

NEWCASTLE BONSAI SOCIETY

Newsletter

**AUGUST
2007**



The next meeting will be on Saturday 11th August 2007 at the Warners Bay Guide Hall with a Committee Meeting commencing at 9-30 am followed by the AGM commencing at 10:30am. All committee positions are vacant and we need people to fill them. Please think about what you might be able to do and speak to Max or Erika about nominating yourself for a position on the committee.

Special thanks to Chris Aullnut for his demonstration on Mini's. I'm sure a lot of people benefited from this.

July Raffle Winners were Bev, Erika, Ron, Vivian, Samantha, Penny and Vic. Congratulations to all.

Membership Fees are now due for 2007/08. Fees are \$52 for individuals and \$57 for a family. Please pay the treasurer at this meeting.

Sub-committee Formation. A proposal to form a sub-committee to handle enquiries from organizations requesting demonstrations/shows has been presented to the committee. The committee has agreed in principle, but the formation of the sub-committee has been deferred until after the AGM in August. This sub-committee would also assist the show convener with the organization of the annual exhibition. Please speak to Max S if you are interested in becoming part of the sub-committee.

Nelson Bay Display. Some members of the club will be participating in a display of trees for exhibition and sale at the Port Stephens Community Arts Centre in Nelson Bay from 14th September to 15th October. In addition to bonsai, other items on display will include paintings, quilts, embroidery, pottery and cards. If you are interested in participating please contact Liz on 4981 4464.

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Newcastle Bonsai Society meets on the second Saturday of every month at the Warners Bay Guide Hall Cnr Burton Rd and Lamington Drive, Mt. Hutton. A bonsai workshop commences at 10.30 a.m. which usually includes a demonstration.

There will be a committee meeting commencing at 9.30am and all members are welcome to attend.

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September Sales Day. At our September workshop this year, we will be holding a Sales Day to take the pressure off the sales table at our exhibition in November. If there is less stuff for sale at the exhibition then we should be able to display everything better and this will bring better prices for quality trees. This sale will be advertised to other clubs and the general public. So if you have things to sell please bring it along to the workshop on 8th September and we will do our best to sell it for you. We also expect to have a guest demonstrator at that workshop. More details on this later. This is an advance warning so that you can sort out your surplus trees and pots and have them ready for sale.

Progressive Raffle. The progressive raffle has been extended for another month due to the washout in June. The prize is one of Peter C's figs and a Pat Kennedy pot. The raffle will be drawn following the AGM at our August meeting, so be sure to purchase your tickets early on the day if you haven't already done so.

Lush Growth Potting Mix. Max has reported that Beresford Park have stopped selling bags of potting mix from their premises in Beresfield. Instead, bags can be purchased from the following nurseries located throughout Newcastle and the Central Coast:

Newcastle Stockists—Poppy's on Oakvale, Cherry Road Nursery, Rathmines Hardware, Fennel Bay Nursery, Wildflower Nursery, Merewether Hardware, Mayfield Home Hardware, Heritage Nursery, Thornton Home Hardware, Nu-Look Landscape (Wallsend)

Central Coast Stockists—Wyee Nursery, All Season Nursery, Charmhaven Nursery, Kincumber Nursery

In addition, Beresford Park has a new 'Organic Potting Mix', which may be worth trying as an alternative.



NEW SHIPMENT OF POTS AND TOOLS HAS ARRIVED FROM JAPAN

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TOOLS: Full range for beginners to advanced
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Bonsai Art p/1—Imperial Bonsai Nursery

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OPEN 7 DAYS

9am to 5pm

Kimura's handiwork – #5 The Final Episode

Short of committing every article in Bonsai Today to a database and searching further, I've come to the end of the identifiable trees in Kimura's collection. What I'm showing below are a few trees from the collection that I believe show the wide spectrum of Bonsai talent he has.



On a lighter note, have you thought of planting a hedge and were in a quandary as to what species to plant and train? Why not a Camelia? Pictured below is a ripper hedge at, you guessed it, Kimura's nursery. Check out how thick it is! UK author Peter Chan (name dropping) stated unreservedly that it could only be done with a specific sub species, japonica, if my memory serves me correctly.



Cheers!

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Bob NIEASS

Jobs for the Month of August

Well the Spring growth period is almost upon us as evidenced by the low 20 degree days that have been experienced over the last couple of weeks.

From mid August to mid September is the best time to repot Privet, Olive, Pyracantha, Cotoneaster, Buxus, Camelia and most Aussie Natives prior to the appearance of their new growth, and all conifers can be repotted from late August to early summer.

Try to avoid repotting your trees if they are wet as this increases the chances of fungal attack. Any accent plants should be cut back to ground level at this time and placed in a sunny position and fertilised to ensure a fresh new look.

Late August is a good time to prune your early shooting deciduous trees to improve branch ramification. Alternatively, you can leave the growth if you are trying to thicken a branch or trunk.

Some trees that have been placed in full sun over winter may need to be relocated back into a sheltered position and it is important to reassess your watering regime after the more relaxed schedule throughout Winter.



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Samurai 6mm shaft - \$259 (Very powerful & efficient in bulk clearing of wood)

Samurai jr 6mm shaft - \$173 (Ideal for detailed work in difficult places)

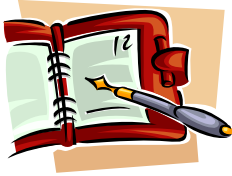
Ninja 6mm shaft - \$199 (For work on medium and large size trees where precision & accuracy are needed)

Shogun short 6mm shaft - \$168 (Long length carving attachment of 62mm, enables insertation deep into the tree to create Saba miki)

Shogun long 6mm shaft - \$188 (As per Shogun short)

(For pictures and additional information see above website)

For purchase enquiries phone number as above or email: raynescibonsai@bigpond.com



DIARY DATES

AUGUST 11 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop plus AGM and election of new office bearers and committee

SEPTEMBER 8 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop and SALES DAY

SEPTEMBER 8-9 Megumi's Annual Bonsai Exhibition at Checkers Resort at Terry Hills

NOVEMBER 2—4 Newcastle Bonsai Society Annual Exhibition at Club Macquarie

NOVEMBER 10 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop plus guest demonstrator Chris Di Nola

DECEMBER 8 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop plus Christmas Party

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