



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

Monday, November 17, 2008 . . .

Bring-Your-Own-Tree Workshop (Part 2) - Another popular hands-on workshop providing the opportunity for each member to work on his or her own tree before winter sets in.

Now is a good time for plucking needles, wiring, styling, etc. Expert advice will be available. Please remember to bring your own tools, wire, and whatever else you might need.

Show & Tell - Please bring in your trees still showing Fall Colours — leaves, berries, etc. for a silent show & tell.

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

Coming In ...

December— Christmas Party!! Sale and swap!! Decorated bonsai and more.

January - Pest control panel; Pine management. Show & Tell : Winter silhouettes.

Our Next Two Meetings:

Monday, November 17, 7:30 pm

Monday, December 15, 7:30 pm

*Garth Homer Society Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria*

Only **318** days to
PNBCA XX Convention
“Bonsai Without Borders” - Victoria BC
Oct 2 - 4, 2009

Planning for 2009

Already there has been good sign for the convention now just 318 days into the future. In case you haven't noticed, the 20th annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association will take place at the Harbour Towers Hotel right here in Victoria for three days beginning October 2, 2009. Quite an honour for our club to be hosting “Bonsai Without Borders”. Needless to say there will be work for us all on that Friday thru Sunday weekend.

Here is the first challenge. We will require several trays of fine quality moss for the tray landscapes to be done at the workshops of our guest from China, Quinquan “Brook” Zhao. Who is to be the moss expert? If you are the one talk to our chairman, Bob Taylor.

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Francois Jeker

A November visitor to Vancouver Island will be the distinguished European bonsai stylist and teacher, Francois Jeker. His travel here is a cooperative venture of the Societe de Bonsai of Montreal, the Puget Sound Bonsai Association of Seattle, and the Vancouver Island Bonsai Club. Jeker, who makes his home in Paris, has been a frequent visitor to Quebec but this will be his first trip to western North America. Articles by and about him are to be found in the popular magazines including *Bonsai Focus*, previously known as *Bonsai Today*.

Copies of Jeker's new book, *Bonsai Aesthetics: A Practical Guide*, now released in English, will be made available to club members at a cost expected to be about \$21.

During his stay in Victoria, Jeker will do a lecture/demonstration for members of Vancouver Island Bonsai Club on Wednesday Nov. 26 in the classroom of the Glendale Gardens & Woodland, 505 Quayle Rd. beginning at 1 pm. For information on how to get there <www.hcp.bc.ca>. The classroom is the separate wooden building to the far left of the parking area.

The following day, Thursday Nov. 27, Francois has been privately engaged by some members of the club to work with them on pruning and styling their own bonsai, several of which will be island collected trees... This session will also take place at Glendale from 8:30 am until late afternoon... Participants Bob T., George H., Randy K., Luis M., Kent M., Michael W., and Michael J.

The following are invited to drop in as "silent observers" at the Thursday session:

Glendale Garden	Joanna Drewry, President Roger Charles, Executive Director Jane Tice, Services and Events Manager Isobelle Jones, Librarian Mel Couvelier, Board Member Jan Henning, affiliated as Master Gardner Bob Clarke, Takata Garden Curator Michael Dowling, Head Gardener
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Winter Preparation

The article below was published in the monthly newsletter of Puget Sound having been written by Charlie Anderson. You may find some useful thoughts here, not necessarily those on California Live Oaks, Ponderosa Pine, or Rocky Mountain Juniper, as there only a few of these in any of the local collections however, one might be inclined to take some of this advice to use on your own trees.

“ November has arrived and it's now time to prepare for the winter season. Each of us may have a different approach to winter but there are some basics we should all complete. First, as the leaves fall off our deciduous trees, make sure you leave no leaves in or on the pot. Rotting leaves are a good place for fungus and insects to grow.

Second, you should remove all the moss from around the trunk and roots of your bonsai. In our wet climate, the moss only assists the rotting of the bark. So pull it off from the tree. I actually remove all of it for the winter and put the moss in a flat by itself. Then I can put it back on the plants for the spring.

There are some trees which really don't like wet feet or all the rain that we get in this part of the country. I make sure California Live Oaks, Rocky Mountain Junipers, and Ponderosa Pines are placed where I can control the watering. That is in a greenhouse, in a cold frame, or up against the house under the eaves.

Now for general winter protection I recommend a cold frame but if not put the trees on the ground or a low bench and cover the trees with Remy (that's a row cover used by growers, I think Remy is a brand name). This cover will change the temperature for the plants by five to ten degrees.

During the winter (I recommend once a month during December, January, and February) be sure to spray your trees for insects and fungus. I use, according to the directions, Agricultural Oil on all my trees and lime sulfur on the deciduous trees.

Finally, as I have said before, sometime in the next three years we will again have an infestation of tent caterpillars and this is a good time to check your trees for their egg cases. Removing the egg cases will remove the problem from that trees. By doing this inspection you also check for all types of insects and disease on your trees and can catch a problem before the trees are close together for winter and likely to spread the problem to other trees.






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