



## NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

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

**7pm Tuesday 13 July 2010**  
Team Styling

**7pm Tuesday 10 August 2010**  
Workshop – it is time to repot your  
conifers, any still dormant  
deciduous trees & natives

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## Welcome to the June Newsletter

### July Meeting:

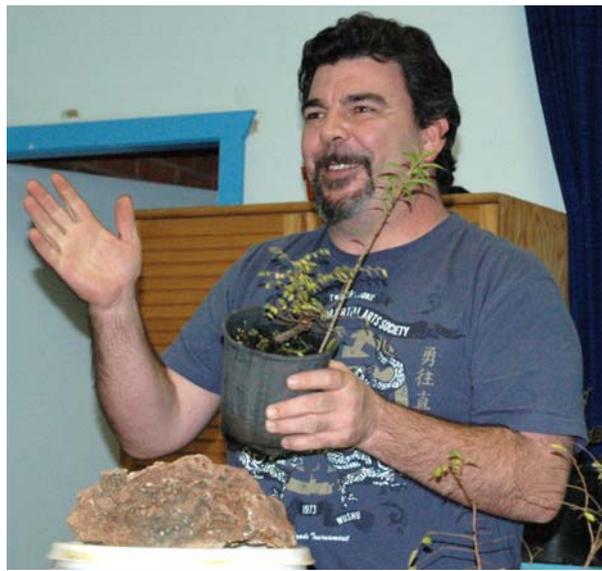
Round table discussion of problem trees and any finds from the Saturday's nursery crawl.

Bring in any trees you would like some guidance with; the other members led by our more experienced members will discuss with you the possibilities they see for your tree.

Sue Brennan will present the bonsai judging standards

## NURSERY CRAWL THIS SATURDAY 10 JULY 2010

Meet out front of the hall at 9 am to carpool. We'll be going to Vineyard which allows for Ray Nesci and also Padre Pio as options.



A smiling Chris Di Nola telling a joke during his demonstration at our July meeting  
The joke: 'I'm not a complete fool – some parts are missing' 😊

Thank you Chris for an entertaining and informative presentation

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# TREES ON DISPLAY AT THE SCBC JUNE MEETING



Sue's Azalea bonsai



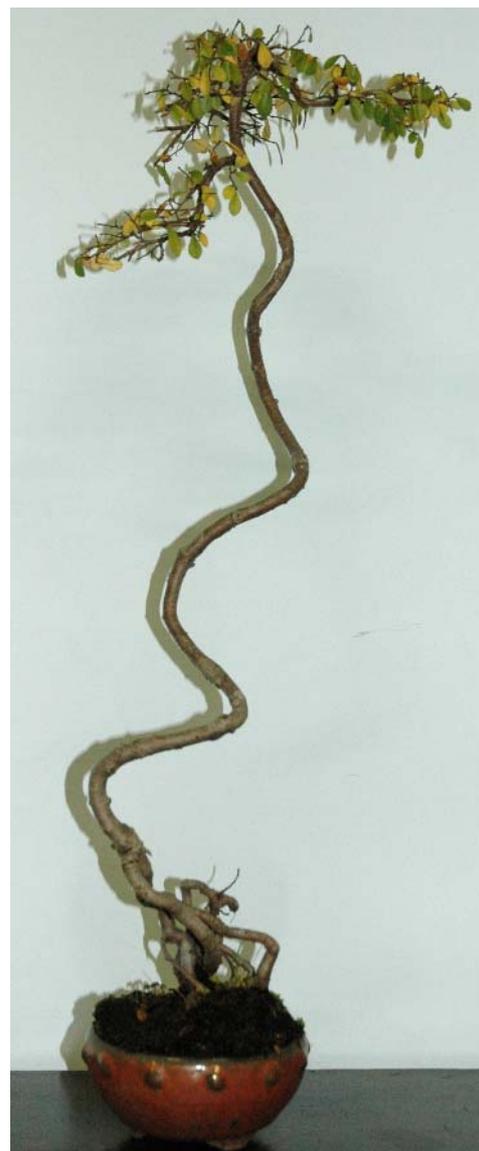
*Ulmus parvifolia* – Mame bonsai (1.5 years old)



Chris Di Nola's Elm bonsai created from a root cutting



This tiny Elm bonsai also started life as root cutting



This Literati Elm bonsai – started life as a root cutting

# CREATING BONSAI TREES FROM ROOT CUTTINGS

Chris Di Nola told us that the best species for making bonsai from root cuttings are: *Ficus neriifolia* and Elms, notably *Ulmus parvifolia* and its different forms and cultivars.

Chris told us that root cuttings make good Mame bonsai ('Little Bean or Baby bonsai' 5 – 15cm tall) these bonsai are also known as Shohin bonsai.



Elm root cuttings that have produced buds & new growth

## Making Root Cuttings:

When taking root cuttings choose roots that are pencil thickness or thicker. Make sure to plant the roots the right way up & leave 2.5cm above soil level. Smaller root cuttings can be potted into ordinary pots, for longer root cuttings Chris recommends using 100mm PVC pipe.

1. Start by putting the pipe in pot and fill with some soil mix; then put root cuttings in, finish filling the pipe.
2. Let the roots grow down into the pipe and fill pipe.
3. Slowly cut away top of pipe every 8 weeks to expose roots.



Shito or Keshitsubu bonsai – 'Finger Tip' 'Tiny Pea' or 'Poppy Seed Bonsai'. Chris recommends keeping mini bonsai in shallow trays of water all year.

Chris also noted the Elm bonsai in particular must not dry out; and always make clean cuts to the roots will heal well. Chris also recommends Seasol as a good tonic for bonsai.



100mm PVC pipes set into a pot and filled with long root cuttings in bonsai potting mix. The black marks on the side of the pipe show where the pipes will be shortened to gradually expose the roots inside the pipes.



Chris showing the future direction he will take with this large root cutting Elm bonsai.

Tip from Chris: *Use the clip and grow method to develop thick tapering trunks on bonsai.*

# SALVATORE LIPORACE DEMONSTRATION TWO – JUNIPER IN PICTURES



## SALVATORE LIPORACE DEMONSTRATION THREE – JUNIPER IN PICTURES



National Bonsai & Penjing Collection of Australia UPDATE



Grant Bowie Curator of the National Bonsai Collection

- ✳ 45,000 visitors attended the bonsai display during Floriade. The Collection is expecting their 100,000<sup>th</sup> visitor in the next couple of months. A great milestone for a horticultural display that has been open to the public for less than two years.
- ✳ At the National Arboretum site 41 forests were planted in 2009 and they expect to plant 26 additional forests in 2010.
- ✳ The new pavilion will have the permanent Bonsai & Penjing collection in an area double the size of the current temporary exhibition.
- ✳ On 4 May this year the ACT Government budget allocated 22.6 million for the National Arboretum for the construction of the Visitors Centre and the official opening is planned for 2013. This Centre will include the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection.
- ✳ Business interests are starting to sponsor the development of the national site and interest continues to increase for this new attraction in the nation's capitol.

### *Tips from Salvatore:*

*Junipers – put some pieces of charcoal on the soil surface to make the tree needles shiny and healthy.*

*Putting Lime Sulphur on copper wire once it is on the tree deadens the colour and it blends better with the tree. This is important for showing.*

## POINTS OF INTEREST FROM GRANT BOWIE

### \* POT ANTICS...

*Banksia serrata*, *Banksia integrifolia* and Port Jackson Figs seem to rebel at being put in a pot and alter their normal lanky growing style, instead fattening up very nicely. It's a feature bonsai artists love and capitalise on.

### \*DOUBLE SEALING

At the National Collection in Canberra the curators have been using double sealing on large cuts and getting far faster healing. When the cut is made the tube sealant is thinly applied. When that is completely dry a layer of the putty sealant is placed over the wound. [The putty sealant comes with 2 lid colours: Green for conifers and white for deciduous and evergreen].

### \*DEFOLIATING

In the past year Ash have been defoliated 4 times in the season at the National Collection with the trees showing no problems and producing smaller leaves. Figs, ash and banksias are well fertilised several weeks before the defoliation, defoliated and let grow out new leaves and in a month or so the cycle is repeated. This helps get the leaves down from natural size to much smaller.

### \*VET WRAP

The effectiveness of this depends on the brand. Equine Flexible is best as a stiffer wrap is not as good. T-shirt strips have also been used. Basically use what is available as long as the wrap does minimal damage to the bark and works to contain the splitting that will occur in the branch in bending.



Grant Bowie's beautiful Cedar bonsai

### \*RAMIFICATION

The more branches your tree has the more ramification and the more ramification the smaller the leaves.

### \*FERTILISER

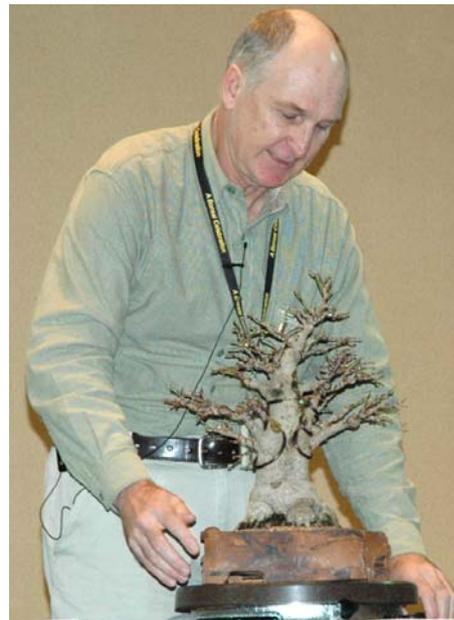
Fertiliser – feed well and regularly. When you repot use slow release in the soil and when the tree is ready use a gentle fertiliser. In the tropics fertilise at a lower level, in cooler climates use a stronger dose due to the shorter growing season.

### \* SEASOL

You can use Seasol on all trees. There was a myth that Seasol kills Banksias but this is only a myth.

### \*CHANGING CLIMATE

When you change climate you also have to change your growing techniques to get the same or similar development from your trees. Procedures that work in one micro-climate will not necessarily work in another.



Grant Bowie with a fig he defoliated just before the convention; because of the cold temperatures he will keep the tree inside near a window so that it can regrow new smaller branches and leaves. This defoliation and the resultant regrowth improves the ramification on the tree.

### \*BALANCING FOLIAGE

Thinner trunks on junipers should be countered with sparser foliage. This balances a slender trunk and achieves the feeling of age, durability and harsh growing conditions. As the trunk thickens with age the foliage can be allowed to thicken accordingly, proportionately.

### \*BALANCING BRANCH MOVEMENT

If your trunk is curvy the branches should reflect the trunk movement. Straight branches on a curvy trunk or curvy branches on a straight trunk are not cohesive. The entire tree must reflect the same movement.

Date	Event	Details
9/10/11 September	Bonsai Society of Australia Bonsai Show and Marketplace - Baulkham Hills Council Chambers, Castle Hill.	This is one of the top bonsai shows on the annual calendar with a stunning display of advanced trees and a large Marketplace with a couple of retail nurseries represented.
17-19 September 2010	Illawarra's Eleventh Weekend Workshop at Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops	Friday night - registration & bonsai demonstration with a twist. Saturday - morning & afternoon workshop, happy hour, major demonstration Sunday - morning & afternoon workshop, lecture / demonstration
29 September 2010	Bonsai & Suiseki Tour of China Bonsai Clubs International is conducting a travelling convention of 14 days beginning 29 September 2010.	Glenis Bebb, Executive Director BCI, is handling the Australian section of the tour, and any person interested in participating is invited to contact her at: <a href="mailto:glen@bonsainursery.com.au">glen@bonsainursery.com.au</a>