



# VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

**Monday, January 15, 2007 . . .**

## **Pest Control and Dormant Spraying**

We will be having a guest speaker present information and lead a discussion and answer session regarding the use of dormant spraying and controlling pests. Bring your questions.

**Show & Tell** - Winter silhouettes and Marco Invernizzi workshop trees. Bring in established trees for advice from our experts.

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

## **Coming in.....**

**February** - Elections.

Silent show & tell - First signs of spring

Potting and repotting - Hands on meeting, bring in your tree and pot, club will supply soil, wire, and advice for beginners.

**March** - Fertilizing - Solid versus liquid and how to promote flowering

Styling of deciduous trees - 4 simultaneous demos

Show & Tell - Flowering Trees

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

Planting on rock slabs - demo of 3 methods

### **Our Next Two Meetings:**

*Monday, Jan 15, 7:30 pm*

*Monday, Feb 19, 7:30 pm*

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium  
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

## **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** -



### Japanese Maples

Some senior members of the club discussed at length during a breakfast session, the pruning of Japanese maples - one of the easiest and most popular bonsai trees to be grown in our area. In many parts of the continent where they have more "real" winter conditions than we expect here in our relatively mild Zone 8, it is known that they prefer to prune and wire after defoliation in the late spring. However, our maples are now bare of leaves and not everyone likes to go through the defoliation procedure. So the prevailing judgment of the self-styled local experts was that the winter months offered as reasonable time to trim and wire these Japanese maples. Care should be taken, however, as maple branches are fragile and the branches less flexible than later in the year.

### The Annual Show of the Vancouver Island Bonsai Club

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

Friday May 11th 9:30 am to 9:00 pm  
Saturday May 12th 9:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Sunday May 13th 11:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Mother's Day

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

### Exciting Prospects

Our Club has begun informal work on plans to host in 2009 our third PNBCA convention welcoming to Vancouver Island all our bonsai friends from BC, Oregon, Washington, and even further a field. Soon we will form a steering committee to book a venue and/or hotel, decide on guest artists and select interesting trees for workshops and demonstrations. For instance, as the Tamarac (*larix laricina*) which grows only east of the Rockies is considered by far the best bonsai candidate of any of the North American larches, discussions are already underway with friends in Quebec who we hope will be able to collect enough wild trees for our convention purposes.

**"One The One Hand Bonsai Represents Man's Eternal Struggle To Control His Environment ...**

**On The Other, It Reflects His Deep Reverence For Nature In All Its Immeasurable Beauty."**



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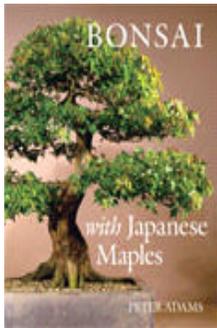


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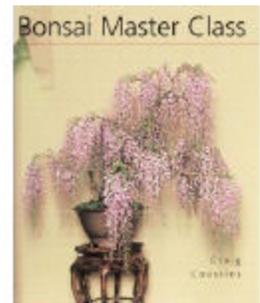
To Anon Nijuis of Vancouver Island, named as one of the 50 International Winners of the BCI 2006 World Bonsai Contest. He entered, you guessed it, a Mountain Hemlock, *Tsuga mertensiana*. You can see the complete results at: [www.bonsai-bci.com/index2.html](http://www.bonsai-bci.com/index2.html)

### New Books

Here are 2 new books which have been recently released and which would be a very helpful addition to your library.



The first one is about Japanese maples by Peter Adams. It has some very technical information which you would find most useful.



The second book is by Craig Coussins and is aimed at the intermediate level of bonsai enthusiasts, although there are some wonderful photos in there to inspire the rest of us.

### Winter Silhouettes

Here are some truly awe inspiring winter silhouettes which one can only dream about, enjoy!



Cork Bark Elm



Japanese Beech



## Tempting The Traveler

There are lots of opportunities for bonsai conventioning in 2007. Notable will be the 40th anniversary of the American Bonsai Society (ABS) celebration, *Bonsai on the Beach*, to be held on June 21– 24 at Virginia Beach, VA. [www.absbonsai.org](http://www.absbonsai.org). .... A little closer to home is the 50th anniversary convention of the California Bonsai Society to be held in Anaheim, CA May 31 - 4 June, [www.california-bonsai-society.org](http://www.california-bonsai-society.org) .... Puerto Rico will welcome the Bonsai Clubs International (BCI) convention July 10 - 16; find out more at [www.bcifelab2007.com/main.htm](http://www.bcifelab2007.com/main.htm) .... Our club will be guests of the Penjing Club of Canada when they open their annual show in Vancouver on April 28. A formal invitation is expected and a bus will be chartered .... To top off the year, the Golden State Bonsai Federation convention is being held October 31 - 4 November in San Diego, CA [www.gsbconvention2007.com](http://www.gsbconvention2007.com)

But here's the one you won't want to miss - our very own Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association (PNBCA) will be hosted by the Bonsai Society of Portland September 21 - 23.

More about *Hackin' at the Hilton - Cutting Edge Bonsai* can be found at:

[www.portlandbonsai.org/convention2007/index.html](http://www.portlandbonsai.org/convention2007/index.html)

## 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 \_\_\_\_

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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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