

VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

March Newsletter

April 20, 2009

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Our Next Two Meetings:

Monday, Apr 20, 7:30 pm
Monday, May 11, 7:30 pm

Garth Homer Society
Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue,
Victoria, BC

2009 VIBC Officers

President	Chuck Hickman
Past-Pres.	Randy Kowalchuk
Treasurer	Judy Horsland
MallShow Coordinator	Vacant
2009 PNBCA Convention Chair	Bob Taylor

Monday, April 20, 2009 . . .

Show & Tell: Mall Show exhibit trees - Please bring in one or two of the trees you are planning to show at this year's Mall Show.

Discussion On Preparation For The Mall Show - tips on exhibiting and selling trees. Kent will share anecdotes from past Mall Shows and provide ideas on recruiting new members.

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

Coming in -

May 11 - Due to the Victoria Day weekend falling on the 3rd Monday of the month, our meeting will be held on Monday, May 11th at 7:30 pm.

Show & Tell : Flowering trees.
Basic styling demonstrations.

June 15 - Show & Tell: Azaleas
Discussion about azaleas.



Come Join The

Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association
20th Annual Convention
In beautiful Victoria, B.C.

Bonsai Without Borders

October 2 - 4, 2009

Featuring the artistry of:
Quinquang "Brook" Zhao - China
David Easterbrook - Montreal
Tak Yamaura - Vancouver
David Rowe - Vancouver Island

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Rate - \$99.00
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Potting Checklist (Thanks to member J.C. for sharing this information)



Bonsai Cat in Pot



Juniper Grouping
2004



Juniper Grouping
2009



Spring Has Finally Sprung?

Prepare the tree

- remove 1/2 of the moss, & all the soil around the edges of the root ball
- remove the soil from under the trunk & cut back the tap root if necessary
- poke and tease the roots out with a chopstick
- trim the roots with scissors, cutting diagonally any root that is thick
- brush the surface roots outward evenly all round with a nylon sink brush
- the root mass should be 1/3 to 1/2 the pot depth and 2/3 the surface area
- soak in QuickStart for 15 minutes; while soaking, prepare the potting mix
- when soaked sprinkle the exposed roots with very fine bark

Put in the pot

- soak unglazed pots for at least 20 minutes
- cover the pot's holes, then thread the holding wires through the holes
- cover the base with coarse grit unless the pot is very shallow
- fill 1/4 full with the potting mix, making a mound where the tree will sit
- position the trunk 1/3 in, behind the centre-line, with apex - over the centre
- wriggle the tree into the mound of potting mix
- wire in firmly
- fill with potting mix, poking and wiggling the mix with a chopstick while filling
- create a shallow trough around the pot's edges using a toothbrush handle
- top dress; sprinkle the surface then immerse completely till bubbling stops
- drain, then place in a sheltered area for 10 days

Friday April 17 & Saturday April 18th, 2009

Vancouver Island Rock and Alpine Garden Society Show & Sale

Place: Cadboro Bay United Church, 2625 Arbutus Rd.

Time: Friday April 17th, 1 pm to 8 pm

Saturday April 18th, 9 am to 4 pm

Mall Show



Previous Mall Show Exhibits

Friday May 1 - Sunday May 3, 2009 Hillside Shopping Centre

Volunteers Needed - We would like to remind all members that this is the main 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 setup the show and take it down again.

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

Exhibit Trees Needed - Bring the trees that you are planning to display, to the April meeting for an expert critique. Please ensure that the tree and pot are clean, free of debris, weeds, snow, and bugs. Some wiring is acceptable, but if there is 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 the 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 some of 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 have 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.

2009 Field Day

Once again, Mother Nature shown in all her glory and provided a wonderful day for all to enjoy. A special thanks to George for again playing host to the annual club field day, all the volunteers who showed up early to make coffee, set up tables and direct traffic. Also thanks to all participants and to special guest who showed up from the Cowichan club and some of our newest members.



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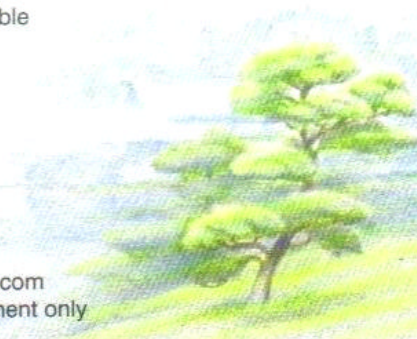
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Membership Renewal /Application Form for 2009

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: _____

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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_____

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