



# VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

**Monday, April 21, 2008 . . .**

**Show and Tell** - Flowering trees

Landscaping in a pot or on a slab - Mark and Maurice will lead a discussion on ground covers, mosses, and rockscapes to enhance your tree and those to avoid. Bring your questions about groundcovers.

Later, at the back, Mark will do a demonstration of planting and landscape.

We will also have our usual raffle - please bring in your donations.

**Coming in.....**

**May -**

**Show & Tell:** Uncommon bonsai styles, Mall show finds. A short talk by a Club member on a specific species of tree - this is a new feature on our program schedule.

**June -**

**Show & Tell:** Nursery-bought trees (unstyled) - Contest! Bring in your trees purchased at a nursery for less than \$15 and discuss why you bought it. Prize for the best nursery find: the Club will pay for your tree.

Presentation on deciduous trees - defoliate or trim?

***Our Next Two Meetings:***

*Monday, April 21, 7:30 pm*

*Monday, May 12, 7:30 pm*

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium*

*813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

## A Reminder!!!!

Due to the timing of the Victoria Day long-weekend, our May meeting will be on Monday May 12th.

## Annual Hillside Mall Show

Don't forget our annual Hillside Mall Show being held Friday May 9th to Sunday May 11th. Bring friends, family and even strangers!!! See you there.

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 -**



## Annual Mall Show

Volunteers Needed - We would like to remind all members that this is the sole fund raising event that your club organizes, all funds raised are used for sponsoring world-class visiting artists, field trips, trees, and books for the library. In order for this to happen we need volunteers to give time to help during setup show times, and takedown.

Please volunteer and sign up for at least one shift. Sign-up Sheets will be available at the April meeting.... It is not work..... it is fun!

Exhibit Trees Needed - Bring the trees that you are planning to display, to the April meeting for and expert critique. Please ensure that the tree and pot are clean, free of debris, weeds, and bugs. Some wiring is acceptable, but if there is a lot of wiring, your bonsai will be displayed as a "bonsai-in-training".

Very important, place your name and phone number under the pot and also under any display stands that you bring; any trees left behind with no names will end up on the May meeting raffle table!!!

Bonsai For Sale Needed - Stock Control Sheets will be available at the April meeting for those members who would like to sell their trees. If you have trees or bonsai-related items for sale, you must volunteer at least one shift, see above for Sign-up Sheets. Please ensure your trees are free of bugs and debris; we had people in the past, refusing to buy a tree because some bug or worm crawled out of the pot while they were viewing it. The nicest trees, fairly priced, sell first! Please make sure the tag number and description is legible, and matches the Stock Control Sheet!

## VIRAGS Spring Flower Show

Come and see a dazzling display of rock and alpine plants at the Vancouver Island Rock & Alpine Garden Society Annual Show. These make great accent plants. There are also Bonsai trees and Landscapes in troughs at the show.

Place: Cadboro Bay United Church, 2625 Arbutus Road

Time: Friday, April 25th, 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 26th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Admission by donation; plants for sale, refreshments.

The Show welcomes non-member exhibitors, so consider entering your best bonsai trees in the competition and you may win "Best Bonsai in Show" and have your name engraved on the silver trophy! There are 3 classes in the Bonsai section of the Show: Evergreen Bonsai, Deciduous Bonsai, and Bonsai in Flower. If interested in exhibiting, please see Jane P. at the April meeting - she has the necessary forms, etc.

This year the Bonsai club will have an information/demonstration table at the Show.



## Logo and Theme Ballot

For the Pacific Northwest Bonsai Convention at Harbour Towers Hotel, Victoria, BC. Oct 2-4, 2009.

Vancouver Island Bonsai Club members are encouraged to submit ideas for the Theme and Logo for the October 2009 Pacific Northwest Bonsai Convention in Victoria. Prizes of a bonsai pot will be given to the persons who submit the winning Theme and the winning Logo.

Artists committed to conduct workshops at the Convention are:

Brook Zhao from China, who wrote the book, "Penjing: Worlds of Wonderment". He will be delivering three workshops on water and land on a marble slab, forest with stones in a shallow tray and literati Penjing.

Morten Albek from Belgium. He wrote the book "Majesty in Miniature: Shohin Bonsai". Morten will be delivering at least one workshop on shohin and another on the little leaf linden.

David Easterbrook, curator of bonsai at the Jardin Botanique in Montreal, will be giving a workshop and demo on the eastern larch.

David Rowe will do a workshop or two on collected mountain hemlock.

Tak Yamaura will conduct a workshop on tsukumo cypress.

Hal Seybold, in addition to being a vendor, will be giving a demonstration on cleaning, preparing, and displaying viewing stones.

Previous themes used in the past were listed on page 2 of our March 2008 newsletter.

My Suggested Theme is: \_\_\_\_\_

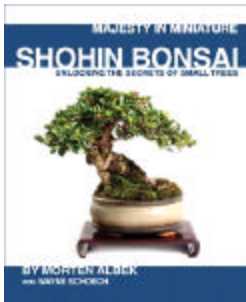
My Suggested Logo is: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach drawing on separate paper if needed)

Please submit your completed ballot to Ron Webber, 1231 Goldstream Ave., Victoria, V9B 2Y9 or email to: [ron.webber@shaw.ca](mailto:ron.webber@shaw.ca) or bring it to the May 12th meeting.

Good luck on your suggestions.



### New Bonsai Book (www.stonelantern.com)



**Available April 2 - Order now to assure early delivery**  
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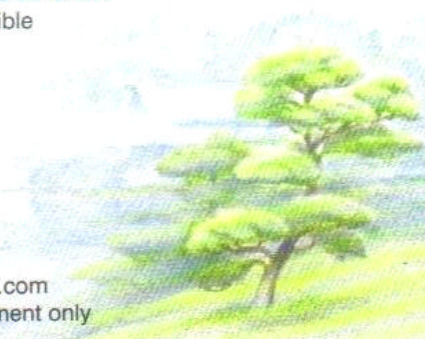
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## Vancouver Island Bonsai Club

### Membership Renewal /Application Form for 2008

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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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