



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

Monday, April 19, 2007 . . .

Our Next Two Meetings:
Monday, April 16, 7:30 pm
Monday, May 21, 7:30 pm

Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria

Mall Show Preparation - Bring in your mall show trees for an expert critique. David Rowe will be reviewing things to do to get your trees ready for a show.

Planting on Rock Slabs Demo - We will be having a demonstration of the techniques used to produce rock slab groupings.

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

Coming in.....

May - Show & Tell - Uncommon bonsai styles; Mall show finds
 Deciduous trees: defoliation versus trimming

June - Show & Tell - Shohin & Mame
 Panel Discussion - Is your tree really sick? (Bring in your ailing trees for advice)
 5 simultaneous demos on pruning and pinching. Pines, spruce, juniper, chamaecyparis.



Latest Style " Bonsai Kitty"



Cherry Blossoms (Spring is finally here!)

The club address is:
The Vancouver Island Bonsai Club
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<http://www.victoriabonsai.bc.ca>

Randy Kowalchuk (President) **Judy Horsland** (Treasurer)
Bob Taylor (Past President)
MallShow Coordinator - Wayne Swanson



The Annual Show of the Vancouver Island Bonsai Club

Hillside Shopping Centre
1644 Hillside Ave.,
Victoria, BC.

Friday May 4th 9:30 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday May 5th 9:30 am to 5:30 pm
Sunday May 6th 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

** Please note change of date for the mallshow*

A show of the best trees available from members of the club, demonstrations of bonsai creation & management, and the sale of finished bonsai, and pre-bonsai plants.

The Friends of Government House Gardens will be holding their annual plant sale the last Saturday in April.

This sale is our main fund-raiser with the profits going towards maintaining the gardens around Government House. There will be over 3000 plants for sale including roses, shrubs, perennials, grasses and specialty plants. All of the plants are grown here in Victoria with a significant number being grown right on the grounds of Government House. We provide well-rooted plants at reasonable prices.

Saturday, April 28
9:30am to 12:00 noon



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VIBC Annual Field Day - April 15, 2007 Highcroft Farms

Our annual Field Day will take place at Highcroft Farm, 6081 Old west Saanich Rd. from 1 PM to 4 PM on Sunday April 15th. All members of the VIBC with friends and family are welcome. The purpose of the field day is to give members an opportunity to work as a group potting, re-potting, and training their own bonsai. So bring along your tree(s), tools, wire, and perhaps a chair to sit on just in case we're short. Watchers and advice seekers are welcome, too. Work tables will be set up on the lawn and there will be cool drinks and coffee, and club wire if needed.

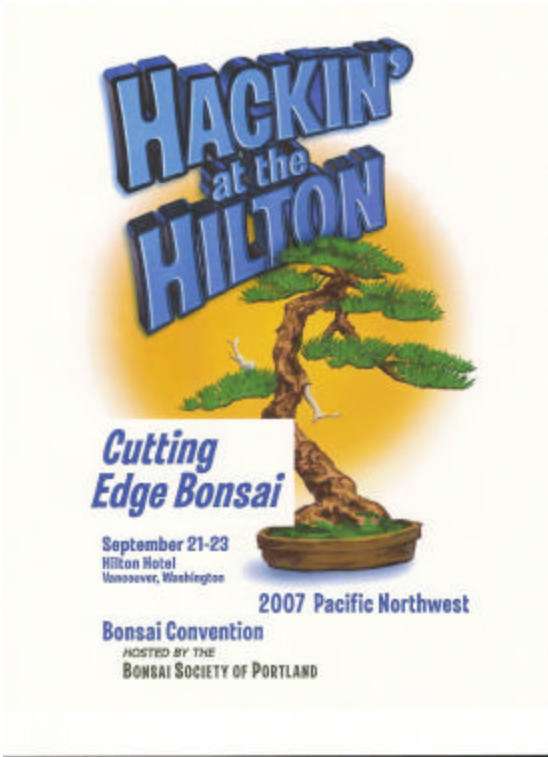
Getting to Highcroft Far the easy way: Follow the highway towards Sidney but take the left turn onto Keating Rd. Follow Keating to West Saanich Rd. and turn left again. Less than a km. From this corner, turn left again onto Old West Saanich Rd. Follow the Old West Saanich Rd. to No. 6081 turning left yet again up the hill to the field day parking.... But there is an alternative route: Quadra St. becomes west Saanich Rd. or Royal Oak Dr. connects with Old West Saanich Rd. after crossing the highway overpass. Old West Saanich Rd. branches off to the right about 2 km from the shopping center then follow it about 5km (10 mins. Drive) to your destinations which, from this direction, will be on your right.

If you need bonsai planting mix, it will be available on a "mix your own" basis at modest cost as described below. Help will be available in the mixing process if needed. Feel free to take a bag or two home for future use. The charge for a 10 liter bag is \$10. The bark is free but the charge covers the ever rising price of other ingredients: red volcanic rock, poultry grit, and forestry sand which make up 75% of the finished product.

There are still a few smooth-barked Elm, *Ulmus carpinifolia* in the field which you are invited to dig. It looks a little like waist high hedging and will have to be severely cut back to become a fine clump style bonsai in the future. This species was propagated from a few cuttings brought back from a convention in Michigan a decade or more ago. A rapid grower and very hardy, it will keep you busy pruning and shaping during future growing seasons. Several examples will be on display during the field day..... Help in digging will be available if required. Be sure to bring a big piece of plastic or burlap to carry home your captured treasure. If you wish, a donation to our club of \$20 can be made for each clump taken.

Vancouver Nursery Crawl

We are organizing a bus trip to Vancouver for sometime early this summer, most likely mid June. Dates and further information will be forthcoming.



Volunteers Needed

As our mall show nears, we are beginning the process of organizing various duties and responsibilities to make this show a success.

In order for this to happen we need volunteers to give time to help during the setup, show times, and takedown.

Wayne Swanson is our mall show coordinator this year. Please keep times open between May 4th and 6th to help. Signup sheets for various times and duties will be set out beginning at our March meeting.

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Membership Renewal /Application Form for 2007

I wish to renew my membership_____ or I wish to apply for membership _____ (New member)
Attached is \$20.00 for single membership___ or Attached is \$25.00 for family membership ____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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Phone Home: _____ Phone Work: _____

Email : _____

Please indicate whether you would like to receive the Club Newsletter by Regular mail____ or by email notification of posting to the club website_____

If you are mailing this form, please mail to:

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