



# VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

Wednesday, Jan 04, 2006 . . .

**Show and Tell...** Bring in a tree which represents a winter silhouette, perhaps one which looks better in winter than in summer

## Not Having a Pot to Tree In??

Quoting one of our life members, not mentioning any name of course, we will be holding a Panel discussion on selecting a pot for your tree. If you would like an opinion or just plain need help, bring your tree and pot.

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

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

### *Our Next Two Meetings:*

*Wednesday, Jan 04, 7:30 pm*

*Wednesday, Feb 01, 7:30 pm*

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium  
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

## Results of Member Questionnaire

Many thanks to the 32 members who took the time to fill out the Member Questionnaire. Your responses will help the Board in its efforts to make our meetings more stimulating and our Club more vital, fun and relevant to your interests.

Heading the list of "most important benefits of belonging to the club" was access to club experts. Member really do value the time and energy devoted by our experts to helping the rest of us - thank you experts! Of almost equal value to members were: fellowship with other members, monthly meetings, workshops with visiting professionals, and workshops with senior club members.

There were a few suggestions for improvements, notably two members expressed a preference for raffles over auctions, and two said it was important to present topics at meetings when they had promised.

At monthly meetings, members said they would like to see more emphasis on the demonstration of techniques; many also wanted more guest speakers, and more hands-on work on their own trees. On the whole, members wanted most of the elements of our meetings to stay the same. We received many excellent suggestions for topics to be discussed at meetings, so watch for some new and exciting programs at future meetings.

While only nine members chose "field trips" as one of their most important benefits, there were many inventive ideas for future Club trips, including "rock hunts" (4 members), Seattle (2), Vancouver again (2), up island (2), local nursery visits (2), tours of members' gardens (1), and Tokyo (1)

And Bravo to those members who offered to volunteer (five said yes; two said maybe)!

Jane P.

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

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

**MallShow Coordinator** (Looking for volunteer)



### Art Gallery Display

We were remiss in thanking Mark P. who also has helped at the Art Gallery with our display. The Gallery committee is looking to change the display for the next 6 week period and would like to represent a winter silhouette.

If you would like to have your tree displayed for this period at the Art Gallery please bring it to the January meeting so the committee can review it and perhaps put it on display. The trees are very secure in their area. We would like to get more member trees involved in this program as in the past we have relied on a very few number of our members to provide trees for this display.



### Coffee Tins Wanted

Please collect your coffee tins (preferably large and with lids) and give them to Jane P. You can either bring them to the next meeting or call 598-5381.

**Happy New Year !!!!!**

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# 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



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.



### The Character of the Container

( excerpt from Basic Bonsai Design by David Degroot )

Masculine container characteristics are as follows:

- Angular form—Rectangles, squares, hexagons, etc.
- Formal Appearance Straight walls, plain feet, unglazed, undecorated.
- Heavy Construction - Thick walls, prominent feet, prominent protruding lip.
- Elegant Appearance - Slim profile, restrained decoration, primarily straight lines.
- Rustic Pots - Irregular shape, rough surface texture, also “drum” pots showing nail heads.
- Dark or Earthtone colors.

Feminine container characteristics are as follows:

- Rounded Form - Oval, round, lotus shape.
- Informal Appearance - Curved walls, tapered form, decorative design.
- Light Construction - Thin walls, small feet, small, rounded lip, or no lip, or incurved lip.
- Refined Pots - Regular form, smooth textured surfaces, glazes.
- Light Colors - Creams, pastels, or bright colors.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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