

NEWCASTLE BONSAI SOCIETY

Newsletter

**OCTOBER
2011**



The Friendly Club

- **The next meeting and workshop** will be on Saturday October 8th 2011 at the Warners Bay Guide Hall. Committee meeting is at 9.30am All members are welcome to attend the committee meeting but cannot vote.
- **Raffle winners** September meeting Jennifer U, Elizabeth G, Geoff F
- **Membership Fees.** Fees are due on 1st July. The committee has decided that the annual fee will stay at \$52 single and \$57 for a family. The Treasurer will happily accept payments from this meeting onward
- **BONSAI EXHIBITION AT NELSON BAY.** Some of our members will be staging a Bonsai Exhibition and Sale at the Nelson Bay Community Art & Craft Centre, Shoal Bay Road from Friday 30 September to Sunday 9 of October. 10am - 4pm. Admission FREE!
- **Specialized Gravel** at Black Hill is now closed and all plant and equipment has been sold to
 Anna Bay Sand & Earth Moving (Specialized Landscape Supplies)
 41 Gan Gan Rd Anna Bay 2316 Phone 49821177
 Operating Hours: Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm
 Saturday 8am to 12 mid-day
 Sunday closed
 They will be holding all the same lines as Specialized Gravel,

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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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SYDNEY BONSAI SPECTACULAR

Featuring : Bonsai Styles of the World



October Long Weekend: Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd
At Merryland RSL
14 Military Rd Merrylands NSW
Admission Free– Open 9.30 to 4.30
Bonsai Demonstrations by Prominent Bonsai Artists
Bring your Bonsai for Advice





JOBS for OCTOBER

After flowering, some trees (wisteria, azaleas, magnolias, flowering quinces) will need to have their old flowers removed and you need to prune them back to a couple of directional buds to keep the growth compact. After cutting off, fertilize well as the trees will be exhausted from making flowers and fruit. Some trees eg. Crab apples, pyracanthas cotoneasters, don't have their flowers removed or you won't have fruit in autumn. If you have trees that have produced a lot of fruit you should remove at least 2/3 so as not to stress the tree or you could end up losing it.

Fertilizing should be in full swing now but remember not to fertilize a stressed, sick or newly-re-potted tree. Under these circumstances, Seasol is the product to use.

Figs need to be fertilized regularly now to build up their strength for when you defoliate them later in the year to decrease leaf size. This will also work with maples and liquidambers.

Aerial layers can be taken now.

Trim back long growth to keep the foliage compact and improve ramification.

Junipers can have their tips pinched back and candles on black pines can be pinched in half when they become elongated. This will ensure shorter internodes on the branches in the future. For a beginner, these trees can be a bit daunting as they have special needs and specific times for certain procedures to be carried out. Ask for help from experienced members. Check that wiring isn't cutting into the bark. Deciduous trees particularly, thicken up quickly at this time of year so be alert and check often.

Privets are starting to flower now. So be responsible – enjoy the flowers and remove them before the fruit forms.

All evergreens can safely be re-potted now – figs, olives, privet, lilly-pilly, azaleas, camellias, magnolias, gardenias once they have finished flowering

When re-potting into bonsai pots, choose the pot carefully. Glazed pots usually go with deciduous, flowering and fruiting trees. Unglazed pots are used for evergreens such as pines and junipers.

Australian natives are often best grown in freeform, rustic and earthy pots simulating the environment where they grow naturally.

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TREES IN PERFECT ORDER FOR OUR EXHIBITION!



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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)

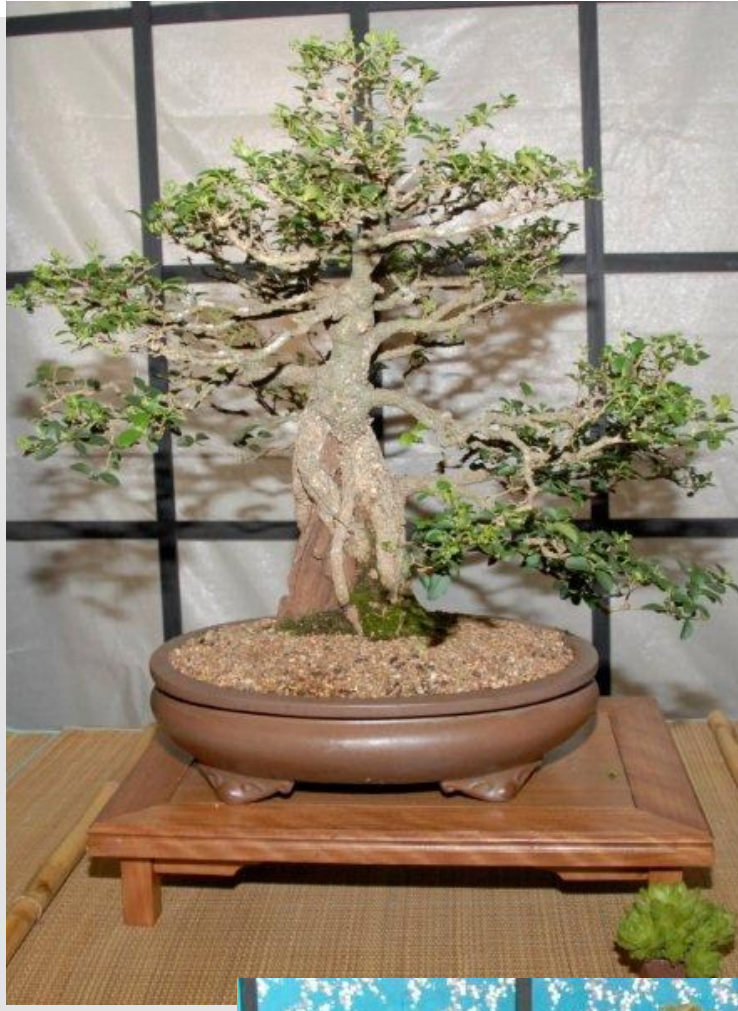
Ninja 6mm shaft - \$199 (For work on medium and large size trees where precision & accuracy are needed)

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

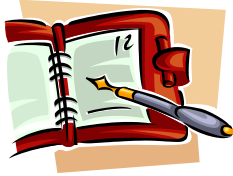
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ANNUAL SHOW
at Castle Hill**







DIARY DATES

October 2-3	All Clubs Show, Merrylands RSL
October 15-16	Canberra Bonsai Society annual show
October 22-23	Ray Nesci Annual Show, Dural
Sept 30– Oct 9	Nelson Bay Bonsai Display, details on page 1
November 4-6	Newcastle Bonsai Society annual show at Charlestown Bowling Club
November 18-21	11 th Asia Pacific Bonsai & Suiseki Convention & Exhibition, Takamatsu, Japan
November 26th	Campbelltown Bonsai Society annual show

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