



# VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

**Monday, January 21, 2008 . . .**

**Show and Tell - Winter silhouettes.**

Holly and Don will be doing a video presentation of their trip recent trip to Japan.

We will also have our usual raffle and a silent auction.

***Our Next Two Meetings:***

*Monday, January 21, 7:30 pm*

*Monday, February 18, 7:30 pm*

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium  
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

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

**February -**

Bring-your-own-tree workshop - the whole meeting will be devoted to each member styling his or her won tree, with emphasis on getting practice wiring. Dwarf Buring bust will be available for sale at \$18 each.

**March -**

Show & Tell: Phoenix grafts and carved wood.

Grafting techniques—Guest speaker on how to do successful live grafts

**April -**

Show & Tell: Flowering trees.

Landscaping in pot or on slab—discussion of groundcovers, mosses, and rockscapes to enhance your tree and those to avoid.

## Looking Ahead

Planning is underway for the PNBCA convention in the fall of 2009. A steering committee has been formed and some guest artists have been booked. Knowing how the Eastern larch, *Larix laricina*, is treasured as a bonsai in other parts of Canada, we have chosen to feature this species at the convention. David Easterbrook, Curator of bonsai at Montreal's Jardin Botanique, has been engaged as one of our guest presenters. A recent letter from David reads, in part, "My collecting trip to the north shore of Quebec was quite successful.. I collected a lot of nice specimens and in sufficient quantity to have enough for two workshops in 2009. Let's hope that most survive our winter - it promises to be a tough one" Judging from the weather reports, those Tamarrack are now protected under and extensive snow cover.

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## Bonsai - In Japan! By Holly Tuokko

It never occurred to me when I joined the Vancouver island Bonsai Club a few years ago that I would have the opportunity to see bonsai where the art originated, in Japan. I had never really considered Japan as a vacation destination for cost and language reasons. But all that changes when an opportunity to travel to Japan arose through my work and there was enough time to plan for some vacation activities as well. It was just about the time I learned of this opportunity when Marco Invernizzi was visiting Victoria and doing a workshop for our club. I was able to ask his advice on how to see bonsai in Japan. He recommended a friend of his, Yoshihiro Nakamizu ([www.j-bonsai.com](http://www.j-bonsai.com)), who offers bonsai tours in the Tokyo region. So, I emailed Yoshi and the rest is history! Yoshi sent me a brief itinerary for a one-day tour that included visits to bonsai gardens in Saitama, a traditional Japanese lunch (Kaiseki-ryori), and visits to the gardens and homes of the world famous artists Mr. Masahiro Kimura and Mr. Kunio Kobayashi.



As we were flying into Osaka, I needed to figure out how to get to the Tokyo region. Saitama is about 40 minutes northwest of Tokyo by local train. We decided to go from Osaka to Tokyo by Shinkansen (bullet train) for the experience, then take the local train to Saitama and stay at the three-star Palace Hotel Omiya, highly recommended by Yoshi. We met Yoshi in the lobby of our hotel at 9:00 am on Oct 1, 2007. He was relieved to see us, as he thought we might not make it to Osaka! For me to describe our day with Yoshi in this newsletter would take me quite a while, as we saw so much! Fortunately, Don brought his video camera with him and created a little documentary (25-30 minutes) on our bonsai tour to share with the club. We will be showing it at the meeting on January 21, 2008. We hope you can attend and that you enjoy see bonsai - in Japan!





## In Anticipation

At the February meeting members will be invited to “bring-your-own-tree” for consultation and, if necessary, wiring. If you would like to make a start on a brand new tree, here’s your chance.

The club has acquired a dozen pots of Burning Bush, sometimes known as Winged Euonymus. Each plant stands about 20 inches above the edge of the pot and they have very well developed “wings” along the branches. They were purchased from Bonsai Northwest in Seattle to be re-sold to members of our club at \$18 each.

They can be your bonsai in training. George will bring in for display one he grew in a pot of about 8 years. Each purchaser will be given a copy of a recent article that appeared in the magazine, *International Bonsai*, with three full pages on training and propagation of this interesting species. And, be sure to save the trimmings from your Burning Bush as you go about the initial pruning as they can be easily rooted, (so the story goes) to produce future generation trees.

The plants will be for sale at the January meeting and can be brought back for our cut - and - style workshop in February. Any stock left over can be purchased in February.






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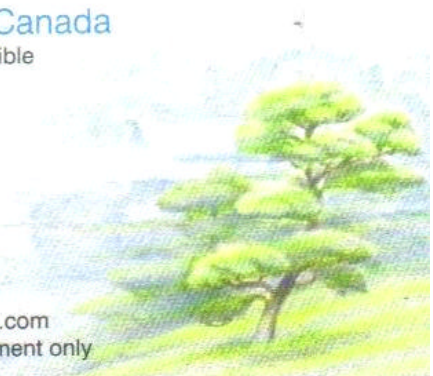
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