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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.chooseit.org.au/bonsai

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Our April meeting was opened by President Noel at 7 45pm., welcoming 22 members and one visitor, with apologies from Alison Titchen and Chris Spratt.

Interstate demonstrator, Tony Bebb, is coming to Launceston for a workshop at the end of August and members were asked to express interest in Sunday/Monday workshops or, alternatively replacing our own workshop the previous weekend (i.e. Saturday 24th) and include Sunday 25th.

Evelyn read an email received from “Inbooks” regarding the release of a new book “Bonsai – a Patient Art”, a copy of which will be donated to our Society. However, members can purchase their own copy should they wish, for \$39.95 which includes a 20% discount, postage free. (The book arrived and will be presented at our May meeting.

Our Society organised a display of bonsai at the Chrysanthemum & Floral Art show at the Town Hall from 3rd to 5th of May. Sadly, this will be the last of the Chrysanthemum displays, as growers have dwindled to 3, all of whom feel it’s time to “call it a day”.

This Month’s Meeting: Tuesday, 21st May, commencing at 7.30pm, with Phil Dilger guiding us in the art of making pots. They will be small hand-size which Phil will fire – it should be an interesting evening.

Workshops: next one will be held on Sunday, 26th May at Island Bonsai, commencing at 12 noon. Cost is \$3 and a plate of something to share is always welcome. Just in time to give Will a warm send off, as he and Rosemary are off exploring that big island to our north, departing on the 11th June.

Events: September 6th & 7th – Daffodil, Camellia & Floral Art Show at the Town Hall
October 19th & 20th our Exhibition at Rosny Barn, so get working on those bonsai!

June Meeting: Tuesday 18th June Gill Roberts OR Tony Brown will be our presenter, and will be confirmed shortly.

Raffle: Items won - Cameron (pot), and a Chameacyperis obtusa won by Trish.

Display Table: A varied collection of trees – ranging from native to exotic, an azalea displaying pink blossom, succulent companion planting, twin trunk, mame, literati, Stuart’s raft (originally demonstrated in Sept. 2011 and re-worked in 2012) and maples displaying their autumnal foliage.

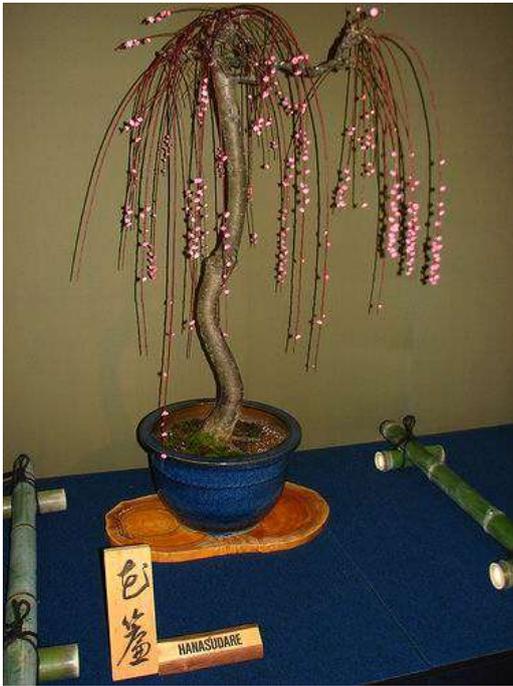
Meeting closed about 8.15pm. For his second presentation Will brought in a Woolly Tea Tree (*Leptospermum lanigerum*), which he has had for about 5 years, having dug it up from “somewhere out there”. This species is regarded by Will as a rewarding one for bonsai, because of the coarse “old looking” trunk, and their often contorted, twisted branches. This particular specimen has interesting movement, although a lot of the branches are brittle, suggesting their inability to be moved much.

Will set to work, roughly cutting off some of the low branches and gave the foliage a light trim. The tree was then removed from its plastic pot, about a fifth of the soil was removed, before it was re-settled in its new shallower pot. After much discussion, fine-tuning of placement and position, the experts declared themselves satisfied that the tree was finally in its right spot!

We look forward to watching its progress on our visits to Island Bonsai in the future, and thank you Will.

**Editor’s Apology:* It may be some time before I’m able to “get stuck in” to our newsletter production,





(Photos – Workshop at Wills; and the Hibiscus, Cherry (literati style) & Azalea were forwarded to Jan Fleming by her brother – inspiration must have been in his mind!)

