



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

Wednesday, June 07, 2006 . . .

Show and Tell... Bring your azaleas and any mall show acquisitions.

We will be having a discussion and demonstration on the care and training of azaleas, bring along any azalea you wish to work on or show off.

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

Coming in.....

July - Show and tell for maples
Summer pruning of deciduous trees

August - Dies and stones demonstration and discussion
Toonie raffle for Craig Coussins workshop Yew.

September - Sept. 18th 1st Monday evening meeting.
Bring in your convention treasures
Question & Answer session
Fall colors for show and tell

Our Next Two Meetings:

Wednesday, June 07, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, July 05, 7:30 pm

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*



Azalea Care and Training

We will be holding a discussion and demonstration on the care and training of your azaleas. This will include varieties, feeding, pruning, wiring, and repotting.

After the demonstration members will have the opportunity to work on their own azaleas with guidance from senior club members.

The azalea pictured here is a *Rosebud* azalea and is all of 6 inches tall.

The club address is:
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Randy Kowalchuk (President) **Judy Horsland** (Treasurer)

Bob Taylor (Past President)

MallShow Coordinator - Steven C.



"Northwest Bonsai Spirit"

The 17th Annual Convention of the Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association

September 15 - 17, 2006

The seventeenth annual Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac, WA, Friday, Sept. 15 through Sunday, Sept. 17, 2006.
Bonsai Exhibit - Demonstrations - Vendor Bazaar - Workshops

Featuring Four Leading International Bonsai Artists

David DeGroot - Guy Guidry - Boon Manakitivipart - Suthin Sukosolvisit

Special Events

Free Kusamono Workshop Sumi Painting Demo Bonsai Display Presentation

This is going to be an outstanding convention, sign up now and support bonsai in the Pacific Northwest. Remember the more club members who go, the more our share of the proceeds for our club. For full information and registration go to www.pnbca.com/conv2006/main.html

Port Hardy Field Trip

We are in the planning stages of taking another trip up to Port Hardy in mid-August in conjunction with some club members from Washington State. There are some bonsai enthusiasts located in the northern portion of the island who are looking at forming a bonsai club and we would be going up to help promote this.

Details will be following as they are brought on line. Stay Tuned!!!



PNBCA Convention 2006, Seattle

If you haven't yet looked at the website for the Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Assn. Convention - www.pnbca.com/2006/main.html you won't have seen pictures of the remarkable array of guest artists, their workshops, and the raw material they will use in their demonstrations.

David De Groot, curator of the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection near Seattle, needs no introduction to us who live in these parts. His workshop trees will be field grown crab apples and his demonstration will be with a collected Engelmann spruce - a species familiar to those living in the interior but quite happy here on the coast.

Guy Guidry of New Orleans is well known for his work on Bald cypress as one of his specimens is on permanent display in the National Collection in Washington, D.C. Guy was a guest artist here in Victoria several years ago with a workshop and demonstration. At the World Convention last year he spent a whole morning and part of an afternoon on as big a Juniper as most of us have ever seen. In Seattle his workshop will be a field grown Japanese maple and his demo is a 350 year old Rocky Mountain juniper.



Boon Manikitivipart now living in San Francisco is also a friend of many here in Victoria. He was a featured artist at our 2000 convention showing us his stuff with a fine Mountain hemlock. His Seattle workshop will be Black pine and his demo a huge collected Ponderosa pine.



Suthin Sukosolvisit is a nursery owner in the east but spends a great deal of his life traveling to teach and demonstrate bonsai to eager students. Some club members will remember working with him for a day on the mainland several years ago. Suthin's specialty is shohin and in keeping with this talent his workshop will be with small Shimpaku juniper, his demo will be on another big, old Rocky Mountain juniper.



It has not been mentioned but we can expect that most, if not all, the demonstration trees will be raffled or auctioned to the convention audience.

Plans for the reception on the Friday opening night call for a free Kusamono workshop by Boon. That mean that everybody will have a chance to learn the secrets of designing a display with small plants and/or grasses.

Full registration is \$225., workshop prices vary. At this date there are still openings fro De Groot and Guidry but act fast if you want in. Registrants can be silent observers at workshops all day Friday for \$25. The hotel is the Seatac Doubletree at \$109. Single or double.

Full information will be available at our next club meeting on Wednesday June 7th and copies of the registration form for you to take along.



Bonsai 101

Attention Beginners and Novices:

Bonsai 101

Maurice Bombezin, Life member of our club, will again be offering his popular introductory course on the art of bonsai. The course is open to current and new Club members. You will learn a little of the history, the theory, and how to style your bonsai.

Session #1: Sunday June 11, 1:30 - 3:30pm, Gardenworks Nursery classroom 4290 Blenkinsop.

Session #2: Saturday June 17, 1:30 - in M. Bombezin's garden.

Cost for both sessions \$40 plus materials.

Sign up at the May or June meeting.



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Hillside Mallshow Another Resounding Success !!

Once again our mallshow was a great success. I would like to thank all the volunteers who put in time and effort to make this possible and especially would like to make mention of the following people. Steven C. who was this year's co-ordinator, Bob P. who each year drives out to the farm to retrieve our screens, Bob T. who was at the show most of the weekend, and Chuck H. who was there for every closing shift to make sure our babies were nice and safe, and to everyone else who I might have missed, thank-you.

