



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

Wednesday, Mar 01, 2006 . . .

Show and Tell... Flowering Trees. Bring in your flowering trees and perhaps have them displayed at Art & Bloom at the Art Gallery in March, Jane and Steven will be on the lookout for trees for this event. Also bring in your Craig Coussins workshop trees.

Our Next Two Meetings:

Wednesday, Mar 01, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, Apr 05, 7:30 pm

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

This is the time to begin wiring and pruning your deciduous trees. We will be doing a demonstration of wiring. If you have a tree which needs some pruning and wiring bring it in and get some expert and not so expert advice.

We will be holding club elections at this time. The past-president and his committee has the agreement of all current directors to let their names stand for re-election. We will also be accepting nominations from the floor prior to the vote. If you or anyone you know is willing to volunteer some time please come forward.

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

Coming in.....

April - Boxwood styling and a discussion and demo on how to take and succeed with cuttings.

May - How to prepare your tree for exhibit.
Pine candle pruning.
Mall show exhibit trees.

June - Azalea show and tell
Azalea care and training.

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!!

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MallShow Coordinator - Steven C.



Bonsai Nursery Crawl - Sunday March 19th

It is that time of year to start looking at stock to work on for the coming season. To help with this your club has organized a local nursery tour. The idea is to learn lots about what to look for in a good piece of nursery stock. Oh! And to have lots of fun with the club.

We will go to 5 nurseries on March the 19th. In the morning we will go to Peninsula Nursery, Mari-gold Nursery, and Russell Nursery. Then we will take a break at a café-bakery, The Roost, for lunch because the Four Seasons Nursery is right beside it. After that we will head to Cannor Nursery to finish the day.

One of the nice things about the event being local is if you have some reservations about a piece of stock, you can go back for it later. Of course we are getting an extra deal on nursery crawl day.

This event is a car pool event. Feel free to organize your own rides, but please sign up on the signup sheet anyways. The signup list is for two reasons. The first is so anyone who has not organized a ride can be put in contact with those who still have space. The second reason is so we can inform the nurseries as to the number of club members showing up. A reminder to drivers: save space in for vehicle for trees!

Directions. Meeting at 10:00 am.

Peninsula Nursery 1812 West Saanich Rd. 10% discount - Get on to Mt. Newton Cross Rd. (likely from the Pat Bay Highway). From Mt. Newton Cross Rd., turn right onto West Saanich Rd., heading north. *Leaving at 10:30 am.*

Heritage Trees Tour - Get the handout at Peninsula Nursery from an organizer.

Meadow Oak Nursery 1070 Wain Rd. 15% discount.—Turn left onto Wain Rd. from West Saanich Rd. *Leaving at 11:45 am.*

Russell Nursery 1370 Wain Rd. 15% discount.—Get onto Wain Rd. from Meadow Oak, turn right out of the parking lot. Go straight. Be careful, don't get lost. *Leaving at 1:30 pm.*

Four Seasons Nursery 9100 East Saanich Rd. 15% discount. - Heading out of Russell Nursery, turn right. This will take you to the Pat Bay Highway. From the Pat Bay, turn right onto McTavish Rd. Two blocks later, at McTavish Rd. and East Saanich Rd., is The Roost and Four Seasons Nursery. *Leaving 2:45 pm.*

Cannor Nursery 4660 Elk Lake Dr. 20% discount.—Back along McTavish Rd., take a right (south) onto the highway. Past Elk Lake, take a right onto the Royal Oak Dr. overpass. Stay to the right as you exit. Almost immediately, turn right onto Elk Lake Dr. *Finish.*

Hope to see you there!!!



2006 Mall Show and Sale May 12, 13, and 14

Time is approaching for our annual mall show and sale which is being held May 12, 13, and 14 at Hillside Mall. Setup is going to happen the evening of May 11th.

Volunteers are needed for various duties and shifts which are 4 hours long. Signup sheets will be at the upcoming monthly meetings. Please be sure you support this major club activity. If you are planning to sell trees at the show you are required to signup for at least 1 shift. Details regarding this will be forthcoming.

Also begin to plan which tree or trees you would like to bring for the show.

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!!!

Bonsai Soil Mix

A few of our more adventurous members will be experimenting this spring with some new soil mixes. As you know, our winters here on the island are extremely wet and one of the challenges is to have a mix which is fast draining and don't break down too fast and plug up drain holes in the pot.

A test is being conducted with the following mix. We will have them report on their success or failures!

- 1/3 part Akadama
- 1/3 part Pumice
- 1/3 part Lava Rock

If you have some ideas, please send an email through the www.victoriabonsai.bc.ca website and let us know what you are having success with.




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Attached is \$20.00 for single membership___ or Attached is \$25.00 for family membership ____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone Home: _____ Phone Work: _____

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Please indicate whether you would like to receive the Club Newsletter by Regular mail_____ or
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If you are mailing this form, please mail to:

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