

NEWCASTLE BONSAI SOCIETY

Newsletter

**OCTOBER
2007**



The next meeting will be on Saturday 13th October 2007 at the Warners Bay Guide Hall with a Committee Meeting commencing at 9-30 am.

Demonstration. Thanks to Michael Carr for his demonstration on thread grafting. I'm sure this has inspired many of us to give this method of grafting a try.

September Raffle Winners were Jackie x 2, Ann and Roy . Congratulations to all our winners.

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.

Annual Show. Our annual show will take place from the 2nd to the 4th of November at Club Macquarie. Similar to previous years we are looking for volunteers to assist with setup, manning of the door and club sales table, and to steward. Included with this newsletter is a show volunteer timetable. If you are able to help please complete the form and return to Greg H at the next club meeting.

Still on the Annual Show, it is requested that those members wishing to display trees bring along a list of their trees to this month's meeting so that name tags can be arranged.

Cocktail Party. A cocktail party with finger food will be held at Club Macquarie on the Saturday night of the annual show commencing at 5:30pm. The cost for the cocktail party will be confirmed at October's meeting.

Parking. All members please DO NOT park in front of the gates that lead to the Scout's Hall as this gate may be used at any time.

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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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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 David W 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.

An olive dig is planned for the 21st October in Singleton. The meeting place will be Townhead Park at 9am sharp. Don't forget to bring along your digging and cutting tools together with plenty of water, sunscreen and a hat.

Bonsai Workshop. Bob F has kindly offered to undertake a mid-week workshop once a month, and a workshop on the 4th Saturday of each month. If you would like to come along to either one of these days then please ring Bob on 4971 3614.

Sunrise bonsai viewing. Peter R is looking for interested people to visit his bonsai collection approximately 30 minutes after sunrise with the follow up of tea and coffee. If you are interested, please speak to Peter at the next meeting for more details.

Christmas Party. The annual Christmas Party will be held at the December workshop on the 8th. Food will be supplied as per last year for a small fee (to be confirmed). Please bring your own drinks.



NEW SHIPMENT OF POTS AND TOOLS HAS ARRIVED FROM JAPAN

POTS—Bunjin, cascade and many more

TOOLS: Full range for beginners to advanced
Cut paste, calus mate, rust & sap remover

DVD: Bonsai Techniques by Megumi Bennett \$19.95
(Ideal for beginners)

NEW RELEASE: Imported from Japan (limited supply)
Mount Fuji Beech-

WORKSHOPS: Black and Red Pines—4 times a year

Bonsai Art p/1—Imperial Bonsai Nursery

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OPEN 7 DAYS

9am to 5pm

The 20th National AABC Bonsai Convention
“Bonsai with Style”
Moonee Ponds Melbourne Part 2
By David Wood

The first demonstrator on the second day was Brian Sampson. Brian is from Melbourne, Victoria and has been actively involved with Bonsai since 1989. Brian and his team of hard workers were here today to complete a large Mountainous landscape. (See photo below) The landscape was formed out of solid blocks of polystyrene. This was then cut to shape with plenty of holes for the plants. These holes were then drained to the ground, with pipes or hoses. When the shape was right it was then covered with fibreglass for protection. The polystyrene was used to make the shape and to keep the weight down as much as possible.



Brian's team then went about planting out this large landscape - they used approximately 50 plus live trees Pinus Mugo (Mountain pines), which are very good for landscapes. They also planted quite a few dead trees (completed Bonsai) for a more realistic look. If you have a tree that dies - don't get rid of it, put it some place, as you may need a dead tree in a landscape some day.

When completed Brian and his team had the curtains closed for one surprise, which was soon revealed when the curtains were once again opened. While the curtains were closed they framed the landscape with black curtains and placed a large mountainous picture behind it. They also sprayed fake snow all over their scene to blend this in to the new background.

This shows what a little bit of imagination can accomplish. Sorry about the quality of the pictures as the room was quite dark for taking photos.



The second demonstrator was Marco Invernizzi. Marco was this time working on a large Juniper (see picture below). Marco likes Junipers because you can get a finished look quicker than that of the broad leaf tree. He also talked about Junipers growing in their natural state and that most old Junipers have lots of dead wood (Jins and Shari's).

We should make these a feature of these trees, use your imagination. Make Jin and Shari on young trees so that the edges heal quickly. When you cut a branch make a Jin - you can always remove it later. Look for imperfection in the trunk eg. Valleys (indentations) and make these Shari.

For Shari that run into the ground, remove the roots from this area as this gives more room in the pot for roots that are used in growing the tree. This is why you see some very large Junipers in small pots as all the dead wood has no roots. The only roots that are growing are the ones that are used by the live veins growing up the tree supplying all the growth.

What to do with the stump underground, apply Lime Sulphur as this will kill any germs and help preserve the stump. You can also use wood preserver which will fill up the pores and prevent water from entering the stump and causing wood rot. Marco also said that the Nebari is not all that important on Junipers but tape is very important for the overall finished look.

If you want to thicken up your trees plant them in the ground or you can cut the bottom out of your pot and grow them this way. Remember to always keep the roots under control; this can be done by placing a sheet of timber just below the root making them grow outwards.



[Juniper before any styling](#)



[Juniper showing Jins & Shari's](#)

The final demonstrator was Michael Persiano. Michael was showing us how to bend a large branch. First step was to remove the top half of this tree. Then he carved the top part of the trunk that was left to create a large Jin. Now to the bending - first they used a drill and drilled holes from the bend side. They drilled 3 holes but moved the drill backwards and forwards to remove large amounts of timber. Once complete Michael used spines of large copper wire running the length of the branch. He then covered the branch, over the area of the bend with raffia and then with black electrical tape (He said black a few times but any colour should do). Finally they wrapped the trunk and branch with aluminium wire. They then drilled small holes and put eye-lets in the trunk (brass so that they don't rust) to anchor the tie down wires so that they don't move.

Five people were used to bend the branch. Three were bending and two more were installing the tie down wires. Bend a bit, then tie down, bend a little more secure the branch - this was repeated a few times until the bend was complete.

This was the end of the convention for another year. The next AABC convention will be held in [Adelaide 16th to 19th May 2008](#) see the committee for more information.



Jobs for the Month of October

The growing season is now well and truly underway and you should have noticed that the warmer weather is making the trees grow at an exponential rate. Remember that the best way to keep your trees compact and improve ramification is to continually prune. Most of the new growth heads to the top of the tree so prune this area harder than the weaker branches.

Now is a good time to start working on your figs. Remove any large leaves and remember to pinch out the unopened leaf between two new leaves to maintain a compact growth habit. If your figs have become leggy over winter then cut them back hard and they will shoot back on old wood. Any leaves with black spots should be removed as soon as possible with the remaining leaves sprayed with 'Baycor' or similar.

With the increased watering regime, don't forget to fertilise regularly. A fortnightly dose with Fish Emulsion or Seasol is a good idea at this time of the year. If you want to push growth along in young plants then use a product high in nitrogen such as Thrive. For mature stock that you wish to maintain without making the leaves bigger, consider using a product that is a little higher in potassium and phosphorus (and lower in nitrogen) such as 'Bloom Buster'. Always remember to fertilise after watering so as not to burn the roots.

Remember that Australian Natives do not like phosphorus rich fertilisers so use products especially designed for natives. Products such as Seasol, Fish Emulsion and Blood and Bone are acceptable.



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*** New Carving Tool Attachments Just In* (As seen by past European Demonstrators)**

From : Bonsai Design Holland, www.samurai.nl

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

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

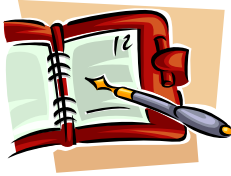
Ninja 6mm shaft - \$199 (For work on medium and large size trees where precision & accuracy are needed)

Shogun short 6mm shaft - \$168 (Long length carving attachment of 62mm, enables insertion 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

OCTOBER 13 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop

OCTOBER 13-14 26th Annual Bonsai Show at the School of Bonsai, Ray Nesci Exhibition Centre, 26 Sagars Rd, Dural

OCTOBER 21 Newcastle Bonsai Society olive dig in Singleton

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

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

NOVEMBER 17-18 Central Coast 10th Anniversary Bonsai and Suiseki Show

DECEMBER 8 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop plus Christmas Party

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Show volunteer time table

I would appreciate if you are able to help at our bonsai show in November to please complete the time table below and bring it into our September meeting or please call me.

Our annual show is coming up in November, the dates have been printed in the last couple of newsletters but for the few who need a reminder they are as follows, Friday Saturday and Sunday the 2nd, 3rd & 4th of November

- **Please hi-light on the time table below the times you would be available to help. Leave this with me so a time table can be printed in the next newsletter.**
- People who are going to exhibit bonsai at our show, if you could please let me know by our October club day what you will be bringing so labels can be written out.
- NEW MEMBERS WE ALSO HAVE A SECTION FOR TREES IN TRAINING, SO PLEASE PARTICIPATE IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING. PLEASE BRING IN WHAT YOU HAVE TO OUR NEXT MEETING DAY FOR SHOWING TIPS.
- Anybody selling trees or bonsai related material at the show please have them marked in the following way e.g. GJH001 \$100:00 there will be forms to take home at the next club day to fill out make sure you bring them to the show with what you are selling.
- Please bring your trees in to our next club day to get advice on show presentation from our senior members

Thank you

Greg Hawke

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<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<u>9am</u> setup	<u>9am to 1pm</u> door sales	<u>1pm to 5pm</u> door sales	<u>9am to 1pm</u> door sales	<u>1pm to 3pm</u> door sales
<u>1pm to 5pm</u> door sales	club sales table	club sales table	club sales table	club sales table
club sales table	demonstrators	demonstrators	demonstrators	demonstrators
stewards	stewards	stewards	stewards	stewards

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