



# VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

**Monday, March 17, 2008 . . .**

**Show and Tell** - Phoenix Grafts and carved wood.  
David Rowe will give a demonstration on live grafting and will bring in a previously grafted tree.

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

***Our Next Two Meetings:***

*Monday, March 17, 7:30 pm*

*Monday, April 21, 7:30 pm*

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium  
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

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

**April -**

Show & Tell: Flowering trees.

Landscaping in pot or on slab - discussion of ground covers, mosses, and rockscapes to enhance your tree and those to avoid.

**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.

## A New Program Feature

A new feature we would like to add to our program is to have short talks by Club members on specific species of trees, where we invite a member to share information about a favorite type of tree. While it may involve an inspiration tree, it is mostly about helping us to get acquainted with the many species that may be used for bonsai. You could cover such topics as:

- What is there about this species that makes it suitable for bonsai?
- What special characteristics (or needs) does this species have?
- What bonsai styles are most suited to this species?

We would like to hear from average members who do not consider themselves "experts" - if you are willing to give a "Short Talk", please contact a member of the program committee: Jane P., Luis, or Mark.

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**Randy Kowalchuk** (President) **Judy Horsland** (Treasurer)

**Bob Taylor** (Past President)

**MallShow Coordinator -**



## Sunday April 6th ...

Our Field Day this year will be, like most in the past, at Highcroft Farms/ Come between 1 PM and 4 PM being prepared to plant, pot, to give and seek advice on your own tree(s). There will be coffee, soft drinks, and perhaps, something even more nourishing to make for a pleasurable afternoon. Can someone guarantee sunshine? Highcroft Farms, 6081 Old West Saanich Rd.

Here is the easiest route to get there: follow the highway towards the Ferries turning off to the left on Keating Rd. Then left again on West Saanich Rd. After about 1 km., turn left again on Old west Saanich Rd., then for the last time, left at 6081 Old West Saanich Rd.

## MallShow May 8-10, 2008

Our annual mallshow is coming up soon. We would like to thank Chuck who has volunteered as our mallshow coordinator for this year. Please keep this date open so you can volunteer some of your time to help make this show a success. Further information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

## 2009 PNBCA Convention Theme

The 2009 PNWBC Convention to be held in Victoria in early October next year is rapidly approaching. Many arrangements need to be finalized now, such as show location, date, and the show theme and logo. Our April newsletter will include a ballot so that all members may participate in determining the them and logo for the convention. Prizes will also be awarded to the person or persons who submit the best theme and logo. The winning entries will be chosen by the Club Convention Committee. To get you in the right frame of mind to come up with the best theme we have listed the themes used in recent conventions:

Year	Location	Theme
2000	Victoria	"Bonsai Reflections"
2002	Portland	"The Twelve seasons of Bonsai"
2003	Seattle	"Living Treasures in Bonsai"
2004	Victoria	"Talk to the Trees"
2005	Bremerton	"Back to our Roots"
2006	Seattle	"Northwest Bonsai Spirit"
2007	Portland	"Hackin' at the Hilton"
2008	Spokane	"Connected Roots"

We urge all members to participate and hope the above themes will help you come up with the best suggestion. Good Luck!!



### Hal Seybold

Hal Seybold, from Port Hardy, and an avid and knowledgeable stone collector will be paying the club a visit on Monday July 21 and will be leading a discussion on stones including scholar and those used for accent and tray landscapes. Don't miss this one it should be very informative and fun.

### Annual Elections

Our annual elections will be held at our March meeting. If you interested in volunteering your time to fill one of many positions on our board, please let us know. Nominations will be taken and voted on at the meeting.

### Spring Planting

Russell Nursery at 1370 Wain Rd. have in stock a number of species suitable for now or in the future for bonsai. In the "whip" stage, meaning grow out in a largish pot or, preferably in the ground, for use in the future are: Trident maple \$6, Southern beech *Nothofagus obliqua* \$6, Gingko \$4, Japanese maple \$4, Korean and European hornbeam \$4. Also in the bonsai section you will find nice twisty branched Corokia in the \$18 range ready to be potted up as shohin.

But search further through the nursery as one can find other possibilities such as the field grown Little leaf linden ( quite large and fairly pricey) but rather smaller and affordable to most are varieties of escallonia, Yew, Asian holly, etc.

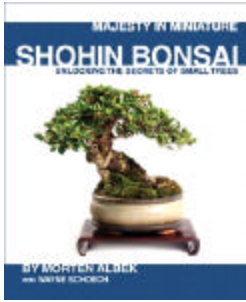
### From Bonsai to World Travel

At one time a member of VIBC, Glenn Wakefield is now sailing around the world by himself in his 12 meter boat *Kim Chow I*. An article with picture of him on the high seas half a planet away from here tells the story. Son of a nay man, the Glenn we knew was a construction contractor who was capable of saving landscape shrubs otherwise heading for destruction by an advancing bulldozer. Some of us remember guest bonsai artist Jerry Stowell working on a fine big garden specimen garden azalea. This tree, now completely recovered from the near tragedy, lives happily on the bench of a dedicated VIBC member.

Wakefield left Victoria in September and, when contacted by the Times Colonist, was 1000 miles off the Cape of Good Hope about the halfway point in his voyage. It is reported that his vision is to be the first person sailing alone leaving from North America to circumnavigate the globe in a westerly direction - "against prevailing winds"!



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



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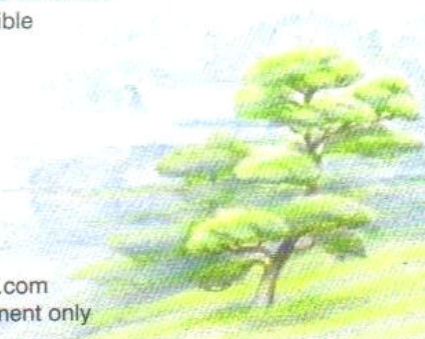
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