



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

Wednesday, May03, 2006 . . .

Show and Tell... Mall show exhibit trees

We will be having a discussion on how to prepare your tree for exhibit, having the upcoming mall show in mind.

We will have a discussion and demo of pine candle plucking, bring in your pines.

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

Coming in.....

June - Azalea show and tell
Azalea care and training.

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

August - Dies and stones

Our Next Two Meetings:

Wednesday, May 03, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, June 07, 7:30 pm

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

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 meeting. 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.

The club address is:
The Vancouver Island Bonsai Club
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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 Sukosolvit

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!!!



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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Maurice Bombezin Awarded Life Membership

At our April meeting Maurice was awarded a Life Membership by outgoing president Bob Taylor.

Testimonial by Jane Palin:

Speaking as a novice, I know how lucky we are to have Maurice as a resource person in our club. In his role as teacher and mentor he has helped many of us overcome our fear of cutting that first branch, and has encouraged us to hone our skills and follow our passion.

How many of you are graduates of Bonsai 101?

How many of you have ever asked Maurice for advice?

[Just about everyone]

Maurice has these qualities which make a good teacher:

Patience - He never makes you feel ignorant for asking a question.

- he seems tireless in explaining the same point over and over.

Enthusiasm - Maurice's evident love of bonsai is contagious! And he will work for hours help members with their trees.

Knowledge - He is willing to pass on his knowledge from many years of practicing the art of bonsai.

For all he has given to the Club, Maurice has certainly earned the honour of becoming a Life Member.

