



sydney city
bonsai club inc.



NEXT CLUB MEETING

7pm Tuesday 11 July

Green Square Community
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Welcome to the July 2006 Newsletter

Last Month's Meeting

A big thank you to Sue for her awesome demonstration on "The Root of the Matter". Don't miss next month when Sue covers "The Green Belt".

Membership Renewals

Also, membership renewals are now *overdue*. If you haven't already renewed, please complete your renewal at the July club meeting. Thank you.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This year the President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor & Webmaster are unable stand for re-election. We need your support, so the club can continue.

So step forward and nominate yourself for a position!

The Sydney City Bonsai Club's AGM will be held at the 8 August club meeting to elect new officer bearers. Please note that only financial members can vote or hold office.

President: *Organisational and people skills are more necessary than bonsai skills. The president is the guiding force and heads the committee. The president needs to oversee and assist at the monthly club meetings and attend the monthly committee meetings.*

Secretary: *The secretary handles correspondence and takes minutes at the monthly committee meetings. The SCBC is not a large club with a current membership of 35, so this is not an arduous task. Minutes are emailed to the majority of committee members and posted to a couple. A secretary's role is also to follow up on upcoming issues and events.*

Editor: *The editor sources, collates and/or writes for the newsletter. Currently it is a Microsoft word template, so it is easy to update. The majority of club members receive their newsletter via email and a few are posted.*

Webmaster: *Updates the website with club meeting information and bonsai events. There's a HTML editor available to make the page easier to edit or files can be uploaded via FTP. Training provided!*

Nomination forms will be available at the July and August meetings.

Timely Tips for July, Mid Winter, Southern Hemisphere

Bonsai information does not always supply the reason for advice. In the continuing aspect of timing for the reduction of the root system, statements can be like - *"Oh! I root-prune throughout the year..."*

What determines questionable success of such a statement will be the degree of root removal & is not in any degree sustainable root-pruning. Such "root-pruning" provides no incentive or stimulation for increased vitality. I describe light or slight trimming as just tickling the roots, reserved for alteration of the shape of the root-ball due to change of container or easing into a slightly smaller one. This should be a one off convenient or aesthetic type of root-pruning. Conversely, something to consider about the crown of plants is the fact that constant light trimming of twigs & leaves weakens the plant whereas hard pruning into thicker branches stimulates even a weak plant. This of course at a safe time...

...We often choose plant material that suggests a particular form for us to follow. One such style happens to be windswept. The environmental factors that nature imparts upon those trees make quite a unique statement, so much so, that we all get the message. The practical side though, doesn't often reach through to the fingers. The style is easy to identify but sadly, the bonsai interpretation is often lacking the atmosphere. Finding a suitable windswept structure for stock, having trunk and branches able to be re-arranged is possible? But be careful about the appropriateness of the foliage. Large leaves or long needles will cancel the vital harsh environmental effect, judicious trimming will become a chore, but the continual trimming will cause the gradual weakening of the plant. Not only should the wind movement be evident with the skeletal form: the foliage as well should implement the image. Although pliable branches seem easier to manipulate into the severe form; the smoothness of the direction change will be more suited to a wind-blown shape, rather than the more severe effect of a strong, blustery wind. Most windswept designs feature a leaning trunk with branches forming horizontal hitches from the leaning side. Such interpretation implies another use for lop-sided stock when nothing else comes to mind & certainly not the ART of bonsai. The ideal should feature & highlight the eternal struggle for life, but in the end becomes more beautiful by 'going with the flow' thus gaining more CHARACTER. Windswept design is perhaps more suited to the use of stripped bark sections on the windward side. This indicates the wind-force has dried the tissue but the inner or underneath bend, having more protection: is still alive. But there is another side to windswept - to be revealed next month.

Dorothy Koreshoff. Bonsai Koreshoff Nursery ©

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Japanese Black Pine-Sydney Royal Easter Show- Owner Not Identified



EVENTS CALENDAR 2006

Date	Event	Details
1-2 July	Ideas Summit 2006	The summit will be held on Saturday and Sunday from 9am - 5pm at the Five Dock Citizen's Centre, 422 Lyons Rd, Five Dock. For more info call Ian on 0418 571 105.
9 July	Workshops With A Difference	Conducted by the Bonsai Federation of Australia at Ray Nesci's Nursery in Dural. Cost: only \$15! Tutors: Brenda Parker & Noel Summerell. For more info call Ric on (02) 9953 1931 or download the registration form .
21-23 July	The Tops Weekend	Illawara Bonsai Society's Live-in Weekend workshop at The Tops Conference Centre, in Stanwell Tops. Download the flyer for more information.
?? August	Bonsai Federation of Australia Convention	Will be hosted in Ballarat with Hirotooshi Saito as principal demonstrator. The program is not yet finalised, but will include workshops on the Saturday and Sunday. More details will be made available later.
26-27 August	ABC Gardening Australia Expo,	Sydney Showgrounds, Sydney Olympic Park
7-10 Sept	Central Coast Bonsai Society Show	Flora Festival at Mt Penang, Featuring special demonstrations by Mr Kobayashi (Japan) at the Gosford Flora Festival. More details yet to be announced
16-17 Sept	Illawara Bonsai Society Annual Show	Stapleton Community Centre, StapletonSt, Sutherland
22-24 Sept	Bonsai Society of Australia Annual Show	Baulkham Hill Community Centre, Showground Rd, Castle Hill, both retails and members' sale tables.
22-24 Sept	New Zealand 14 th National Bonsai Convention	Hosted in Auckland with key demonstrators Reiner Goebel, Robert Langholm, Mick Balzary, Mr Yang and Louis Buckingham. More information download the flyer .
30 Sept-1 Oct	Goulburn Bonsai Society Annual Show	Wesley Centre, Goulburn.
14-15 Oct	School of Bonsai Show	Ray Nesci Nursery, 26 Sagar Rd, Kenthurst/Dural
28-29 Oct	South Coast Bonsai Society Show	Figtree Community Hall, Figtree
3-5 Nov	Newcastle Bonsai Society Annual Show	Club Macquarie, Argenton, Newcastle
17-19 Nov	Australian Plants as Bonsai	Details to be announced.
18-21 May 2007	20 th AABC National Bonsai Convention	Featuring Micheal Persiano & Marco Invernizzi. Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds, Melbourne, Victoria. For more info, visit www.bonsainorthwest.com.au/AABC2007 .

MEMBERSHIP FORM



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Membership 1 July 06 —30 June 2007
\$25 or \$15/Student \$ _____

The Sydney City Bonsai Club meets 7:30 pm every second Tuesday from February to December at Green Square Community Church Hall, Victoria St at Collins St, Beaconsfield. The meetings feature a speaker or a bonsai related activity. Attending the meetings is an ideal way to increase your knowledge of bonsai and chat with other bonsai aficionados.

The club meetings present the opportunity to bring in your trees for advice or assistance in styling and shaping.

Visitors Are Always Welcome

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