



NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

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

7pm Tuesday 10 June 2008
Noel Summerell presentation on
mini bonsai.

7pm Tuesday 8 July 2008
Repotting deciduous trees,
junipers & pines

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Full Membership \$30.00
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Welcome to the June Newsletter

June Meeting: Presentation by Noel Summerell

Noel is a qualified horticulturalist and has been a bonsai enthusiast for over four decades.

Noel does all manner of trees and styles but his particular love is Shohin bonsai: the minis; they sit on your hand; even sit on your finger.

Magic in miniature trees.

Noel will bring in a selection of his minis and tell you his tricks of the trade in getting fine trees in miniature by styling and care.

Noel is a humorous speaker and knows so much about bonsai.
Listen and learn from an expert in minis
and natives and bonsai in general.

This will be a fantastic evening for learning and expanding your bonsai abilities.

SCBC Annual General Meeting will be held August 12 2007 before the regular club meeting.

All members are asked to attend. Membership renewals are due 1 July and only financial members can vote for the 2008-2009 committee.

The club earnestly requests members to consider nominating for committee positions. Without YOUR support we cannot function as a club. Elections will be for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Librarian and committee.

Nomination forms for committee positions will be emailed out or handed out at the next club meetings.

- See page 2 for trees on show at the May SCBC meeting
- Pages 3, 4 & 5 has a photo essay on Chris Di Nola's styling of a Slippery Elm
- Page 3 also has information on the closing down sale of Bibo Bonsai Nursery
- Turn to page 6 for a book review of Morten Albek's new book on Shohin Bonsai, details of the opening of a new bonsai nursery & the Events Calendar

TREES IN TRAINING ON SHOW AT THE MAY MEETING



Sue Brennan's champion *Baeckea* bonsai



Sue Brennan's *Juniperus squamata* 'Prostrata' bonsai



Close up of the roots & main trunks of Chris Di Nola's *Ligustrum sinense*

Small Leaf Privet semi-cascade bonsai



Chris Di Nola's *Ligustrum sinense* - Small Leaf Privet bonsai



Close up view of the nebari of Chris Di Nola's *Ligustrum sinense* Small Leaf Privet bonsai



Chris Di Nola's *Ligustrum sinense* - Small Leaf Privet semi-cascade bonsai

CHRIS DI NOLA AT THE MAY MEETING

Thank you Chris for a fascinating and entertaining club meeting.



Chris Di Nola at the beginning of his fascinating presentation.



Chris gets serious about weeds! Chris explains how he found a large privet and cut it down and developed it into this bonsai. Chris advises that Small Leaf Privet makes a very good bonsai – easy to work with and quick to respond to training.

Ulmus fulva – Slippery Elm: is a North American native tree whose inner bark has healing properties. The *inner bark* has important medicinal value & is an official drug of the United States Pharmacopoeia.

The powdered bark is sold in two forms: a coarse powder for use as poultices and a fine powder for making a mucilaginous drink. The disintegrated bark forms, when moistened, a flexible and spongy tissue, which is easily moulded into pessaries, teats, and suppositories.

It is recommended that ten-year-old bark should be used. The powder should be greyish or fawn coloured. If dark or reddish, good results will not be obtained. The powdered bark is said to be often adulterated with damaged flour and other starchy substances.

The bark, which is the only part used, is collected in spring from the bole and larger branches and dried. Large quantities are collected, especially in the lower part of the state of Michigan. As the wood has no commercial value, the tree is fully stripped and consequently dies.

Clearance sale, everything must go

1 weekend only

28th, 29th June 2008

8 THE LINK ROAD PEATS RIDGE NSW 2250

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CHRIS STYLES A SLIPPERY ELM



Chris gets to work on his Slippery Elm – *Ulmus fulva*. Chris starts by removing some unwanted parts of the plant



Isn't that more than half of the original plant he is holding!!

CHRIS DI NOLA AT THE MAY MEETING



A close up of the Slippery Elm after the removal of the large branch



Reducing the stub to refine the line of the new trunk



Chris removes unwanted branches



Using knob cutters to remove the stumps of the branches

← The masters tools



The works so far



A tip from Chris on selecting the right wire to wire a branch – if the wire is strong enough to move the branch when held against the branch – then it is the right wire for the job

CHRIS DI NOLA AT THE MAY MEETING



Starting the wiring of the main branches



Using large knob cutters to shape the stub of the removed main branch



This wire is anchored on; and will be used to wire another branch



Refining the outline of the trunk using large knob cutters



Using wire cutters to trim excess wire



Wound paste being applied to large cuts

Chris also demonstrated early training on some young Privet trees and was kind enough to donate some of these trees to the night's raffle.

Chris critiqued member's trees brought to the May meeting. Chris was very insightful and diplomatic in his assessments of the different trees he was presented with – thank you again Chris

BOOK REVIEW, NEW NUSERY & EVENTS CALENDAR

BOOK REVIEW

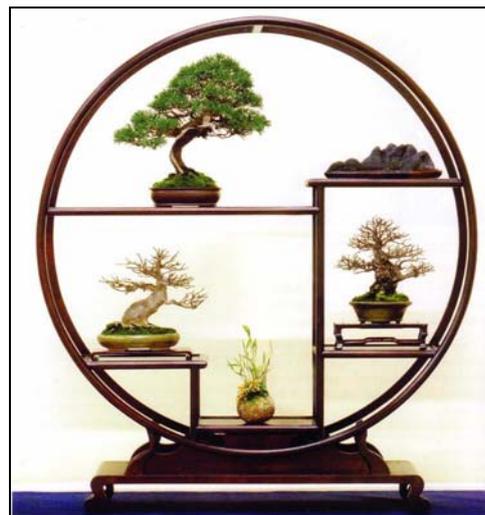
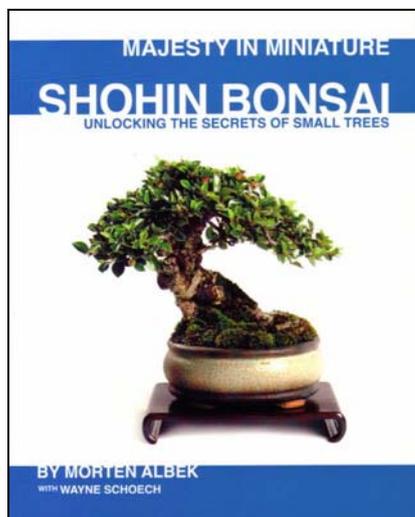
Majesty in Miniature

SHOHIN BONSAI

Unlocking the Secrets of Small Trees

by Morten Albek with Wayne Schoech

Stone Lantern Publishing 2007 ISBN 9780976755067 \$30



Examples of the beautiful images to be found in the book: 'Shohin Bonsai'

This book delights with the quality of both the copy and the photos. Shohin bonsai are trees that are no taller than 25cm and the author notes that these are easy to do by stumping a larger tree and developing new branches on the trunk. The book is full of tips and hints and while it is not fully explanatory for new enthusiasts, anyone who has worked with bonsai for one or two years will be able to fill in the gaps and gain a lot of information and inspiration.

Albek covers development, pots, display and the sheer fun of working with smaller trees. Minis and mame are smaller still but with Shohin you have a wider opportunity to develop your tree and since we all talk about 'reducing our collections' – what better way is there without getting rid of plants!!!

Shohin Bonsai is available from bonsai nurseries and would be a welcome addition to an enthusiast's collection.

<http://www.stonelantern.com/booksbonsai.html>

REMEMBER BRING A TREE TO EVERY MEETING

NEW BONSAI NURSERY

DRAGONSTONE BONSAI

158 Annangrove Road
Annangrove
9654 0892

OPEN Tuesday to Saturday 9am – 5pm

Nick specialises in root over rock, exposed root and basic stock plants with movement. There is a huge selection from 4" pots to styled bonsai in pots. The majority of the trees, even the most basic 4", have had some training and have movement. There are Styrofoam containers full of trident seedling for forests, a good selection of trees straddling rocks in various stages, trees from 1-5 years with quite a lot of twists and turns from moderate to extreme. He does a lot of 'funky' trees – formal upright stock is not Nick's thing but it is great to browse through the pots and seldom see a straight trunk. From minimal to extreme... the movement is there.

At the moment sales are cash only and there are no ATMs nearby. There are no pots, only plants....but the selection is worth checking out. You can make a day of it and check out Dragonstone and Ray Nesci's as well – they are 15 minutes apart. Now's the time, take a trip to Annangrove and Dural.

Dragonstone is about 3 km from Kenthurst Road.

Date	Event	Details
1-3 August	Tops Weekend Workshop,	Stanwell Tops. See Lee Wright for details
29-31 Aug	ABC Gardening Australia Expo	Sydney Showground, Homebush Bay
30-31 Aug	Illawarra Bonsai Society Annual Show	Sylvania Heights Community and Youth Club, Box Road Gynea
19-21 Sep	Bonsai Society of Australia Annual Show	Annual Show and Member's Sale Table, Baulkham Hills Council Chambers, Showground Road, Castle Hill
4-5 Oct	Goulburn Bonsai Society Annual Exhibition	
18-19 Oct	School of Bonsai Annual Show	Ray Nesci Nursery, Kenthurst
14-16 Nov	All Native Bonsai Exhibition	National Botanic Gardens, Canberra