

VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI CLUB

June Newsletter

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Our Next Two Meetings:

Monday June 21, 7:30 pm
Monday July 19, 7:30 pm

Garth Homer Society
Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue
Victoria, BC

2010 VIBC Officers

President	Bob Taylor
Past-Pres	Randy Kowalchuk
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Monday June 21 2010 ...

Show & Tell (Silent): Admiring new foliage on conifers; Also Nursery Crawl finds.

Topic: Tak Yamaura of Japan Bonsai in Surrey will be our special guest artist. Tak was a guest artist at our 2009 PNBCA Convention and led workshops on the styling of Tsukomo Cypress.

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

Coming in.....

July 19 - Show & Tell: Trees with a Past - Do some of your trees have an interesting history? Tell us their stories.

Clinic on Tools.

Sooke Potholes

There is an open house at Bob's at the Sooke Potholes every Sunday afternoon. Go to the 2nd parking lot and ask attendant.

Bring the kids, snacks, come swimming, and talk bonsai. Look for the white mailbox.

1st Annual Luis Martin Memorial People's Choice Award

**Winner: Shimpaku
Juniper - Randy K.**



2010 Nursery Crawl

By Jane P.

On a cool and windy Saturday morning recently a dozen or so Club members met at Cannor Nursery, the first stop on our crawl around 5 nurseries on the Saanich Peninsula. We soon forgot about the cold weather as several of us stopped to admire an intriguing shrub covered with bright pink flowers, the New Zealand Tea Tree (*Leptospermum scoparium* 'Red Damask'). Discovering it is hardy to just 0 degrees C., only Tibby found it irresistible and decided to try it. Others were attracted by some junipers, perfect for the cascade style, and by some good-sized ginkgo trees. Realizing we'd better hold back and not blow our budgets at the first stop, we moved on to Elk Lake Garden Centre. The group immediately fell upon a table of small evergreens in 4" pots, brought in specially for us bonsai types. Most were seduced into buying at least on little tree @\$6 each, finding it hard to choose from among a large variety of unusual species and forms. These trees were almost ready to be potted up as shohins, or perfect for use in landscapes. Next, on to Marigold Nurseries where the starring plant was definitely the yellow-flowering potentilla - a good selection of specimens with single trunks. Stopping for lunch along the way to keep up our strength, we then made our way to Russell Nursery, where we were welcomed and served coffee. Most of us discovered the pre-bonsai bargain table at the back, where Maurice led the run on the elusive Japanese hornbeam, and even purchased one for himself. Another highlight was the unexpected arrival of George! At last on to our final stop, the Peninsula Nursery, specializing in pre-bonsai stock. Even though most of us were a bit low on cash by now, a few couldn't resist the high quality stock on display. Maples won the admiration of some: Lok succumbed to the charms of a gorgeous specimen of Japanese maple (a bargain, too!) while Bob unsuccessfully resisted an unusual full moon maple. Here Reinhard picked up an impressive large cotoneaster while Jane couldn't resist the purple leaves of a weeping beech. A big thank-you to Mark for organizing this event which everyone agreed was a huge success.



Bonsai 101

A successful Bonsai 101 class was recently held at Maurice's place. All who attended were very pleased. A big thank-you to Maurice for once again imparting his knowledge of bonsai onto some of our newer and not so new members.



Art Gallery Volunteer Needed

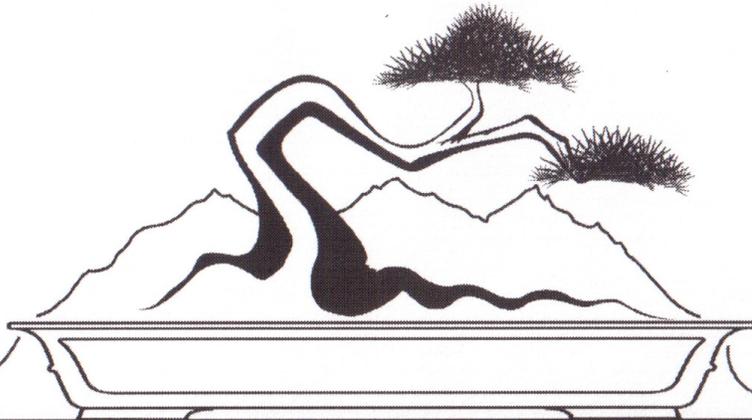
A member is needed to help water and maintain the Club's Bonsai Display at the Art Gallery on Moss Street. If you would be able to spend 15 minutes once a week at the gallery. Please talk to Jane P.

A Bonsai Garden

I have been busily working on my bonsai tables and recently found some ideal material to use for backdrops. It provides my trees some shade and protection from the wind. I picked up this split bamboo fencing from Gardenworks on Blenkinsop. It comes in rolls of 16 feet for approx. \$40.00.

Randy





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Convention Website: www.pnbca.com/PNBCA2010.html



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