



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

Monday, October 16, 2006 . . .

Show and Tell... Bring in your Fall colors.

We will be having a discussion with senior club members on identifying, caring for and maintenance of different pines. If you have a pine you would like some input or help with please bring it along.

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

Coming in.....

November - Focus on bark.
Winterizing your trees; also styling without leaves.

December - Christmas Party
Decorated Bonsai contest
Members' sale: Used books, trees, pots, etc.

Our Next Two Meetings:

Monday, Oct 16, 7:30 pm

Monday, Nov 20, 7:30 pm

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

Even botanist Carl Linnaeus, sometimes called the Father of Taxonomy, has something to say about those of us who search the mountains seeking candidates for bonsai culture. This quotation is from his book *Glory of the Scientist - 1737*

“... I am tempted to ask whether men are in their right minds who so desperately risk life and everything else through their love of collecting plants”

Hackin' at the Hilton -- Cutting Edge Bonsai

September 21 - 23, 2007

*Hilton Hotel, Vancouver Washington
Hosted by the Bonsai Society of Portland, Oregon*

The Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society presents a

Japanese Cultural Fair

**10 am - 4 pm
Saturday, October 21**

Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St.

FREE ADMISSION

- ? Japanese Tea Ceremony
- ? Delicious Sushi
- ? Ikebana Demonstration
- ? Bonsai Display
- ? Taiko Drumming
- ? Martial Arts Demonstration
- ? Japanese Choir
- ? Koto Music... and more!

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 -



"Northwest Bonsai Spirit"
**The 17th Annual Convention of the
Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association
September 15 - 17, 2006**

This was an absolutely wonderful convention with many knowledgeable bonsai people in attendance. There was much to be learned and I think most of us left with arms full of bonsai, pots, and others supplies, way more than what most of us had budgeted for. Next year's convention is being held by the Portland Bonsai Club at the Hilton Hotel in Vancouver Wa., Sept. 21– 23, 2007. Information and registration can be found at www.portlandbonsai.org





Marco Invernizzi Is Coming!!

We are pleased to announce that Marco Invernizzi, a renowned master bonsai artist from Italy is coming to Victoria the weekend of Nov 25 - 26 to hold a workshop and present a demonstration for our club. Marco was here 2 years ago and for those that attended his workshop or the demonstration, much was learned. There will be a workshop for 10 people who will be working on Japanese Boxwood like the one shown in the photo. Signup sheet and further information will be presented at the upcoming club meeting on October 16th.



A Species to Toy with as a Future Bonsai...

Several years ago I obtained a little shrub from just where, I cannot recall. Something said to me that it was a tropical but it turns out that I was wrong. I brought it out of its winter-time hiding place last spring and found that it had become a nice little tree, about 12 inches tall with furrowed bark. When it burst into bloom late in the summer it had an elaborate flower which can be seen in the picture. This gave me reason to enquire as to what it was. It turned out to be a *Campsis radicans*, commonly called Trumpet Creeper. Further, I was told that it was quite hardy here in Victoria and can be had in several different colours. The second picture shows a yellow flowered version which I picked up at a late season price at a local nursery for under \$10 which included the tax. When planted in the ground it is said to grow rapidly achieving heights of up to 40 ft.

It is obvious that *Campsis* can be trained in the pot, at first it will be pencil thin but when regularly trimmed back, in time, it can become a dandy little bonsai. For now I continue to show the tree with its out-of-scale flower, as a bonsai it will look much better, I feel, without its floral adornment. Give it a try.





Collecting Trip

The North Island Bonsai Club had a mini field trip just outside of Port Hardy to learn how to retrieve a prospective tree from the bush. Peter Wilson instructed a group of 13 club members on where and what to look for in selecting an appropriate "wild" tree for a bonsai.




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