

The Vancouver Island Bonsai Society

NEWSLETTER

February 2014



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Next Society meeting: Monday, February 17, 2014

7:30pm

Meeting Activity: We will be bringing in a lovely pine bonsai that is in need of some work. New members will be encouraged to "go hands on" and assist with the styling of this tree.

Show & Tell: Please bring in any tree of interest to you ... winter silhouettes, early bloomers or other item of note and tell us about what you have brought in.

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: Any contributions to the raffle table will be very much appreciated by all. It is a great fund raiser for the club and a very popular feature of our monthly meeting. I hear that this month's table will surpass last month's!

Memberships due: 2014 membership fees are due January 1st. In past years we have put up an incentive for timely renewal to be drawn from the names of those who have renewed their memberships by the January meeting. The "prize" may be a refund of your membership fee. The drawing of the prize will be held at this month's meeting.

Annual General Meeting: the AGM is scheduled for next month. It will include the financial report and election of the executive. If anyone is interested in serving on the Executive we will explain at this meeting how that can happen.

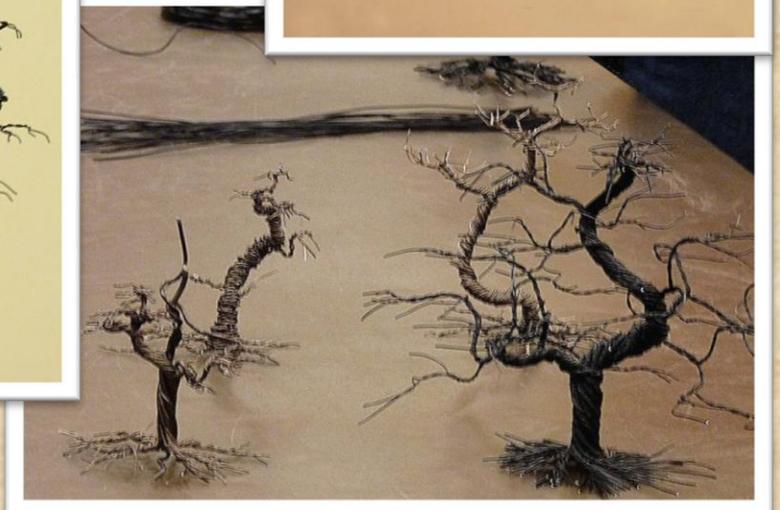
Annual Spring Field Day: - this is a tradition of long standing. We will be planning for a Sunday in April ... hopefully a day without rain! Watch for further announcements in this space or in your email Inbox.

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Mark demonstrated how he creates "wire bonsai" from a hank of 1mm (or was it 1.5mm?) bonsai wire. Mark took a new roll of bonsai wire, cut it, straightened it And proceeded to twist it into a most charming ornamental, not-quite-living bonsai sculpture.

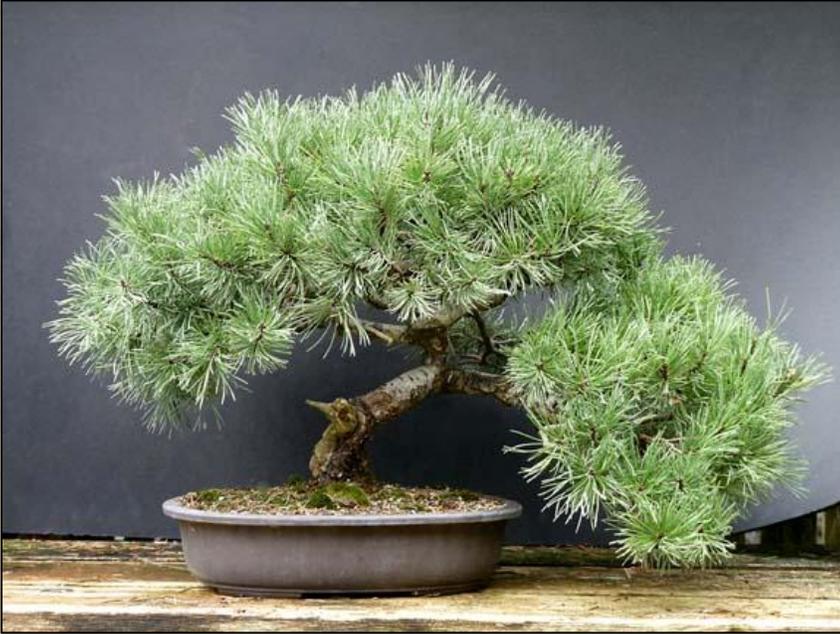


The Sculptor and his art

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An Activity For The February Meeting



This very nice pine has been made available by George H. for instructional purposes at the February meeting. The bonsai stands about 46 cm (18") tall and has a spread of about 60 cm (24").

Jim Morrison has graciously agreed to supervise the pruning and styling of this tree. Jim is assistant curator at the Bonsai Garden at HCP and has many years experience in the hobby. With Jim's guidance, members,

especially newer members, will be invited to take part in the exercise of pruning and styling this tree. It is likely that this exercise will be need to be completed over the course of several meeting nights. After completion this tree will join others that George has on loan at the Bonsai Garden at HCP. Many thanks to George & Jim!

If club members find this activity to be of value, we will be pleased to bring other large trees in for what we hope will be a useful, instructional process.

Food for thought from Michael Hagedorn's *Crataegus* blog:

Flow. In bonsai we need it, and we need it early. We have to decide 'Right' or 'Left' at the very beginning when crafting our trees, or we could land in a real aesthetic pickle. Flow is the direction the asymmetry of the tree moves, and is essential when it comes to linking the future bonsai to other elements, not just in display, but the interrelationships on your benches or posts, too.

... from Choosing Branches for Flow
January 28, 2014 by [crataegus](#)

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Bonsai Garden Update:

Here is a submission from George Heffelfinger: The following is a list of species recorded in the book Plants of Coastal British Columbia (C. P. Lyons 1995) and not yet shown in the listing of the Bonsai Garden Collection as at Oct 07, 2013. It is my view that we should “put our shoulder to the wheel” and make available in the collection species of trees that are **naturally found on Vancouver Island**. Here is a listing of those that I think are missing from the collection as well as those well-represented:

V.I. Trees not yet in the Collection	V.I. Trees now present in the collection
Red Alder (and other Alder species)	Oregon Ash
Bigleaf Maple	Douglas Fir
Douglas Maple	Pacific Silver Fir
Black Cottonwood	Grand Fir
Bitter Cherry (and Choke Cherry)	Subalpine Fir
Gary Oak	Sitka Spruce
Western Hemlock	Shore Pine (Lodgepole Pine)
Western White Pine	Western Redcedar
Pacific Crab Apple	Yellow Cedar
Black Hawthorn	
Pacific Yew	

In addition there are many other native B.C. tree species as well as trees from other parts of North America and the world represented in the Bonsai Garden at HCP.



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Harbour Towers Hotel, Victoria, B.C.

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