



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

Monday, September 18, 2006 . . .

Show and Tell... Bring in your convention treasures and any fall colours you may start to see. Also anything you have won from the raffle table which has been transformed into a new treasure.

We will be having a question and answer session with senior members leading this forum. Ask those questions you were always afraid to ask, let's see if we can stump the experts! Remember, no question is silly.

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

Coming in.....

October - Bring in your fall colors.

Pines - how to identify and care for different species of pine; also pine needle plucking.

November - Focus on bark.

Winterizing your trees; also styling without leaves.

Our Next Two Meetings:

Monday, Sept 18, 7:30 pm

Monday, Oct 16, 7:30 pm

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

Meeting Time Change

Effective beginning in September, our club meetings will be moving to the **3rd Monday** of the month.

The September meeting will be held on **Monday September 18th** at 7:30 at Garth Homer.



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

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"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



Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection

The Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection is located 40 km. South of downtown Seattle and it is open year-round free of charge.

There are numerous bonsai from around the world on display here and the one pictured to the left is a collected Shore Pine by a former Vancouver Island Bonsai Club member, Jack Sullivan.

It certainly is worth the visit. You can view more at the Weyerhaeuser website:

<http://www.weyerhaeuser.com/aboutus/whereweoperate/worldheadquarters/bonsaicollection/default.asp>



Trip To Port Hardy

Friends of stone with bonsai

For those of you who did not know about it, organized by Hal and Willis Seybold, we had a fine weekend in Port Hardy where a group of North Island residents were interested in starting a bonsai club. They had invited members of the Vancouver Island Bonsai Club (which operates mostly in and around Victoria), the Puget Sound Bonsai Assn., and the Chinese Penjing Society of Canada in Vancouver. Photographs of the affair can be found on the website below. Be sure to type in capitals where indicated.

<http://web.mac.com/wseybold/iWeb/Site/Bonsai%20Website%20Photos.html>

David Rowe did a fine demonstration on Saturday morning using a Mountain Hemlock collected by Peter Wilson of Port Alice. The afternoon was devoted to stones, especially the fine limestone Scholars' Rocks found in the region. The gasp of wonder came forth from the audience of 75 when Hal and wood carver Jim Nokes unveiled their newest discovery—a 29" 140 lbs. Giant provisionally being named "In This Stone and Grotto Horizons Sing" after music of the same name by Karl Jenkins (EMI Classic 7243-5-57966-2). - George H.





Late Summer Through Fall Fertilizing

At this time of year, focus on preparing your outdoor hardy and semi-hardy bonsai for the hardships of winter. While there is no doubt that well fertilized bonsai have a survival advantage over poorly fertilized trees, the application of 20 N (nitrogen), 20 P (phosphorus), 20 K (potassium) fertilizers should be reduced and high phosphoric acid fertilizers increased during the months of September and October. A 10-52-10 or equivalent fertilizer should be applied once every 10 - 14 days at half strength to fuel the cold hardiness process. Increasing the phosphorous (P) fertilization is explained by Jim Grob, tree physiology researcher for Weyerhaeuser Company and member of the IBC as follows:

All the living cells in a tree have a membrane inside their cell wall. This membrane encloses and maintains the chemistry required to sustain life functions and is composed of phospholipid bi-layer as well as proteins which exist in an essentially fluid state.

During active growth, which is maintained by heavy applications of nitrogen (N), the phospholipid bi-layer consists largely of saturated phospholipids, but during the fall and winter there is a change to the unsaturated phospholipids. Importantly, the change to unsaturated phospholipids maintains the fluid membrane structure during the cooling and freezing. Without this change, saturated phospholipids would otherwise turn crystalline, rupturing the essentially fluid nature of the membranes and destroying or damaging the entire cell.

During the winterizing process, the application of a high phosphorous (P) with an equally high nitrogen (N) and potassium (K) fertilizer may delay the development of unsaturated phospholipids later in the season. This is the type of late season feeding which interferes with the winterization process. It must be mentioned, also, that proteins and enzymes containing nitrogen are created in the fall, and these are directly involved in the cold hardiness development.

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