \$40.00 which includes the charter bus ride to and from Victoria and also your ferry fee.

Sign up sheets and details will be at the next meeting on July 6th.



The 5th World Bonsai Federation

Some 20 years ago, John Naka, the late distinguished North American bonsai teacher, and the aged Saburo Kato, honourable former Chairman of the Nippon Bonsai Association, created the World Bonsai Friendship Federation. Plans were laid to hold a worldwide convention every fourth year. After Munich in 2001, the duty fell to this continent in the spring of 2005. There were some 900 delegates/registrants filling the Washington, DC. Hilton to watch, hear, learn, greet old friends, and to make new ones. We visited a special exhibition of antique Chinese pottery on the first evening, and following a late afternoon inspection of their marvelous collection of trees, we dined under a huge tent erected at the site of the US National Bonsai and Penjing Museum.

A daily routine was quickly established with lecture demonstrations mornings and afternoons interspersed with workshops of every description. Artists familiar to us here in Victoria were Arthur Skolnik, representing Canada, pruning and settling on a slab a collected Eastern white spruce. His workshop, which struck home to me, was on Kingsville box. Other demonstrators and workshop leaders were Kathy Shaner, scheduled for similar tasks at our Bremerton convention this fall, Marco Invernezzi, Guy Guidry, and many others. As well there was, of course, exhibitions of choice bonsai, fine bonsai pottery, and viewing stones including the black limestone piece, *Ebb and Flow*, collected by Hal Seybold of Port Hardy.

Both ABS and BCI were sponsors of the convention and held annual meetings which I attended as a delegate from Vancouver Island. The American Bonsai Society representing, as it does, the culture of bonsai in the USA, Canada, and Mexico, announced the establishment of the *John Y Naka Award* to be given to the ABS member, amateur or professional, styled exclusively by the artist from nursery stock or collected material. There will be copies of the details available to our members at our meetings or a copy can be had at any time from me.

.....George Heffelfinger

