



NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

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

7pm Tuesday 8 September 2009
Workshop: repotting deciduous trees, styling Azaleas and other evergreen.

7pm Tuesday 13 October 2009
Repot and style azaleas, buxus, olives, and pyracantha

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Welcome to the August Newsletter

September Meeting: A workshop for repotting deciduous trees and styling Azaleas, Buxus and other evergreens. Bring along wire and tools too.



Mike Rimmer at the start of his entertaining and information talk on fertilisers and in particular the exceptional qualities of the Neutrog Fertilisers. Thank you Mike for making time to talk to us about Neutrog Fertilisers and for our free samples.

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TREES IN TRAINING ON DISPLAY AT THE AUGUST MEETING



Neville's Keteleer Juniper bonsai



Lee's Buxus bonsai



Hector's Juniper forest



Doug's Elm bonsai

Author Unknown

Bonsai is heaven and earth in one container. Bonsai with its container and soil is physically independent of the earth since its roots are not planted in it. It is a separate entity complete in itself, yet it is a part of nature.

A REAL COUP – ASK & YE SHALL RECEIVE by Lee

I have been dog walking again and this time eyeing off a Kirin azalea inside a front fence in my neighbourhood. It looked promising and in my backyard I had a bonsai in the making that was flowering magnificently but the trunk was not crash hot and it would be years before it would be and the flowers were large.



Nothing ventured, nothing gained so I took the azalea on a walk, knocked on the front door and asked if I could remove the Kirin and plant in its place 'Rose King'. Mrs hesitated and then gave me the go but asked if I really wanted that one. I dropped to the ground and had a visual scout around the Christmas Cheer near the front door and damn near lost the dentures I don't have.

I got up and sweetly, and ever so coolly, you better believe I was Ms Cool, asked if I could take that one instead of the Kirin. She agreed and I bolted home and was back in 15 minutes with my equipment and a somewhat bewildered dog.

It only took 20 minutes from start to everything in the boot and literally hand-sweeping a bit of litter from the footpath so the place was left pristine with the Rose King looking good in its new spot. I only hope Hubby agrees but I'm not knocking again to check.



Possible front One

Five hours later Christmas Cheer was trimmed, potted and sitting where it gets morning sun and mainly shade while it sorts itself out. I have selected two possible fronts and will wait until there is development before I settle on one. You know what... I suddenly believe in Santa.

Considering Rose King was \$35 reduced to \$17.50 I think I got a VERY good deal indeed with the swap!! And the nice thing is that in 12 months Rose King will have doubled in size and next year's flowering will be wonderful so my benefactors have also done well.



Close up of trunk and nebari



Close up of trunk and nebari



Possible front Two

Amy Liang

...a bonsai truly represents the fusion of nature and human wisdom; it is an art that at once pursues the spirits of both nature and beauty.

WHICH TREE ARE YOU?

Find your birthday and then find your tree. This is cool and pretty accurate. Then send it to your friends, including the one that sent it to you, so they can find out what tree you fell from, but do not forget to change the subject line to your tree. Find your tree below and see what you are like ...

Dec 23 to Jan 01	Apple Tree
Jan 01 to Jan 11	Fir Tree
Jan 12 to Jan 24	Elm Tree
Jan 25 to Feb 03	Cypress Tree
Feb 04 to Feb 08	Poplar Tree
Feb 09 to Feb 18	Cedar Tree
Feb 19 to Feb 28	Pine Tree
Mar 01 to Mar 10	Weeping Willow Tree
Mar 11 to Mar 20	Lime Tree
Mar 21 (only)	Oak Tree
Mar 22 to Mar 31	Hazelnut Tree
Apr 01 to Apr 10	Rowan Tree
Apr 11 to Apr 20	Maple Tree
Apr 21 to Apr 30	Walnut Tree
May 01 to May 14	Poplar Tree
May 15 to May 24	Chestnut Tree
May 25 to Jun 03	Ash Tree
Jun 04 to Jun 13	Hornbeam Tree
Jun 14 to Jun 23	Fig Tree
Jun 24 (only)	Birch Tree
Jun 25 to Jul 04	Apple Tree
Jul 05 to Jul 14	Fir Tree
Jul 15 to Jul 25	Elm Tree
Jul 26 to Aug 04	Cypress Tree
Aug 05 to Aug 13	Poplar Tree
Aug 14 to Aug 23	Cedar Tree
Aug 24 to Sep 01	Pine Tree
Sep 02 to Sep 12	Weeping Willow Tree
Sep 13 to Sep 22	Lime Tree
Sep 23 (only)	Olive Tree
Sep 24 to Oct 03	Hazelnut Tree
Oct 04 to Oct 13	Rowan Tree
Oct 14 to Oct 23	Maple Tree
Oct 24 to Nov 11	Walnut Tree
Nov 12 to Nov 21	Chestnut Tree
Nov 22 to Dec 01	Ash Tree
Dec 02 to Dec 11	Hornbeam Tree
Dec 12 to Dec 21	Fig Tree
Dec 22 (only)	Beech Tree

TREES (in alphabetical order)

Apple Tree (Love) -- quiet and shy at times, lots of charm, appeal, And attraction, pleasant attitude, flirtatious smile, adventurous, sensitive, loyal in love, wants to love and be loved, faithful and tender partner, very generous, many talents, loves children, needs affectionate partner .

Ash Tree (Ambition) -- extremely attractive, vivacious, impulsive, demanding, does not care for criticism, ambitious, intelligent, talented, likes to play with fate, can be very egotistic, reliable, restless lover, sometimes money rules over the heart, demands attention, needs love and much emotional support .

Beech Tree (Creative) -- has good taste, concerned about its looks, materialistic, good organization of life and career, economical, good leader, takes no unnecessary risks, reasonable, splendid lifetime companion, keen on keeping fit (diets, sports, etc .) .

Birch Tree (Inspiration) -- vivacious, attractive, elegant, friendly, unpretentious, modest, does not like anything in excess, abhors the vulgar, loves life in nature and in calm, not very passionate, full of imagination, little ambition, creates a calm and content atmosphere.

Cedar Tree (Confidence) -- of rare strength, knows how to adapt, Likes unexpected presents, of good health, not in the least shy, tends to look down on others, self-confident, a great speaker, determined, often impatient, likes to impress others, has many talents, industrious, healthy optimism, waits for the one true love, able to make quick decisions .

Chestnut Tree (Honesty) -- of unusual stature, impressive, well-developed sense of justice, fun to be around, a planner, born diplomat, can be irritated easily, sensitive of others feelings, hard worker, sometimes acts superior, feels not understood at times, fiercely family oriented, very loyal in love, physically fit .

Cypress Tree (Faithfulness) -- strong, muscular, adaptable, takes What life has to give but doesn't necessarily like it, strives to be content, optimistic, wants to be financially independent, wants love and affection, hates loneliness, passionate lover which cannot be satisfied, faithful, quick-tempered at times, can be unruly and careless, loves to gain knowledge, needs to be needed .

Elm Tree (Noble-mindedness) -- pleasant shape, tasteful clothes, modest demands, tends not to forgive mistakes, cheerful, likes to lead but not to obey, honest and faithful partner, likes making decisions for others, noble-minded, generous, good sense of humor, practical .

Fig Tree (Sensibility) -- very strong minded, a bit self-willed, honest, loyal, independent, hates contradiction or arguments, hard worker when wants to be, loves life and friends, enjoys children and animals, sexually oriented, great sense of humor, has artistic talent and great intelligence .

Fir tree (Mysterious) -- extraordinary taste, handles stress well, loves anything beautiful, stubborn, tends to care for those close to them, hard to trust others, yet a social butterfly, likes idleness and laziness after long demanding hours at work, rather modest, talented, unselfish, many friends, very reliable .

Hazelnut Tree (Extraordinary) -- charming, sense of humor, very demanding but can also be very understanding, knows how to make a lasting impression, active fighter for social causes and politics, popular, quite moody, sexually oriented, honest, a perfectionist, has a precise sense of judgment and expects complete fairness .

Hornbeam Tree (Good Taste) -- of cool beauty, cares for its looks and condition, good taste, is not egoistic, makes life as comfortable as possible, leads a reasonable and disciplined life, looks for kindness and acknowledgment in an emotional partner, dreams of unusual lovers, is seldom happy with its feelings, mistrusts most people, is never sure of its decisions, very conscientious .

Herb L. Gustafson

...the ultimate challenge for the bonsai designer is to expose the essence of the tree.

VET WRAP

Lime Tree (Doubt) - intelligent, hard working, accepts what life dishes out, but not before trying to change bad circumstances into good ones, hates fighting and stress, enjoys getaway vacations, may appear tough, but is actually soft and relenting, always willing to make sacrifices for family and friends, has many talents but not always enough time to use them, great leadership qualities, is jealous at times but extremely loyal.

Maple Tree (Independence of Mind) -- no ordinary person, full of imagination and originality, shy and reserved, ambitious, proud, self-confident, hungers for new experiences, sometimes nervous, has many complexities, good memory, learns easily, complicated love life, wants to impress .

Oak Tree (Brave) -- robust nature, courageous, strong, unrelenting, independent, sensible, does not like change, keeps its feet on the ground, person of action.

Olive Tree (Wisdom) -- loves sun, warmth and kind feelings, reasonable, balanced, avoids aggression and violence, tolerant, cheerful, calm, well-developed sense of justice, sensitive, empathetic, free of jealousy, loves to read and the company of sophisticated people .

Pine Tree (Peacemaker) -- loves agreeable company, craves peace and harmony, loves to help others, active imagination, likes to write poetry, not fashion conscious, great compassion, friendly to all, falls strongly in love but will leave if betrayed or lied to, emotionally soft, low self-esteem, needs affection and reassurance .

Poplar Tree (Uncertainty) -- looks very decorative, talented, not very self-confident, extremely courageous if necessary, needs goodwill and pleasant surroundings, very choosy, often lonely, great animosity, great artistic nature, good organizer, tends to lean toward philosophy, reliable in any situation, takes partnership seriously.

Rowan Tree (Sensitivity) -- full of charm, cheerful, gifted without egoism, likes to draw attention, loves life, motion, unrest, and even complications, is both dependent and independent, good taste, artistic, passionate, emotional, good company, does not forgive .

Walnut Tree (Passion) -- unrelenting, strange and full of contrasts, often egotistic, aggressive, noble, broad horizon, unexpected reactions, spontaneous, unlimited ambition, no flexibility, difficult and uncommon partner, not always liked but often admired, ingenious strategist, very jealous and passionate, no compromise .

Weeping Willow (Melancholy) - likes to be stress free, loves family life, full of hopes and dreams, attractive, very empathetic, loves anything beautiful, musically inclined, loves to travel to exotic places, restless, capricious, honest, can be influenced but is not easy to live with when pressured, sometimes demanding, good intuition, suffers in love until they find that one loyal, steadfast partner; loves to make others laugh.

VET WRAP From Peter Adams talks at the Ideas Summit July 2009



For those who use raffia to bind a branch or trunk prior to heavy bending, there's a better product. VET WRAP. You can get it at chemists in the bandage section. It is a flexible wrap that is elastic; sticks only to itself so there's no danger to the bark, can be removed easily when the branch is set. VET WRAP comes in a 10cm width roll.

VET WRAP Cont'd

It is around \$20 so you have to be keen and the varied colours it can come in are not really complimentary to trees

But it is not a lifetime commitment. It is successfully used to bind the bark to the tree before heavy wiring and heavy bending so if you crack the branch when bending the life forces should still work to heal and grow the limb. The tape can be cut in narrower strips than 10cm and can be reused. It has been successfully applied to rough barked pines, old junipers, larches – all with no problems and minimal bark damage. Basically you use it the same as grafting tape so it could work instead of grafting tape as well.



Now, having said all that... local sources advise there are cheaper products available.

- 1) Roma Cohesive Bandage available at Horselands stores. This comes in several qualities & the mid range is good at \$4.95 a roll
- 2) 3M product Nexcare 'Coban'

The word is that the Roma is great for Root Over Rock. It sticks to itself and holds the roots securely as you are wrapping, it is permeable and doesn't let the roots grow through it and it stretches to get a tight fit. Some enthusiasts have found problems with Coban when using it on a branch as the bark can grow into it and is removed when the tape is unwrapped. Also, the tape will degrade over time making removal difficult. To get around this the area is first wrapped with grafting tape and then the stretch tape.

There are pros and cons but it still sounds like an interesting option when doing heavy bending or root over rock.

Peter Chan

The aesthetic sensibilities of bonsai, which have their roots in the Zen tradition, contribute very significantly to the total experience of bonsai, which is about beauty, peace, and tranquility.

TREES & SUISEKI AT ILLAWARRA BONSAI SHOW & EVENTS CALENDAR



Date	Event	Details
11-13 September	Bonsai Society of Australia Show and Marketplace 9 am – 4 pm at Baulkham Hills Council Chambers, Showground Rd at Carrington Street.	It is an ideal opportunity to see some of the legendary Koreshoff trees. The BSA Show is also noted for a fine Marketplace where members sell trees, both stock plants and bonsai, and the nursery trade is represented with plants and pots. This is a show not to be missed
18/19/20 September	The Tops Weekend Banksia Complex, The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops.	Live in weekend of bonsai with guest tutors Carole Walker from Gold Coast and Georgina Kretschmar. Pre bookings essential Contact Brenda 9547 2157 or Jamie 0415 440 807
18/19/20 September	Bonsai Society of Australia's Annual Show and Marketplace.	Baulkham Hills Council Chambers, Carrington Rd at Showgrounds Rd, Castle Hill
24/25 October	School of Bonsai Show	Ray Nesci Bonsai Nursery 26 Sagar Rd, Kenthurst [plus sausage sizzle]
1 November	BONSAI SPECTACULAR Featuring English Bonsai Master John Hanby	Manly Warringah Leagues Club 63 Pittwater Road Brookvale NSW For Information only contact Ric Roberts Phone: 99531931 Email: bonsairic@bigpond.com