



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

Wednesday, Feb 01, 2006 . . .

Show and Tell... Stones-Suiseki. Bring in your stones and be prepared to tell a story whether it where you collected them or what they might represent.

Our Next Two Meetings:

Wednesday, Feb 01, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, Mar 01, 7:30 pm

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

We will be having a discussion of nursery trees for potential bonsai and workshops. The what to look for, what is out there, how much you would expect to pay, and where to find this kind of material.

After the break, Chuck and a few senior members will be discussing and demonstrating how to repot a root bound tree.



Don't forget to buy your Toonie ticket on the Sub-alpine tree raffle which will be drawn for this evening.

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

Field Day

Field day has been scheduled for Sunday, April 9th out at the farm.

For those who have never attended, it is a chance to get together for members to get together outside and work on trees which need potting, styling, or other help.

It is also a time to buy and sell trees, pots, etc. from fellow members and buy and screen bark mulch and other material we need for the year.

Watch for further details!!

The club address is:
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Bonsai Prime Directives & Universal Truths

“ Dead trees are the tuition you pay for learning bonsai” ... John Naka

Rule #1. - The expression “roots easily from a cutting” is a term which is a term which applies to everyone but you.

Rule # 2. - In a workshop situation ... your wire becomes community property.

Rule # 3. - Rule 2 also applies to your tools.

Amendment to Rule #3. - Wire, is the first thing that anyone who borrows your new, seventy-five dollar, stainless steel, concave cutter will attempt to sever. If this individual has no wire available, they will either borrow some (see rule #2) or attempt to cut rocks in the soil mass.

Rule #4. - Fertilizing a bonsai has exactly the same effect upon local weather conditions as washing your car.

Rule #5. - Wisteria, Mume, Crab Apple and Crape Myrtle will bloom easily and in profusion for everyone. (This statement does not apply to you.)

Rule #6. - If two trees are collected side by side, on the same day and given identical care, one will eventually live and one will die. The tree that dies will not only be the best of the two specimens from a design standpoint, but will also be the one with the best root system.

Rule #7. - If the tree you choose to collect from the wild has no root system, you will become aware of this fact only after having lugged a 50 pound “root ball” comprised mostly of wet mud at least one mile down the side of a mountain or through extensive patches of thorn bushes and loose rock.

Rule # 8. - When wiring a bonsai, if you carefully measure the length of a branch and then allow about a third more wire you will always wind up either: a: two inches too short or, b: four inches too long.

Rule #9. - Japanese beetles consider bonsai to be “home cooking”.

Rule #10. - Automatic watering systems will always work perfectly until you leave the house.

From Randy Clark to a fellow collector - July 2005

Media Relations Volunteer Needed

We are looking for someone to take on the responsibility of media relations for the club. The duties would included distributing club brochures to the local nurseries, contacting local papers to publish various club events, and any other media related activities which may come up.

If you are interested in this position please contact one of the board members.



Craig Coussins Workshop and Demonstration

Saturday February 25th, 2006

Garth Homer Center

Workshop 9:00 am - Noon

Demonstration 1:00 pm– 4:00 pm

Craig Coussins is a world renowned bonsai artist who has authored 3 successful books. *Bonsai School*, *Bonsai for Beginners*, and *Totally Bonsai* are outstanding books which provide great insight and information to the bonsai enthusiast.

We are very pleased to present Craig to Victoria and look forward some great work being done.

The Workshop - The fee for the workshop is \$85.00 which includes either a cotoneaster or dawn redwood, and your participant's fee for the workshop. Silent observers will be allowed for this portion of the program for a fee of \$5.00 per person. We will have a signup sheet at the January and February meeting. Payment will be required at time of registration.



Dawn Redwood - **Sold out**



Cotoneaster

The Demonstration - The demonstration will begin at 1:00 pm and is open free of charge to all club members and friends. This is a good time to bring someone out who might be interested in bonsai and would like to enjoy watching an artist at work. Craig will be working some substantial material which has not yet been selected but ranges from an old yew, lodgepole pine, or a large scotspine.




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