



VANCOUVER ISLAND BONSAI SOCIETY

April Newsletter

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Our Next Two Meetings:

Monday April 16, 7:30 pm
Tuesday May 15, 7:30 pm

**Garth Homer Society
Auditorium
813 Darwin Avenue
Victoria, BC**

2011-12 VIBS Officers	
President	Bob Taylor
Past-Pres	Randy Kowalchuk
Treasurer	Judy Horsland
MallShow Coordinator	Mark Paterson

Monday April 16, 2012 ...

Topic: Preparation of Trees for Exhibit
 A discussion will be held along with demonstrations on how to get your trees ready to exhibit at the upcoming Mall Show. This will include techniques for cleaning pots, weeding, and whether or not wire can be used on exhibit trees.

Show & Tell: Trees being exhibited at the Mall Show.

Raffle Table - We will hold the usual raffle, please bring in your donation.

Coming in May - Mall show finds.

May Meeting

Due to some priority bookings for the Garth Homer Center and the May long weekend, our meeting for May will be held on **Tuesday May 15th** at 7:30pm.

2012 Society Election

Results of the election held in March saw all existing directors re-elected for another term with the addition of Jim Haskins as a new director to the board. Judy Horsland is stepping down as treasurer with Larry Phillips taking over as the new Society treasurer.

A list of the new officers and directors will be in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Activities.....

April 13 and 14 - Vancouver Island Rock and Alpine Garden Society annual spring show.

April 15 - Our annual Field Day will be held out at Highcroft Farm. Details are outlined on page 6.

May 11, 12, & 13 - Our annual Mother's Day Mall Show will be held at Hill-side Shopping Centre

Sept. 14 - 16 - PNBCA Convention 2012, Vancouver, Washington information at: www.portlandbonsai.org/bonsai-conference-overview/

Membership Fees

Membership fees are due by the January meeting each year. We would like to thank all Society members who have renewed their memberships. All members who have not yet paid their 2012 fees must have these paid by the April meeting or you will be dropped from the Society's membership roll.

Bonsai Inspiration Photo Contest

There are many things that inspire us when we are creating a bonsai, from other bonsai we have seen, roots on a boulevard tree, trees in the forest or on the golf course, yes just about anywhere a tree might grow. Mother Nature is the master of all bonsai masters.

Over the next 3 months, as we head into spring, we will be holding a photo contest of images which inspire you to create. Samples of the submitted photos will be posted in the newsletter as we receive them and they will also be posted to our website. The judging of these photos will be based not only on the quality of the composition of the photo but also on what the image inspires in you.

You can submit as many entries as you like. Please enter the following information on the back of the photo: your name, where the photo was taken, when the photo was taken, name of the tree or trees in the photo, and finally what about this image inspires you.

We look forward to many entries and the final judging will be done at our June meeting. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Sooke Potholes

Open House at the Sooke Potholes
Sunday afternoons March 1—October 1
"Where the pavement ends"

Bring the kids, lunch, & come enjoy the pools and talk bonsai with Bob.

Annual Mall Show

We will be holding our annual Mall Show again this year at Hillside Mall, Friday thru Sunday, May 11 - 13, 2012. Mark Paterson is our coordinator this year. As the mall is under some renovations there will be some changes to our show layout, stay tuned for more information and please put aside some time to volunteer and help make this show a success. This is the Society's major fundraiser of the year. Signup sheets will be at the upcoming meetings.

Great Stock for Potential Shohin and Mame Bonsai

Recently Elk Lake Garden Centre, 5450 Patricia Bay Hwy, Victoria, has been brining in some great tree stock for potential shohin and mame bonsai. Here are a few samples that I was able to sneak home without Laurie noticing :)



Dwarf Canadian Mountain Hemlock



Dwarf Japanese Wisteria



Dwarf Bosnian Pine



Dwarf Mugo Pine



Short Needle Dwarf Mugo Pine



Another Dwarf Mugo Pine

2012 Annual Mall Show

**Friday May 11- Sunday May 13, 2012
Hillside Shopping Centre**

Volunteers Needed - We would like to remind all members that this is the main fund raising event that your society 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 set up the show, work at the sales tables, act as security during the show, and take the exhibit down after the show is over.

Please volunteer and sign up for at least one shift. Sign-up sheets will be available at the April meeting. 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 a 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 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 from bugs or 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.

Set-up for the show will be Thursday evening after 8 pm. Trees can be delivered Friday morning by 9 am.

Vancouver Island Rock and Alpine Garden Society Spring Show Friday April 13th and Saturday April 14th

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

Place: Cadboro Bay United Church, 2625 Arbutus Rd.

Time: Friday April 13th, 1 pm to 8 pm and Saturday April 14th, 9 am to 3:30 pm

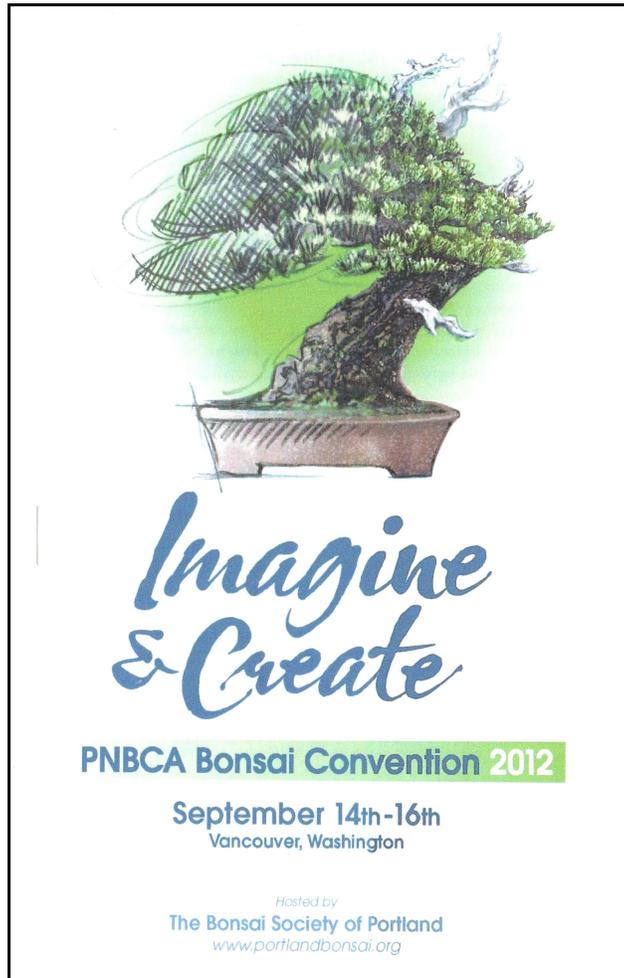
Admission: By donation

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 5 classes in the Bonsai section of the Show: Evergreen bonsai, Deciduous bonsai, Bonsai in Flower, Shohin bonsai, and Novice. Exhibits are set up on Thursday afternoon between 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm. If you are interested in exhibiting, please see the website <www.virags.ca> or contact Jane P. at 250-598-5381.

Work on a Bald Cypress

Two years ago we purchased a 10 foot tall Bald Cypress, *taxodium distichum*, which we brought home and proceeded to do a trunk chop on. Last Spring we moved the tree into a training pot and began some very initial styling. This spring we transplanted the tree into it's first bonsai pot and will start to develop the apex by doing some carving and selecting some main branching.





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Membership Renewal /Application Form for 2012

I wish to renew my membership_____ or I wish to apply for membership _____ (New member)
Attached is \$25.00 for single membership___ or Attached is \$30.00 for family membership ____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, Province _____ Postal Code _____

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If you are mailing this form, please mail to:

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