



NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

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

7pm Tuesday 11 May 2010

Sue Brennan to review the basics of bonsai training + Workshop: pre-winter pruning

7pm Tuesday 8 June 2010

Guest presenter Chris Di Nola – producing bonsai from root cuttings

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Welcome to the May Newsletter

May Meeting:

Sue Brennan will take us through the basics of bonsai training and bring along your trees for our pre-winter pruning workshop.



Sue & Neville talking to a young enthusiast about bonsai at the Royal Easter Show

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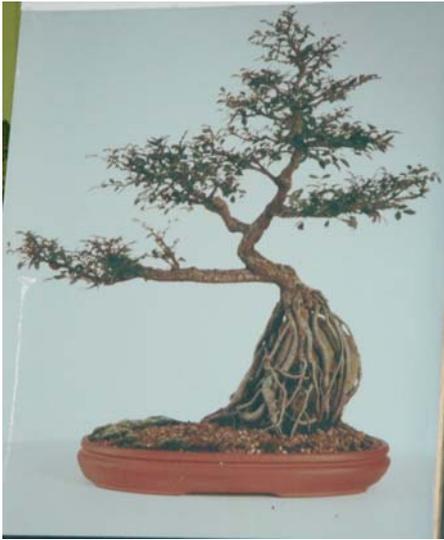
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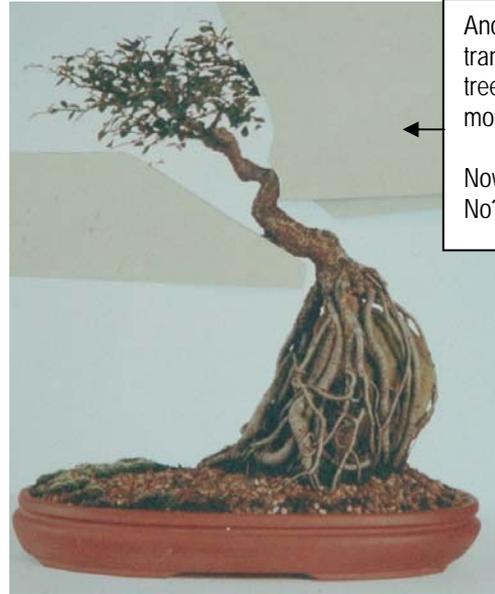
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SUE DOES A VIRTUAL PRUNE OF A BONSAI OR DOES SHE?



The tree before Sue's virtual pruning demonstration



Another virtual transformation, the tree looks even more interesting.
Now can we stop? No?



Sue masks the first branch to be removed



Sue now suggests we should cut the tree into two parts, good thing this is all just virtual right?



Wait a minute, Sue actually did cut this beautiful tree into two parts & here is a picture of the top part of the trunk in a bonsai training pot



Sue makes more virtual cuts, this is fun and safe, it's all just theory right?

Can we stop now the tree looks great, just needs some wiring – no?

Ok let's keep going then.



Here Sue holds up the new bonsai that was developed from the top part of the trunk.

What a beautiful little tree – what happened to the roots I hear you ask?

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SUE'S VIRTUAL PRUNE PART 2 & A BUXUS BONSAI STORY



Sue points out where the roots were cut to remove the trunk from this root over rock style bonsai

Sue developed the roots into a group planting of Elms bonsai.

Easy when you know how right?



Black Pine on display at the SCBC Easter Show stand

THE SLOW GROWING BUXUS by Lee

I know Buxus can be slow growers but my Buxus bonsai barely did anything but survive this past season. I was complaining about the slow growth and the fact I couldn't believe that I would have potted the tree so high in the pot when a tutor mentioned that trees can push themselves up if the roots are crowding the pot. If the tree is struggling for root room it could slow the growth of the foliage. HmMMMMM.

So I did a late repot and prised the tree out of its pot in late April and was stunned, totally stunned at the amount of roots in the pot.



The ring of roots was growing below the mesh cover and the now root pruned tree has more than enough roots to survive the root prune and cope with the cooling temperatures. And it is back at a better level in the pot. When I updated its biography I discovered that I had not repotted it in spring 2009. Spring 2010 I will repot again and reduce the roots but now I can hope for better growth.

Trees talk, you just have to listen.



AUSTRALIAN NATIVE PLANTS AS BONSAI & EVENTS CALENDAR

The annual 'Australian Native Plants as Bonsai' exhibit was held at the National Botanic Gardens in Canberra on 13-14 March. Lee sent four bonsai to the exhibit. The 35 bonsai on view were beautifully set up with corrugated iron providing the backdrop and river stones softening the display and adding interest to the trees.



The show was very well attended this year. Photos of all the trees can be viewed on www.ausbonsai.com

Go to the heading 'shows and exhibits' & pick up the Canberra Show thread.

Allocasuarina torulosa



Kunzea ambigua

The development and redevelopment of the *Melaleuca alternifolia* was featured in the SCBCs December 2009 newsletter.

Melaleuca alternifolia



Callistemon sp.

The stand under the semi cascade *Kunzea ambigua* was a condiment tray contoured to hold 4 dishes and discarded next to a charity bin at a shopping centre car park. It was turned over, the feet removed from the bottom and put on the original top and then stained black. This castoff became the ideal stand to complement this tree.

Date	Event	Details
8 May 2010	Bonsai Study Group Show – West Pymble	Pat Kennedy will be there with a selection of his Mirkwood pots
14-17 May 2010	23rd AABC National Convention hosted by Illawarra Bonsai Society Inc. - "A Bonsai Celebration"	
12 -13 June	Bonsai By the Harbour	Bonsai packed weekend with demonstrators and speakers at Gladesville. Full details when available
9/10/11 September	Bonsai Society of Australia Bonsai Show and Marketplace - Baulkham Hills Council Chambers, Cnr Showground Rd and Carrington St, Castle Hill.	This is one of the top bonsai shows on the annual calendar with a stunning display of advanced trees, the large Marketplace with a couple of retail nurseries represented and a good selection of members' trees for sale.
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: glen@bonsainursery.com.au