



Bimer Bonsai Club Inc.

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November 2016 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 5th November 2016
Church hall, Jaguar St, West Chermside
Meetings held 1st Saturday of each month, except January
Trade table / library open approx. 1pm
Meeting commences 1:30pm
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Membership Fees

Single \$20
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President's Message

Hello All,

It was good to see the Club's Juniper getting a repot and styling last month. The tree is looking fantastic and a lot of the credit goes to Averil and Bob for looking after the tree and for spending their time to prep the tree by wiring it up. Thank you, Averil, for your hard work on the club's behalf and for sharing your bonsai knowledge during the demonstration. Averil holds private bonsai classes, so if you are keen to learn more, please contact Averil.

The Redlands Bonsai club have also invited Bimer members to participate in their bonsai foundations course next year. This would be an advantage to any new club members needing some hands on experience to learn the basics. Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

The bus trip is also back on. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused. We will be stopping at the two Gold Coast bonsai nurseries, so please let Paul know at the door if you are interested in coming.

If you went to the Brisbane International Garden show in October, I hope you stopped by the display run by the Friends of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens & Sherwood Arboretum. A few Bimer members provided bonsai and landscape trees for their display that was promoting the Japanese garden and Bonsai House. There was a lot of public interest in the trees and club flyers were given out. Thank you Michael C for spending a day there, promoting the club to the public.



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Next meeting we will have a products demonstration followed by David G to talk about bonsai refinement. I hope to see you all there. Don't forget our Christmas party is the December meeting.
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“Averil Stanley – Juniper Demo / Potting”

Averil (with some help) potted the Club's large juniper into its new container, after a talk about pruning and growth habits of the juniper. It was a great opportunity to learn the refinement process of Junipers, and some great tips about bonsai in general. She also shared a short presentation from her and Bob's recent visit to Japan where they spent half a day with a third generation Master Potter from Tokoname.



FROM LEIGH TAAFE CURATOR OF THE NBPCA

I am excited to bring some great news about NBPCA Bonsai Week 2017.

..."Bonsai Week is an annual event that allows us to showcase our wonderful Collection to the Bonsai Community and visiting public in general. The event will be a whole week of activity including tours, demonstrations, talks, critiques, master-classes, and a gala cocktail evening demonstration. More about the entire schedule later.

This year's event will be held from 20 till 26 March 2017. Part of the programme will include a FREE full day Master-class for a limited number of Club Nominated Artists (10 people). In order to make it as fair as possible, I am asking clubs to nominate up to two people to attend the Master-Class. From the nominations I will randomly and fairly draw the names of twelve artists to be involved.

The Club Nominations Master-class will be held from 9am till 4pm on Thursday 23 March 2017. There will be a break for lunch, however lunch will not be provided. Those selected will be asked to bring their own, or purchase from the cafe.

To be eligible:

- the artist must be nominated by their club
- the artist must be a financial member of that club
- the artist must be willing to share what they have learned with their club (possibly by doing a talk or presentation about their experience at their next club meeting)
- have only one suitable tree for a full day Master-Class (this could be raw material, or a tree that needs re-working or refining)
- have suitable stock of wire and any other consumables required
- have your own tools
- have an awareness of workshop etiquette (if unsure, please ask me)
- the artist must be able to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation and be available on Thursday 23 March from 9am till 4pm.
- the artist must not have already been invited as a Volunteer, Lender or Donor.

Please keep in mind, it will be unlikely you will want to re-pot a tree at this time, so all work must be done above-ground.

So, I bet you are all wondering, who the talent is that I have selected for this event?

Drum roll please.....Mr Tony Tickle from the UK.

November Activities

As we proceed into Summer, trees will need to be protected from the hot midday and afternoon sun, which can cause damage to the foliage. The optimum position would be where your Bonsai receive morning sun, and then protection from midday onwards. Shade cloth or shade houses are ideal. Figs, conifers, junipers and bougainvillea will tolerate more sun than deciduous trees such as elms, maples and liquidambers. Plants in small pots and delicate plants may benefit from being stood above a water tray, or being stood in a damp gravel tray. Swamp cypress will boom if stood in a water tray, as the name suggests, they love wet feet.

Check wiring to ensure it is not cutting into the bark and scarring the limbs and trunk. Be on constant lookout for pests and disease, particularly grasshoppers, scale, aphids and lace bug and treat with the appropriate remedy. As the hot weather increases, so will watering needs - check daily.

It is very important for Bonsai to be re-potted periodically when the soil becomes tired because this can threaten the health and vigour of your tree. Regular pruning and a good quality free draining soil mix will help ensure a tight healthy root ball that grows closely to the trunk. Now is the time for re-potting figs, clerodendrum, bougainvillea, privet and buxus harlandii. Don't leave it too long if it looks as if it is going to be a hot summer. Avoid doing it on very hot, dry, or windy days. Newly re-potted trees need semi-shade for several weeks before full exposure to morning sun, new growth indicates the tree has recovered from its transplanting shock.



Display Table

Please remember to bring along a tree, a **Fig** or any tree for display this month. You may need some feedback or assistance with developing it into a bonsai. Any tree is welcome. An afternoon tea break will be available to pursue advice about your tree. Members are encouraged to share their accumulated knowledge with the newer members. There's also the chance to win an additional lucky door prize for any member who brings in a tree for display.

BUS TRIP GOLD COAST NOVEMBER 12TH REINSTATED

This year the annual bus trip will be to the Gold Coast and Tweed Bonsai show at Elanora. Pick-ups at 7.15am Brighton, 8.00am leave Church Hall and 8.30am at Garden City. First stop will be Red Dragon nursey, then on to the show at Elanora for morning tea/ lunch leaving 1.00pm for Defined Garden and then back home.

CLUB SHIRTS WITH LOGO

Please see Elaine for a sample shirt and to place your order before the order deadline of December.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Dutch auction will be held again during our Christmas party at the December meeting. Look in your cupboards anything bonsai related that you no longer need or want. Wine is also accepted. More details will be in the next newsletter.

Memberships are overdue for 2016/2017

NOTICE BOARD

Bimer Bonsai Club Activities	
November 5 th	Phil's Organics – / David G – Tree refinement
November 12th	Bus trip Gold Coast Tweed bonsai show
December 3 rd	Xmas Party
January 2017	NO MEETING
February 4 th 2017	Workshop
March 4 th 2017	Craig Jurd Trident Maple/ Tool talk
April 1 st 2017	Lindsay and Glen Bebb review of club trees
April 22 nd – 23 rd 2017	Bimer Annual Show Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
May 6 th 2017	Steve Cullum
Other Bonsai Related Activities	
October 29 th & 30 th	Sunshine Coast Bonsai Society Annual Show, Buderim.
November 6 th	Redlands Bonsai Society Annual Show.
November 12th	Gold Coast & Tweed Show, Robina
May 19 th – 22 nd 2017	AABC Convention Brisbane Royal on the Park

New Members: The following people have recently joined the club: Ven G.