

VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

March Newsletter

March 16, 2009

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Our Next Two Meetings:

Monday, Mar 16, 7:30 pm
Monday, Apr 20, 7:30 pm

Garth Homer Society
Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue,
Victoria, BC

2009 VIBC Officers

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

Monday, March 16, 2009 . . .

Show & Tell: (silent) - Trees with incredible movement.

Talk on Fertilizers: Chuck to give presentation

Discussion on Soils: George to give brief presentation

Demonstrations: Two step-by-step repotting demos at the back of the room by George and Luis

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

Coming in -

April 20 - Show & tell : Mall show exhibit trees
Discussion on preparation for the Mall show - tips on exhibiting and selling trees.
Kent will tell anecdotes from past Mall shows and provide ideas on how to recruit new members.

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.



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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1st Class Downtown

Location

Harbour Towers Hotel

Toll Free

1-800-6635896

Rate - \$99.00

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Approx. \$82.00 US

Annual Club Field Day



Sunday April 5th

Our annual Club Field Day this year will be at Highcroft Farm. Come between Noon and 4 pm being prepared to plan, to pot, to give and to seek advice on your own trees as well as others'. There will be coffee, soft drinks, and perhaps, something even more nourishing to make for a pleasurable afternoon of bonsai comradeship. Can someone guarantee sunshine and no snow??

Highcroft Farm is located at 6081 Old West Saanich Rd. The easiest route to get there is: Follow the Pat Bay highway towards the Ferries, turn off to the left on Keating Rd. Stay on Keating until you reach West Saanich Rd. then turn left. After about 1km, turn left again onto Old West Saanich Rd, then, for the last time, left up the hill at 6081.



Vancouver Rock and Alpine Garden Society

Friday April 17 & Saturday April 18th, 2009

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

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

The show welcomes non-member exhibitors, so consider entering your best bonsai 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 Mark at the March meeting or our Field Day for the necessary forms.

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



Previous Field Day
Participants

Mall Show

**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.

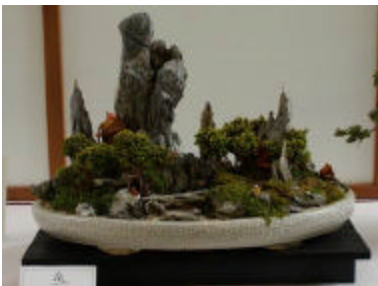
Please volunteer and sign up for at least one shift. Sign-up sheets will be available at the March and April meetings..... It is not work..... It is fun!!!

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.



**Previous Mall Show
Participants**

Interesting Bonsai Web Sites

www.crataegus.wordpress.com/

www.bonsaitonight.com/

Coming In Next Month's Issue

... Chuck discusses pesticide reduction
... Field Day Report



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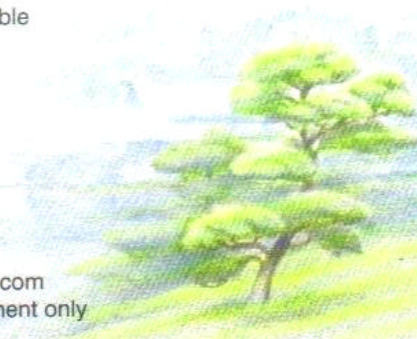
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Membership Renewal /Application Form for 2009

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: _____

Email : _____

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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