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Editors Message

Hi to all

For those that attended Louisville BCI/ABS convention great to catch up and for those that didn't attend what an event you missed, fantastic and well done to the organising team.

BCI directors meeting and the election of new board members will be revealed in the magazine but after seven years in the role of BCI Ambassadors newsletter editor I am stepping aside and the full story is later in this newsletter.

Winter in my part of the world and the bonsai are sleeping but I am readying for the spring spurt of growth, certainly turned on the great weather in USA and we had a short trip to San Francisco and Yosemite which was fantastic

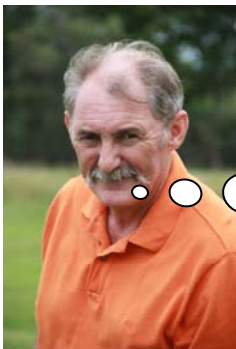
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Changing of the guard

As I said in the introduction of the newsletter, after seven years of being the Ambassadors newsletter editor I am handing the baton to a new and energetic volunteer – Frank Mihalic



(Ian Glew)



(Frank Mihalic)

Frank has been a director for many years on the BCI team and has taken up the role of ambassador's newsletter editor with great enthusiasm and after seven years in the role I need a break, enjoyed every minute of that time and certainly enjoyed communicating and meeting many of the ambassadors across the world.

I am sure Frank will bring some new and fresh ideas to the role and I wish him luck in what I found a very rewarding role.

Again thanks to all the club ambassadors around the world for your help and assistance over the years.

New Web master

For as long as I can remember Jim Brant has been the master of the BCI web and I would certainly like to thank him for all the fabulous work that has been done over the years and at our recent convention in Louisville he was awarded the BCI meritorious service award for his outstanding commitment.

Jim after many years has stepped down from this role and Ian Glew (me) will take over with some trepidation and help I am sure from Jim.

Jim – thanks for all your dedicated work and the artistic ability will be missed

BCI Changes

As advised in the previous newsletter we have had a number of changes within BCI but these two are important functional changes and I would ask all ambassadors to be aware of these.

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Bonsai in the Rockies June 2012



VISIONS OF THE AMERICAN WEST
Rocky Mountain Bonsai & Suiseki

ABS/BCI Bonsai - Stone Convention | June 21-24, 2012
Denver, Colorado

HEADLINERS:
Marc Noelanders
Dan Robinson
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Also featuring:
Lindsay Bebb, Chiara Padrini,
Larry Jackel, Harold Sasaki,
John Kirby, Young Choe and more

The Details...

Convention

Registration \$295.00

The Hotel

Denver Marriott Tech Center

Room Rate: \$85

Hotel website:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dentc-denver-marriott-tech-center/>

4 Day Pre-Convention Tour

June 17-20

Cost: Approximately \$925

(not including hotel or convention)

Rocky Mountain National Park with lunch at the Stanley Hotel, High Country Jeep Adventure, Ancient Pine Grove, stone collecting, Pikes Peaks Cog Railroad with dinner at the Flying W Ranch, and more!

Info and Registration: <http://bonsai2012.org/>



BCI Value packed Grand Tour of Japan November 2011



After the success of our China tour BCI is offering a Japan tour

If you always wanted to go to Japan to see their bonsai but didn't know when or how, here is a chance to scratch that off your bucket list. Next November there happens to be two major bonsai shows in Japan by a week. For the first time ever the Asia Pacific Convention (ASPAC) will be in Japan in Takamatsu on November 18, and the following weekend will be the annual Taikanten exhibition in Kyoto.

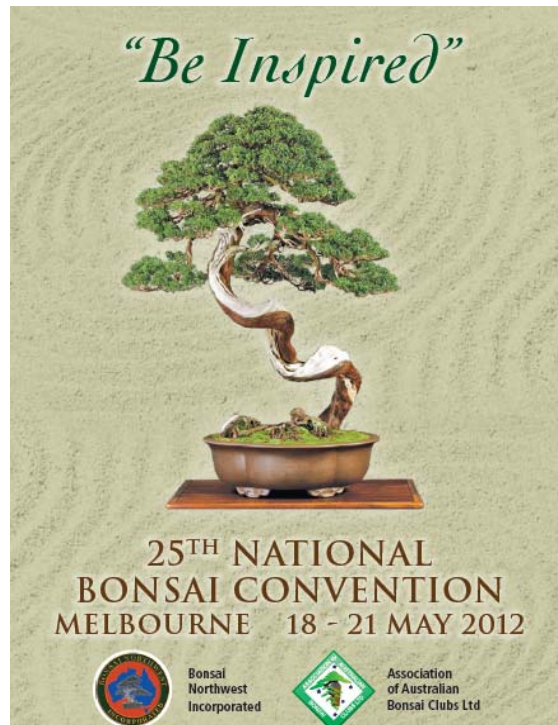
Both shows will feature hundreds of incredible bonsai and Suiseki. This is a rare one time event that BCI will offer its members a chance to participate in. BCI Present Rob Kempinski says "Our China trip was such a great success, we decided to offer another tour next year to take advantage of what many are calling the "perfect storm" of bonsai shows."

The BCI tour will be value packed and will feature visits to the shows, bonsai garden tours, including Takasago-En, Mr. Diazo Iwassaki's fabulous private garden, hotel, transportation, some meals, tour of Kyoto and much more including optional tours such as a day trip to Tokonoma, the Japanese pot making centre, for those that want a really full schedule, or free time for those that want to do some sightseeing on their own. The Takamatsu planning committee has been working in over time to put on the best ASPAC show ever. This is sure an event you'll want to join.

info@japanjourneys.co.uk for more information

www.japanjourneys.co.uk

AABC Convention 2012



For more details on this fabulous event and registration details the web site is below
www.bonsainorthwest.com.au



Closing and next Issue

It is always a strange moment when you are moving on from something you have done for a number of years, moving house and new job or changing roles in any endeavour there is always a mixture of sadness and excitement for what the future brings.

I have certainly enjoyed my time in the role of ambassador's newsletter editor and wish Frank all the best in his new role.

As a parting piece of trivia – **Where do you find the tallest trees in the world?**

From what I have discovered, certainly it is a subject packed with emotion and controversy?

Listed below from Wikipedia are the ten tallest trees and this quote is very accurate. “The heights of the tallest trees in the world have been the subject of considerable dispute and much exaggeration”. - Reference <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tree>

1. [Coast Redwood](#) (*Sequoia sempervirens*): **115.56 m (379.1 ft)**, [Redwood National Park, California, United States](#)^[12]
2. [Australian Mountain-ash](#) (*Eucalyptus regnans*): **99.6 m (327 ft)**, south of [Hobart, Tasmania, Australia](#)^[13]
3. [Coast Douglas-fir](#) (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*): **99.4 m (326 ft)**, Brummit Creek, [Coos County, Oregon, United States](#)^[14]
4. Philippine [rosewood](#) (*Petersianthus quadrialatus*): **96.9 m (318 ft)**, [Agusan del Sur, Mindanao, Philippines](#)^[15] ^[16]
5. [Sitka Spruce](#) (*Picea sitchensis*): **96.7 m (317 ft)**, [Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, California, United States](#)^[17]
6. [Giant Sequoia](#) (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*): **94.9 m (311 ft)**, [Redwood Mountain Grove, Kings Canyon National Park, California, United States](#)^[15]
7. [Tasmanian Blue Gum](#) (*Eucalyptus globulus*): **90.7 m (298 ft)**, Tasmania, Australia^[18]
8. [Manna Gum](#) (*Eucalyptus viminalis*): **89 m (292 ft)**, Evercreech Forest Reserve, Tasmania, Australia^[18]
9. [Shorea fagueteria](#): **88.3 m (290 ft)** [Tawau Hills National Park](#), in [Sabah](#) on the island of [Borneo](#)^[19]
10. [Alpine Ash](#) (*Eucalyptus delegatensis*): **87.9 m (288 ft)**, Tasmania, Australia^[18]

I went recently to Western Australia and spent some time touring around – photographed what I was told was the tallest in the world but they are not on the list, expressions like “some of the tallest trees in the world” were used giving the impression of a record.

Walpole in WA is the place I went to and for more info

<http://www.rainbowcoast.com.au/areas/walpole/walpole.htm> the trees are Karri and Giant Tingle – tree top walk is amazing – some photos below.

Maybe not the "TALLEST" in the world but non the less impressive



Looks like something out of Lord of the rings

