



# VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

**Monday, February 19, 2007 . . .**

**Our Next Two Meetings:**

*Monday, Feb 19, 7:30 pm*

*Monday, March 19, 7:30 pm*

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium  
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

## Potting

This will be a hands-on session devoted to potting and repotting your Trees. Bring your tree and a pot; the Club will supply soil, wire and advice for beginners.

Note: As spring

**Silent Show & Tell** - First signs of spring

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

## Coming in.....

**March** - Special Guest - Dan Robinson will be working with 5 club members and their trees demonstrating carving.

Silent Show & Tell - Flowering Trees

**April** - Preparation for Mall Show - Bring in your Mall show trees for an expert critique

Demo - Planting on rock slabs - a demonstration of 3 methods

**May** - Show & Tell - Uncommon bonsai styles; Mall show finds

Deciduous trees: defoliation versus trimming

## Annual Field Day

Our annual field day at George's farm will take place on Sunday April 15th.

There will be lots of activities including bark sifting, sales, expert advice and assistance for repotting, styling, etc.

More info to follow.

## Membership Dues

2007 annual memberships fees are now due. Please fill out the attached registration form and bring along to the next meeting or send with a check or money order to the address provided.



The club address is:  
**The Vancouver Island Bonsai Club**  
 P.O. Box 8674  
 Victoria, B.C. V8W 3S2  
<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**

**Government House, 1401 Rockland Ave.**



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## Visit by Dan Robinson



Japanese Larch

Dan Robinson will be paying our club a visit at our March 19th meeting where he will work with five members' trees and show us how to carve and sculpt deadwood on them.

Dan's seminars and workshops on carving and sculptural processes present a unique North American perspective; emphasizing natural forms and in effect, rejecting prescribed rules that restrict artistic expression.

If you have a tree, not necessarily a large one, it could be shohin size, which you think might benefit from carving or sculpting, bring in your tree, or a photo of it to the February meeting where our panel of judges will decide the 5 fortunate ones that will be worked on during Dan's workshop. There will be NO COST to the member and we encourage everyone to come and watch and learn.

### Bonsai Club Soil Mix

Our current bonsai mix consists, by volume, of:

Forestry Sand	20%
#2 Poultry Grit	20%
Red Volcanic Rock	25%
Screened Fir Bark	30%
Screened Compost	5%

Add 1 teaspoon of Fritted Trace Elements

Screens Used:

Bark & compost- Discard what remain over a 1/4" screen and passes thru a 1/8"

Sand & rock - Not Screened

### Volunteers Needed

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

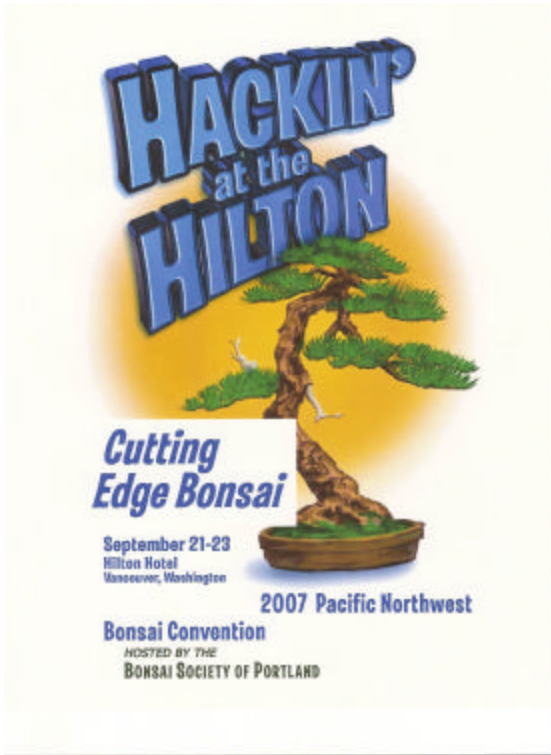
In order for this to happen we need volunteers to give time to help during the setup, show times, and takedown.

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.

### Vancouver Chinese Penjiing Society Show

We have been invited by the Vancouver Chinese Penjiing Society to their annual show on Saturday May 5th in Vancouver.

We will be arranging a bus trip for this and details should be made available along with a signup sheet for our March meeting.



This is a photo of a 128 year old Japanese Quince. *Chanenomeles speciosa*, cultivar Toyo-nisiki. Courtesy of the National Bonsai and Penjiing Museum in the United States.

### Vancouver Island Bonsai Club

#### 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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