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Editors Message

Hi to all

Bonsai is alive and well in Australia with 270 keen and eager Bonsai addicts coming together in Bankstown New South Wales on the weekend of May 15th.

Salvatore Liporace was the headliner and supported by a large number of local artists, coupled with catching up with lots of old friends and making new ones made the weekend a great success.

Thanks again for all the articles it makes my life easier.

June and winter has arrived and I am jealous of the parts of the world that are moving into summer but my turn will come.

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BCI Convention 2010

The closing date has passed and some 120 plus keen Bonsai enthusiasts will take up this chance of a lifetime opportunity and tour through the Chinese country side.

Australia has some 40+ plus attendees so if you are going practice your “G’Day” and certainly make yourself known to myself – I can hardly wait for September to arrive.

I will have photographs for the December issue.

BCI 2010
CHINA!
30 September - 12 October 2010

Group tour includes:

- Chencun World of Flowers** (Bonsai & Saiseki Exhibition, Stone Market, Bonsai Demonstration & Saiseki Lecture)
- Exhibition in Yixing Pot Museum** (visit Pot Factory)
- Bonsai Museum in Yangzhou** (Bonsai Exhibition & Bonsai Demonstration)
- Stone Culture Art Center in Beijing** (Viewing Stone Appreciation)
- BCI Exhibition & Convention 2010 in Tianjin** (Bonsai & Saiseki Exhibition)

Also:

- Qinhuai River Cruise (Nanjing)**
- Slender West Lake (Yangzhou)**
- The Forbidden City (Beijing)**
- The Great Wall (Beijing)**
- The Summer Palace (Beijing)**

Look for details in future issues of Bonsai & Stone Appreciation Magazine and at www.bonsai-bci.com

Association of Australian Bonsai Clubs Ltd (AABC Ltd) Annual Convention 2010

Every year AABC Ltd and a host club hold their annual convention and this year Illawara club was the host in Bankstown NSW for three and a half days of Bonsai fun..

Our guest overseas demonstrator Salvatore Liporace entertained the 270 strong audience for the weekend and I would like to share a few photographs of the event.



Salvatore and a local artists Chris DiNola working hard

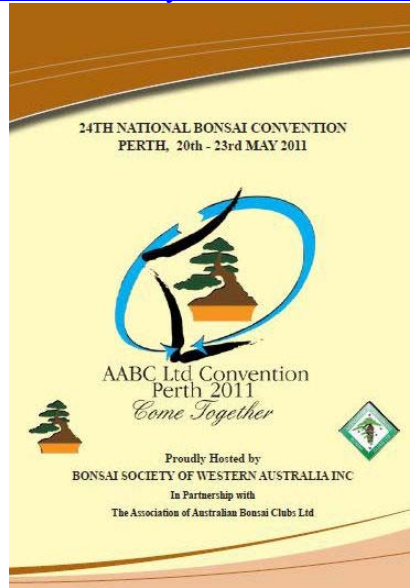


Just a small part of the display.



The out going president Lee Wilson (left) being presented with an award for 28 years of service on the Executive in many roles by the new President Lindsay Bebb (right)

Next year we are off to Western Australia and for more info log on to www.bonsaisocietywa.com/convention.html



A New BCI Ambassador

Mr. I.S.Ng is a new ambassador with some remarkable credentials and sent these photos to share with everyone, he is currently President - Bonsai and Stone Academy, President - Malaysian Stone Lovers Society and BCI ambassador in Malaysia.

During 2004 to 2009 he organised 4 national competitions and exhibition in Malaysia with judges from Taiwan, Indonesia, China and Singapore and also conducted demonstrations.

2008 July a milestone was created Bonsai and Stone Academy was appointed the Ambassador of Bonsai Clubs International in Malaysia by our President Mr I C Su. With the establishment of BCI Malaysia, the bonsai and stone lover's knowledge and skill will have enhanced as well as able to interact with people around the world.

2009 October he organised an event to let people know about BCI in Malaysia.

Malaysia stone art and bonsai 2009 competition, and exhibition as well as the launching of Bonsai Clubs International (BCI) Malaysia.

Our President I C Su was invited to do the launching BCI Malaysia witnessed by the Minister and VIP's.

Some photographs of trees and a fabulous stone are shown below



Mr. I.S.Ng



What a specimen



Stunning stone



Fabulous tree



A prize winner



Down to business



A prize stone

Avadh Bonsai Associations Bonsai Camp (India)

Another great article from our very active friends in India, I must apologise as I did run out of room to put all of the photographs in this newsletter that they sent and will feature some more in future newsletters. – thank you again for the continuing articles and support from our friends in India.

The month of March 2010, came marching in for all members of **Avadh Bonsai Association**, as they got together as TEAM ABA, to conduct a first ever, **Free Bonsai Camp**, for all Bonsai Enthusiasts, at the prestigious Clark Avadh Hotel, here in Lucknow, from 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM, on Saturday, the 13th of March as an initial commencement of a series of events planned for the Year 2010, to commemorate **ABA's 10th Anniversary Celebrations**.

The sole aim of this camp was to spread awareness about Bonsai as a GREEN ART FORM., to bring to this platform those who were growing Bonsai in their own way without any formal training. **Mrs Santosh Arora**, assisted by senior member **Dr. Gunjan Banga**, presented a **Lecture cum Demonstration**, imparting knowledge and

teaching all interested participants, the basic nitty-gritty of this comprehensive subject and at the same time sharing her three decade long experience with plants. All the visitors were invited to bring one plant each to get them reshaped into proper Bonsai by our senior members. Thus giving confidence to our senior members also to work on a public platform and giving opportunity to the visitors to get their plants into shape..

Several handpicked Bonsai specimens belonging to select ABA members like Bougainvillea in full bloom, Casuarina, Rain Tree, Jade, Ficus Nuda, Ficus Long Island, Moraya Exotica, Wax Malpighia and Box Wood etc. were displayed at the venue, for visitors to admire.

Eight teams comprising of 2 Senior members were simultaneously deployed on separate work stations / tables catering to visitors who had come in with their plant and wanted to get the same designed, after a thorough discussion pertaining to the possible shape and style of the future Bonsai-to-be, on a first come first serve basis.

In retrospect each of the two member team, got ample opportunity for an impromptu hands-on experience, working on a wide array of plants like belonging to the visitors, who were in awe and finally happy to take home a hand crafted BONSAI.

The Bonsai camp proved to be a roaring success as all workshop teams were kept busy with milling crowd of visitors, some of whom had come only to attend the Lecture and Demonstration sans the plant, but later called for their plants to be shaped and styled into a Bonsai.

The Camp success, accredited to the unflinching support of **Sahara India Parivar** and **Hotel Clarks Avadh**, Lucknow, and unified efforts of TEAM ABA under the able leadership of Association President, **Mrs Santosh Arora** and Chief Advisor Mr **K K Arora**. They presided over the camp with much élan, attending to each and every guest / plant personally, answering queries and questions; reviewing and discussing plants; talking to the scores of visitors / media persons visiting the bonsai camp throughout the day.

Through this article we would like to share our experience with all the member clubs of BCI that this is found to be the best way to spread the art of Bonsai among the uninitiated of course one has to set aside the commercial aspirations.

Looking at the positive response and feedback, ABA's now plans to conduct more such Bonsai Camps, in the near future, for all Bonsai enthusiasts, in the city of Nawabs.



Lecture Demonstration by Mrs. Arora assisted by Dr. Gunjan Banga



Intent visitors



A ficus tray



A few Teams working simultaneously

Ambassadors Membership Alert

How is the membership promotion going across the world?



The above is a static display set up at our annual National convention in Australia, early days yet as to the effectiveness but certainly a lot of membership application forms disappeared off the table and every registration bag had a form as well.

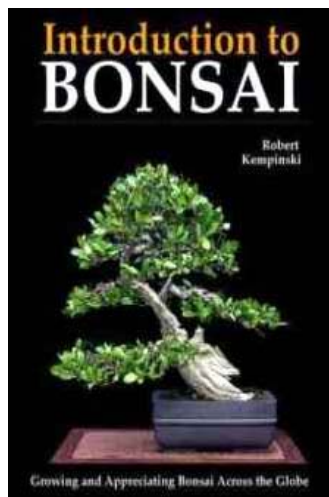
Don't forget sign up 15 members and your club will receive a copy of the Teachers register, if you need more information contact me and I will send all the details.



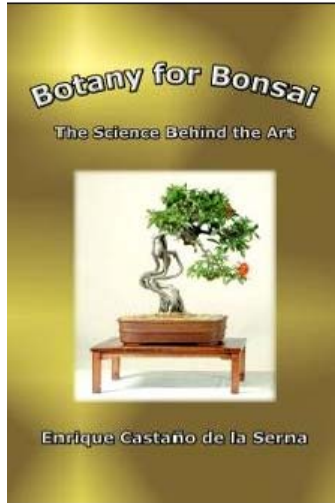
Book Review

Life has been busy and I promised my comments on two books, unfortunately I have only made it through Rob Kempinski, I must congratulate Rob on a fantastic contribution to the knowledge of Bonsai. Some of the introduction books are very basic, Rob has taken his book to another level and although covering the fundamentals and disciplines of the Art has taken the reader above this very rudimentary level and has managed to draw the line in some of the more complex areas.

.Well done Rob, - book that should be in all Bonsai libraries in my opinion.



Next issue I will have read the book below.



Closing and next Issue

There is certainly not too many editors that can actually say they can't fit all the articles that they have received into the newsletter but I am certainly one of them.

Sincere thanks to everyone that has contributed and please keep them coming.

Rob Kempinski's article on the "The Willow Leaf Ficus – The Best Ficus for Shohin Bonsai" I hope will be in the next issue.



When I am m writing the next issue I will be packing for the China tour, thanks again and have Bonsai fun!

