

The Vancouver Island Bonsai Society

NEWSLETTER

August 2013



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2012 – 13 VIBS Officers

President: Mark Paterson
Vice President: Vacant
Treasurer: Larry Phillips
Secretary: Tibby Soloway
2014 Convention chair: Bob Taylor
Newsletter & Website: John Mitchell

Next Society meeting: Monday, August 18, 2013

Show & Tell: Bring in your bonsai finds from Art & Music in the Gardens (or any other tree that you would like to show).

Demonstration: We will hold a “potensai” draw for new members who signed up at A&M in the Gardens. “Potensai” is a word coined to describe trees, often nursery finds, which have bonsai potential.

Expert advice: There is a standing invitation to all members to bring in any tree that you would like an opinion or advice on – tap into several hundred years of collective bonsai experience.

Raffle table: We will have the always popular raffle table – please bring in your donations to support the Society.

Coming in September: a truly remarkable opportunity and not-to-be-missed event ... the Grand Opening of the Bonsai Garden at HCP!

The new Prez! As announced at our last meeting, Mark Paterson has assumed the Presidency of the Society after Randy Kowalchuk stepped down. Thank you Randy for your many years of service to the club and welcome Mark!



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Japan Bonsai Garden Art Enormous Moving Sale

On July 11th, Bob Taylor and I made a trip to Japan Bonsai where Tak Yamaura had been caring for some lovely ancient trees that had been donated to the Bonsai Garden at HCP. We collected the two trees that had not yet made it across to the Island and took the opportunity to talk with Tak about his up-coming sale and other topics that involved little trees.

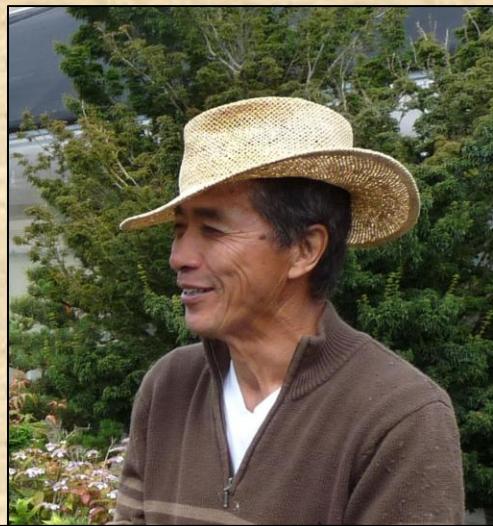
On Saturday & Sunday, September 28th & 29th be sure to attend Japan Bonsai's Enormous Moving Sale from 9am to 5pm. This sale promises to be one of the most significant bonsai events on the West Coast – ever!



**JAPAN BONSAI GARDEN ART
ENORMOUS MOVING SALE !**

SATURDAY & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28th & 29th, 2013 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
16172 24th Avenue Surrey, BC

EVERYTHING MUST GO ~ UPTO 70% OFF ~ CASH



CANADA'S LARGEST GROWER OF THE FINEST QUALITY BONSAI
BY BONSAI MASTER TAK YAMAURA

Japanese Black Pine 5 - 30 years old ■ Tsukumo Cypress 30 - 40 years old
Shimpaku Juniper 25-40 years old ■ Trident Maples 40+ years old
Ezo Spruce 20 - 30 years old ■ Satsuki Azaleas 35+ years old
Large Bonsai Styled Japanese Black Pine for landscape 40 years old
Assortment of Japanese & Chinese Pots

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION
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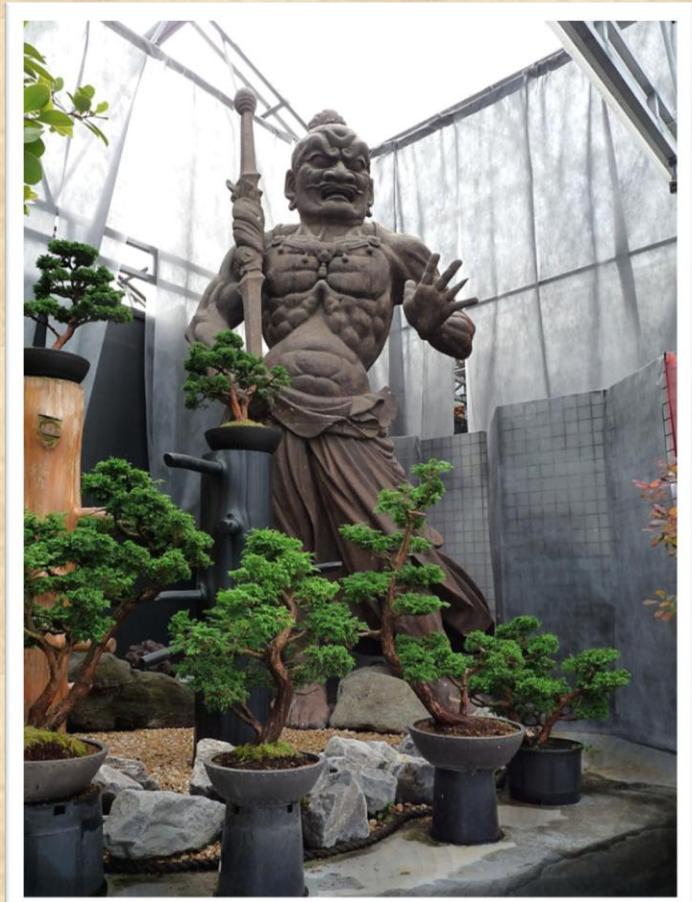
See: <http://www.japanbonsai.com/>

For many years Tak has been a outstandingly generous supporter of the Vancouver Island Bonsai Society... we are deeply appreciative of all he has shared with us over the years.

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Here are a few mementoes of the trip:



(Left) A friendly deity greets visitors at Japan Bonsai!



(Right) 42-year-old Tsukomo False Cypress everywhere!



Tak & Bob decide on some critical cuts!

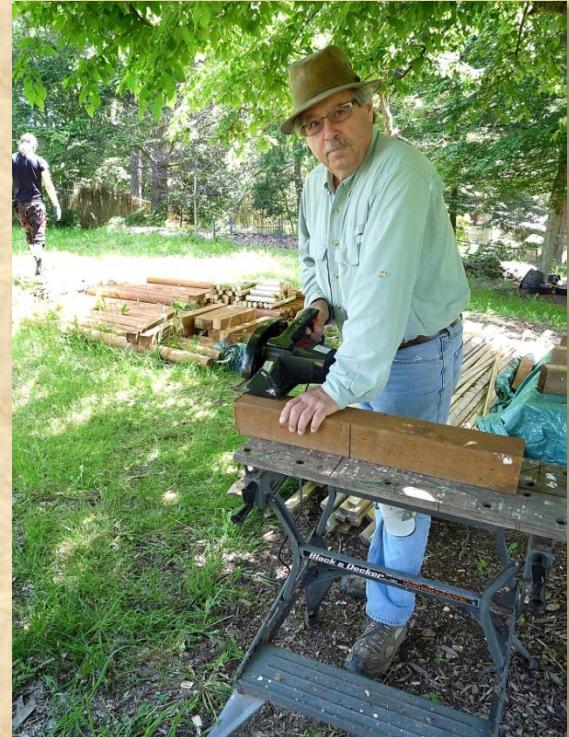
In 1970 when Tak decided to immigrate to Canada, his teacher Mr Toshio Kowamoto (founder of the Saikei School) gave him one three year old Tsukomo False Cypress and expected Tak to carry forward the spirit of Saikei School to Canada. Cuttings from this shrub were used for propagation and 42 years of trimming, pruning, wiring & repotting established these glorious Tsukomo Cypress bonsai.

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Bonsai Garden Update:

From an enthusiastic start in May 2012 truly remarkable results have been achieved by a small group of volunteers who gather on Wednesday afternoons to put their seemingly boundless energy into the creation of a unique garden that is sure to become a destination for those who appreciate the art of bonsai. Hearty congratulations to all of you – what a magnificent achievement! Plan to attend the official opening next month – September 15th 1pm until 4pm



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Art & Music in the Gardens at HCP

This long-anticipated weekend at the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific provided a wonderful opportunity to introduce the public to the new Bonsai Garden, as they strolled through the horticultural wonderland that is home to this yearly event. Artists displayed their wares to appreciative crowds as musicians created an aural ambiance that, for a spectacular weekend, redefined one of Victoria's garden gems.



More than fourteen months after the Bonsai Garden project began, the results of countless hours of dedication by the volunteers brought delighted comments from crowds that were clearly intrigued by this fascinating horticultural art form and the stunning garden setting.



Thank you to Helen Ayers & Greg Nowakowski for submitting pictures!

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August bonsai care

The nights have begun to cool slightly. Watch for powdery mildew forming on leaves of your deciduous trees. The garden centres sell organic sprays but I use a solution of $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of 2% milk in a gallon of water – it seems to work well. Spray on the leaves in late afternoon.

Don't do any drastic pruning now since growth will likely have slowed considerably. Pruning flowering bonsai now may remove next year's flower buds.

Any transplanting or re-potting should be put off until mid-winter or springtime.

Fertilizer: 0-10-10, or other zero nitrogen fertilizer is called for from mid-month onward into the early fall (mid-October). The 10% potassium & phosphorus will provide some measure of disease resistance and, I've heard, deer resistance.

Condolences ...

We would like to extend our condolences to Maurice Bombezin who recently lost Huguette, his wife of 55 years. Huguette was born in Paris and came to Victoria in 1957. Our thoughts and sympathies are with you and your family Maurice.

Remember ... the grand opening of the Bonsai Garden at HCP – Sunday, September 15th from 1pm until 7pm. Tak Yamaura of Japan Bonsai will be in attendance and will be styling one of his remarkable trees. Those of us who have seen Tak work his bonsai magic know that this will be a very special event for anyone with an interest in bonsai. The Bonsai Garden will showcase trees from the collection of our member George H. – a past president of this club and driving force in bonsai education and appreciation over the past thirty years in Victoria.

August “Town Hall” meeting: Please come to the August meeting prepared to offer suggestions for what you would like to see in your bonsai club. We'd really love to hear from you!

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Lynn H. with her lovely cascade-style juniper at the July meeting.



Mark demonstrating bonsai techniques – July meeting

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Membership Renewal / Application Form

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Name(s) _____

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Phone (Home) _____ Phone (Other) _____

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I think that I shall never see, a bonsai as weird as this old tree (with apologies to Joyce Kilmer 1886-1918)