



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

Monday, March 19, 2007 . . .

***Our Next Two Meetings:**
Monday, March 19, 7:30 pm
Monday, April 16, 7:30 pm*

Dan Robinson

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

This will be a hands-on session with 5 of our member trees where Dan will demonstrate carving techniques.

Silent Show & Tell - Flowering Trees

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

Coming in.....

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

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.

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.

Club Elections

We will be holding nominations and elections of the board of directors at our March meeting. If you feel you want to serve or know of someone who would like to please put forward your nomination at the next meeting.

Donations Needed

Mark is going to be passing out free maple seedlings at the Victoria Art Gallery on Sundays, Kids Day. He is looking for small pot and plant tray donations. If you can help please bring them to the next meeting.

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

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.

The Art of Bonsai

There are some interesting discussion happening in the Art of Bonsai Forum at www.artofbonsai.org the following is a discussion which has involved one of our members defining what is World Class Bonsai ...

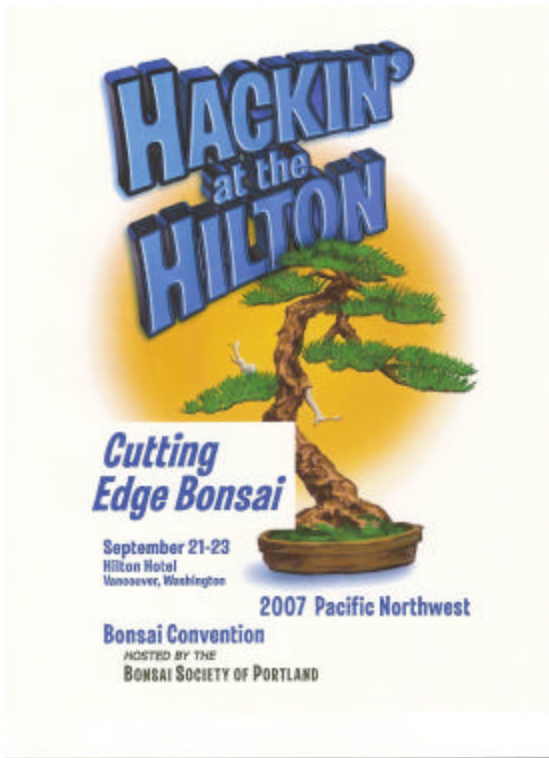
Chuck says " I will agree that bonsai is art. But these rules of form, and of art and delving into the feelings and the soul are very deep thoughts. I believe everyone is missing a very important point. Bonsai is about the tree. It is nature. The rules of the forms are the rules of nature. That is how trees grow. Yes there are abstract shapes usually trees distorted somehow by nature. There are also trees of simple form like an ancient broom style hornbeam with character, soul, and beauty or is it ugly? If the image created by the artist is logical with nature then it works for me. That may be why the "sumo" style of Taiwan is far from my favorite. I do not feel the logic, impressed by the technique though. Bonsai is about nature, creating images of nature or that represent nature. If a tree has soul or character it is often a feature that reflects great age such as bark or nebari or maybe ramification. The good artist will show a tree's best feature, it's soul."

This is very interesting reading, be sure to check out the website and sign up for the forum discussions.

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 involved with the ribbon cutting at 11:00 am.

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



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 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 _____

City, Province _____ Postal Code _____

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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