



NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

Green Square Community Church
182 Victoria Street
(Cnr Collins Street) Beaconsfield


7pm Tuesday 10 July

Presentation of Group Plantings
by Max Blanco

7pm Tuesday 14 August


Workshop: bring your trees to
work on.

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Full Membership \$30.00

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Welcome to the July Newsletter

Please note **Membership Fees due 1st July**

Special guest Max Blanco will demonstrate the making of group plantings with Junipers and Cypress species at the July Meeting

Charles Ceronio at the 2007 Ideas Summit



Special guest speaker; the internationally renowned Charles Ceronio at the 2007 Ideas Summit at the beginning of his group planting demonstration, see pages 5 & 6 for some photos of Charles work

Turn to page 2 & 3 for pictures of the trees at last months meeting.

For a summary of Lee Wright's Saotome Azalea bonsai demonstration turn to page 4

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TREES SHOWN AT THE JUNE SCBC MEETING



Sue Brennan's Juniper Cascade



David Tooma's Slanting Style Juniper Bonsai



Stephanie Tucker's *Schefflera arboricola*
Miniature Umbrella Tree bonsai



Joe Timmins' *Cedrus deodara* - Deodar Cedar

TREES SHOWN AT THE JUNE SCBC MEETING



Graham Bate's *Ficus rubiginosa* Port Jackson Fig bonsai that he raised from seed.



Brian Evert's *Juniperus x media* on driftwood, the tree is 10 years old, as a driftwood bonsai it is 2 days old



Hector Bottaro's *Portulacaria afra*, →

The *Portulacaria afra* below was grown by Jim Smith ↘



Hector Bottaro's *Hedera helix*, English Ivy bonsai

Hector Bottaro's Fig bonsai →



Jim Smith shows the potential of *Portulacaria afra* as a Bonsai; visit his webpage to see more of his wonderful bonsai:

www.artofbonsai.org/galleries/jsmith.php

LEE WRIGHT'S SAOTOME AZALEA DEMONSTRATION

The notes that follow were made during Lee's demonstration



Lee looking for the tree within.



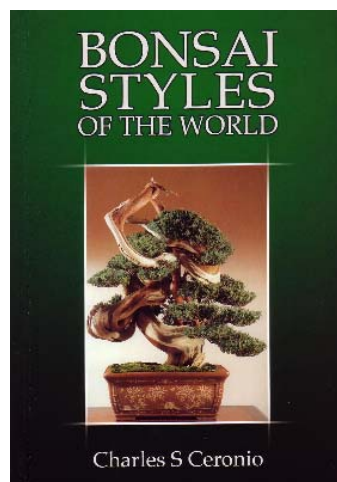
The Saotome Azalea before pruning.

- Getting started – find the best view of the nebari (the visible roots above soil level), this may involve lowering the soil level around the root / trunk junction.
- Work from the ground up, remove unwanted lower branches to expose the roots and lower trunk
- On azaleas seal cuts straight away, if you don't and the branch rots; the rot may extend to the trunk and even into the root zone
- Seal all wounds, putty is best for larger wounds as it is not shiny, so is less noticeable
- Lee said left stubs because she was pruning out of season

- Leaving stubs also means a smaller scar
- Remove the excess branches so the trees energy will be redirected to the remaining branches
- Work from the ground up, remove unwanted lower branches to expose the roots and lower trunk
- Lee removed any bar branches, and any thick branches at the top of the tree



The Saotome Azalea after its initial prune, note the stubs Lee left, these were all sealed as soon as each cut was made.



Lee recommends this book:

['BONSAI STYLES OF THE WORLD' by Charles Ceronio](#)

"a great reference book for learning about the different bonsai styles."

Lee says:

No tree has a front just a better view

Plait together thin stemmed azaleas, given time they will graft together and make an interesting bonsai

CHARLES CERONIO AT THE IDEAS SUMMIT 2007

The Ideas Summit 2007 was held on June 30th and July 1st at the Five Dock Citizens Centre. The Summit was very well organised and had an excellent mix of speakers and demonstrators.

The highlight presenter at the Ideas Summit was South African Bonsai Master – Charles Ceronio.



Charles Ceronio looking for the tree within. Charles told us 'tongue firmly in cheek' that he was a descendant of Michelangelo; and that like Michelangelo; who when sculpting removed the unwanted stone to reveal the horse, he removed the unwanted plant parts to reveal the tree!

For those of you unfamiliar with Charles and his work the following is a brief summary of his achievements:

- + Charles has been involved in bonsai for more than 30 years and is the author of 'Bonsai Styles of the World' an excellent book that Lee Wright mentioned at our last meeting.
- + Charles trained under the famous bonsai master John Naka and is responsible for introducing six African bonsai styles to the world.
- + During 1999 and 2000 two of Charles' trees were selected amongst the one hundred best trees in the world.
- + Charles was the so-organiser of the First International Bonsai Convention in South Africa.
- + In May 2005 Charles represented South Africa at the 5th World's Friendship Bonsai Federation in Washington as a demonstrator.
- + At present Charles is working on a book on South African Indigenous trees and shrubs suitable for bonsai



← Charles deciding on the best front for the tree



Having seen the tree within Charles sketched the tree so the rest of us could see the tree too →



← Charles removing the unwanted parts to reveal the tree

The prediction



The final result



Before and after trees created by Charles & Events Calendar

Cedrus deodara – Deodar Cedar.



Hill's Weeping Fig
(*Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii*)



Black Pine (*Pinus thunbergii*)



REMEMBER BRING A TREE TO EVERY MEETING

Date	Event	Details
15 – 17 June	Timber & Woodworking Show	Fox Studios, Moore Park, Sydney
30 June / 31 July	Ideas Summit - School of Bonsai	Contact Ray Nesci Nursery for info Senior Citizens Centre Drummoyne
27 – 29 July	The Tops Bonsai Workshop Weekend	Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Park
24 – 26 August	ABC Gardening Australia Expo	Sydney Showground Homebush Bay
8 – 9 September	Bonsai Society of Sydney Annual Exhibition	Checkers Resort, Terrey Hills
8 – 9 September	Illawarra Bonsai Society Show	Community Centre, Stapleton Ave, Sutherland
21 – 23 September	Bonsai Society of Australia Show & Sale	Baulkham Hills Council Chambers, Showground Road, Castlehill, NSW
13 – 14 October	School of Bonsai Annual Show	Ray Nesci's Nursery, Kenthurst