



# VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

**Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005 . . .**

**Show and Tell...** Bring in your treasure you found during our recent trip to Vancouver.

Steven Cook will be performing a demonstration on tree carving.

If you have a tree which you would like to have some jin or shari on please bring to the meeting and senior members will be glad to help you with it.

A recent executive meeting at the Art Gallery has opened up an exciting opportunity in the gardens surrounding the Gallery. Bob Taylor will discuss this at the meeting.

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

***Our Next Two Meetings:***

*Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7:30 pm*

*Wednesday, Oct. 5, 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](http://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 has decided to subsidize the registration cost for all convention goers by \$100.00.**

The club address is:

**The Vancouver Island Bonsai Club**  
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<http://www.victoriabonsai.bc.ca>

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

**Randy Kowalchuk** (Vice-president/Newsletter)

**Luis Martin** (Mallshow Co-ordinator)



## The Peninsula Garden Club is presenting

### *Fifty Blooming Years*

**Sunday October 2, 11 - 4 pm**  
**Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney**

**Guest Speaker : Brian Minter**  
**Annual Fall Plant Sale 9:30 - 11:30 am**

**Free admission to Specialty Garden Club Displays & Demonstrations,  
Artisans, and Garden Accessories**

Our club will be hosting a table at this even so be sure to attend. If you would like to volunteer some time contact Bob, Luis, or Randy.

### **Craig Cousins is coming!!**

Since 1990 Craig Coussins has traveled the world teaching his art and although he is a very experienced carver, Craig prefers working with trees rather than power tools. He studies the indigenous species of the country his visits and always works towards developing trees native in species and style of that country. He has worked in South Africa, England, Italy, Ireland, Russia, New Zealand, Belgium, and all over North America.

Craig has written four books including the advanced techniques covered in his latest book "Bonsai School".

He will be coming to Victoria for a demonstration and workshop in February 2006. Stay tuned for more information.



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## August 20th - Field Trip to Vancouver by Helen Ayers

We had a most enjoyable visit to three very different places of interest for those of us who get on the passenger list for our August field trip. It was a new adventure in organizing a trip by bus rather than car pooling. The buzz was that it encouraged more members to go on a trip and a total of 39 had a fun day at the low cost of \$40.00 each for a visit to the mainland.

Waking up in the middle of the night for some of us was a bit of a struggle but those of us who did make it to the bus at 6:30 am were well awake by the time the country folk out on the peninsula staggered out of the Waddling Dog. It was a fine day with sunshine all the way to light up our breakfast on the 8:00 am. Ferry and the usual classic views through the islands. It was a clear one hour run from Tsawwassen to the "Sunny Bonsai and Orchid Centre" on E. Broadway where Roger Low and Sam Law were ready to greet us with warm smiles and hot coffee. Here it was hard to resist the array of fine trees in many styles, numerous pots, and exquisite orchids. The discount made available to us as members of the club was a generous 40% on trees and the baggage hold on the bus was filling rapidly. On display were particularly fine examples of quince, banyan, and serrisa for the indoor enthusiast. All too soon we had to depart for our next stop and we left at 11:40 to travel over the Port Mann Bridge. En route we enjoyed inspirational views of the mountains in the mist - or was that just the pollution of the big city!!!



Our stop at Tak Yamaura's "Japan Bonsai" in Surrey was for many a return visit and for those seeing his trees for the first time it was again too tempting. Some members were searching for particular specimens to add to their collection and others were inspired by the goods on display. Tak demonstrated his exceptional skills as he repotted a group planting of black pine with his keen mastery of the art. For those who have not yet been able to see a master at work it should be added to your "to do" list. Joe, his able assistant, did a fine job of keeping the hamburgers coming off the BBQ and we truly appreciated the lunch they laid on for us. We had close to three hours to enjoy this part of our day and the line-up at the till hardly stopped and some members were to be seen in the line more than once. When not purchasing or watching the demonstration, time was well spent just admiring the fine examples of bonsai on display and all too soon it seemed we had to be back on the bus.

A small deviation from the direct route home brought us to "Young's Plants" in Delta. Here we were treated to a fine selection of classic styled and well developed maples and crabapples as well as other traditional bonsai and some exotic orchids. This nursery is a good example of a home business developed over many years by an enthusiast. The display was nicely presented around an old backyard swimming pool that now is home to varieties of fish. It was noted that we were probably in time to catch the 5:00 pm ferry home if our road was clear and the driver received a good round of applause as we made it just in time. Sorting out the treasures from the baggage took a while but eventually everyone went home with the right stuff and visions of masterpieces for the display table are already taking form.

Special mention should be made of our Captain for the day. Jane Palin kept us well informed and she did a fine job of organizing the trip. Mark Patterson ably assisted her in counting moving heads and making sure we left no one behind. The consensus was that it was a truly enjoyable day. If there are to be future bus trips it would be good advice to get your name on the list early as many members were heard to say they found this way of traveling and learning a lot of fun.





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