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The Bonsai Society meets at the Bellerive Community Art Centre,
17 Cambridge Rd, Bellerive at 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month
(February – November)

Website: www.key.org.au/bonsai

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Next meeting will be held on August 17th commencing at 7.30pm. Members please note there has been a change for this meeting, as Noel Kemp will do the August presentation. David Budd will do a presentation at the September meeting.

Reminder to Members:

1. During the AGM the Treasurer handed out copies of the amended constitution to members. Your comments on amendments to be passed on to Stuart Clutterbuck by **7th of August 2010**, either by emailing to e.black@bigpond.com or posting to Secretary, 12 Clearwater Court, Blackmans Bay, Tasmania 7052. It is your constitution – feedback is welcome.
2. Members were also informed that a decision was made to cancel further copies of Bonsai Focus. All copies up to issue 127 are available in our library (managed expertly by David Budd.)
3. Stuart also to look into our Society joining a Credit Union to save on bank fees which continue to be ongoing issue.

Following the AGM, President Noel Kemp opened the meeting at 8.03pm and welcomed the fourteen members attending (Tony Brown joined us).

Diana reported that while we will be in the same location (**Hobart Show**) we may be a little restricted for seating/demonstration space. We could arrange one or two demonstrations each day and Diana has cotoneaster and ivy which would be suitable.

A roster to be drawn up for members to volunteer during the show. Diana has already offered to be available between 8.30-12.00 from Wednesday to Saturday.

Re our own **Bonsai exhibition**, Rosny Barn staff were preparing a printed flyer which would be sent out with the council rates newsletter in August/September, and had requested some information which will be included in the flyer. They estimated sending some 25,000.

Show Reminder: 10th-11th September Daffodil, Camellia and Floral Art Show Bonsai plants for display must be brought to the Town Hall on Thursday between 4.30pm – 6.00pm. Members are encouraged to display their bonsai wherever possible. Please ensure there is a small card identifying your bonsai – botanical name (if possible), common name, brief description e.g. foliage, flowers etc. and age.

Workshop Reminder: Saturday, August 21st at the Bellerive Community Arts Centre between 1.00 and 4.00pm. This will be the last for this year.

Christmas Barbecue: Will be on Sunday 5th December at

January Barbecue: either Saturday 15, or Sunday 16th January at the home of Gill and Glen Roberts. We would like members to decide by a show of hands which day they prefer.

Raffle: New member Heather Wiggers was happy with her win – wire for her bonsai, and David Budd took home a potted plant.

Display Table: Diana brought in her *Banksia marginate* (almost 20 years old) which she has cut back substantially. Her advice to members was that July is the best time to cut back and root prune banksias

Ambrose brought two flowering dogwood; Rose sought advice on a Tea Tree which had dried out; Gill was asking advice on the removal of a branch from her maple, and had brought a healthy looking Fuchsia along – one that Aaron had dug out of someone’s garden, and which had been heavily pruned back.

Noel made the comment that it’s sometimes difficult to distinguish a dead twig from a live one on Chinese Elms, and propagation of same is best taken from cuttings. He also advised November-December is the best time to aerial layer cotoneaster, leaving them to settle through Summer. He showed members an Atlantic Cedar which hadn’t been turned enough, so that some of the branches have died back. His question was: what to do with it? It was suggested he could try a literati style.

Meeting Closed at: 8.30pm

Ambrose had brought in cuttings from *Viburnum tocatum* and natural layerings of *Cornus alba* (dogwood) for his demonstration.

The idea was to place the cuttings and layerings through holes drilled into a piece of metal plate. As the trunks thicken and swell, they should send out roots above the plate which can then be removed. Both groups were planted into plastic pots to allow continuation of their growth and training for a couple of years.

His idea came from two sources:- *Bonsai Today* (issue 8) available in our library collection, and the book “*Four Seasons of Bonsai*” by Kyuzo Murata, containing a lot of ideas for garden plants with thin stems, to be planted in groups.

(Editor’s note: I have borrowed Kyuzo Murata’s book from the library and there are some lovely configurations e.g. Blue flag Iris, Dendrobium orchid, Bellflower, scouring rush etc.)

Dig at Seven Mile Beach 4th & 5th of September

If those members who wish to go on a dig for Conifers at Seven Mile Beach could please complete the following form and return to the Secretary as quickly as possible, their information can be passed on to Parks & Wildlife. It can be emailed to me – e.black@bigpond.com or posted to

The Secretary, 12 Clearwater Court, Blackmans Bay, Tasmania 7052.

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The following photos (courtesy of Ambrose) were taken at the workshop on 25th July during which 9 members attended.



Receiving some expert advice!



Getting down to work!