



AUGUST 2010

At last the number of members at a meeting is on the increase – over 20 people attended the July meeting. A large variety of trees were brought to the meeting, as requested, and a workshop followed.

Farouk brought in a well rooted wild olive which he repotted. Practical demo's on repotting will be the theme for the next few meetings.

I have some commiphora which are starting to bud, and also some black monkey thorn acacia, which has decided to grow a whole set of leaves. So the best solution when deciding to repot is to watch carefully for buds when watering, and then to repot. The normal time for most species is from August onwards, however in a climate like Durban repotting can continue into December / January for many species.

Potting mixtures were discussed and a useful mix is 2/3 washed or sieved Umgeni sand; 1/6 chicken or kraal compost; 1/6 mushroom compost; plus a bit of bone meal. Shaun also uses a bit of "Bounce-back". Ideally the mix should be dry so that it can settle in between the roots and fill all the air-pockets. This will ensure that all the roots receive water and are in contact with the soil, and will keep the bonsai stable. An unstable tree will keep moving the roots tips which will then not develop. The tree should be well-watered immediately and then placed in a sheltered spot for a few weeks to recover. Once the tree has fully recovered, styling and wiring can continue. The tree base should be positioned about 2 cm higher than the pot lip and the potting mix should slope down to about 1 cm below the lip, this holds the water when watered and prevents the soil mix from washing out of the pot.

The SABA website has had an extensive overhaul. You may now download the SABA and club newsletters from this page:

<http://www.saba.org.za/page3.html>

For those who wish to still receive the SABA newsletter via email, you may register your email address on the website.

NOTICES

Remember that members can advertise in the newsletter for a small fee – contact Mike Kahn

There is a KWANBA raffle for a superb bougainvillea bonsai- see Pat to enter. Bring money for more raffles (1/2 a sheep)

Also see Pat to update your contact details– we will need them to keep the communications going. Pat will also take unpaid subs (R125 for a single, R175 a family)

Keep the ABC3 2011 in mind – sponsorships and helpers on sub-committees are needed

Trees are needed for ABC3 for the show and demonstrators to work on. Please email Farouk for show committee to come and select

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

If it looks like a meeting will be rained-out please contact Edwin on 084 625 8920 to get a local weather update.

AUGUST 15th 9h00 Tropical Nursery. A repotting dem by Farouk (Dalbergia) This will be a detailed practical demo of how it is done (**NB. The Meeting is one week late to miss the August long week-end.**) Will the following people please bring snacks for the meeting: Duncan Martin Miril, Shaun Murphy, Pierre Naude, Kaveri & Kosi Padayachee, Farouk Patel

SEPTEMBER 12th 9am Tropical Nursery. This will take the form of a styling / re-styling dem on a FIG(Shaun) and a STINKWOOD(Neil)

SEPTEMBER 24-26. Muden dig. Confirmed , Get your tools and gear ready

OCTOBER 10th 9h00 Tropical Nursery. Another repotting dem, and workshop. At this meeting all members are encouraged to bring a tree to repot, plus a pot, soil mix, etc. Each member can give a 5 min blow-by-blow account of their repot. Aftercare of repotting trees and how to care for dug-up material will be covered.

November 14th KWANBA MINI C venue and program to follow later

December 12th PARTY , PARTY , CHRISTMAS PARTY

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REPOTTING SCHEDULE

| Species | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D | Young | Old |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|--------|
| Acacia (before leaves unfurl) | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | | 3 - 5 | 3 - 5 |
| Acer (Maple) | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | 1 - 2 | 2 - 3 |
| Azalea (Indica) | | | | | | | | | | | | | annual | |
| Azalea (Kurume) | | | | | | | | | | | | | annual | |
| Azalea (Satsuki) | | | | | | | | | | | | | annual | |
| Bambusa | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baobab (when buds green) | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | | |
| Bougainvillea | | | X | X | | | | | X | X | | | 2 | 2 - 3 |
| Buddleja | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camelia | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | 2 - 4 | 2 - 4 |
| Cedrus (Cedar) | | | X | X | | | | | X | X | | | 2 - 3 | 3 - 4 |
| Celtis | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | 1 - 2 | 2 - 3 |
| Chamaecyparis | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 - 3 | 3 - 4 |
| Citrus | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | 2 | 3 |
| Commiphora | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | |
| Cotonaster | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | 2 - 3 | 3 - 4 |
| Crassula | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | 2 - 3 | 2 - 3 |
| Dalbergia | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | 1 - 2 | 2 - 3 |
| Eugenia (Syzigium) | | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | | 2 - 3 | 2 - 3 |
| Ficus | | X | X | X | | | | | | X | X | X | 1 - 2 | 2 |
| Fuchsia | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | 1 - 2 | 2 - 3 |
| Greyvillia (Austr. Silver Oak) | | | | | | | | | | | | | annual | annual |
| Ilex (Holly) | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jacaranda | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | 1 - 2 | 1 - 2 |
| Juniperus | | | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | | 2 - 4 | 4 - 6 |
| Lantana | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | 2 | 2 |
| Ligustrum | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | annual | annual |
| Myrtus | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | 1 - 2 | 1 - 2 |
| Nandina | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | 2 | 2 |
| Olea (Olive) | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | 2 | 5 - 7 |
| Pinus | | | X | X | | | | X | X | | | | 2 - 3 | 3 - 4 |
| Punica (Pomegranate) | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | 2 | 3 - 4 |
| Pyracantha | | | X | X | | | | | X | | | | 2 | 2 |
| Quercus (Deciduous Oaks) | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | 2 - 3 | 3 - 4 |
| Quercus (Evergreen Oaks) | | | X | | | | | X | X | | | | 2 - 3 | 3 - 4 |
| Schotia | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | annual | 3 - 5 |
| Serissa | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | | X | 1 - 2 | 2 |
| Taxodium | | | | | | X | X | X | | | | | annual | 2 - 3 |
| Taxus | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | 1 - 2 | 3 - 5 |
| Ulmus | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | 2 | 2 - 3 |
| Coddia | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | 1 - 2 | 2 - 3 |