



JUNE 2010

June's meeting at Pierre's and Sina's home was well attended considering that the meeting was held on the Saturday and Sunday morning to enable members to start and complete their fondu pots. Grateful thanks to all, from all, for the teas and lovely snacks.

For those who did not attend - fondu is a special cement and the idea is to construct a frame of wire, fine chicken wire and shade cloth and shape it into a pot or a flat rock. The fondu cement/ plaster sand/ water mixture is then applied to the wire structure with a small trowel and/or an old paintbrush and left to dry very slowly. Finally we covered the fondu with various shades of oxide powder.

When we were well on our way, we discovered a better method in a book by Su Chin Ee. She uses a 45 cm x 45 cm square of chicken wire onto which she sews at 2.5 cm intervals fiberglass cloth on both sides. She then folds the square into a triangle and then folds 6 cm sections into a fan-shape. The piece can then be molded and shaped into the desired design, giving a very realistic irregularly shaped effect. She then covers the shape in a fondu mix.

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.

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)

Members please think about trying to obtain sponsorship for the ABC3 2011 Convention, the budget is daunting. Also, consider getting involved with a sub-committee which can make use of your particular skills, we all need to play our part in making the Convention a success.

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.

JULY 11th 9am Tropical Nursery. General workshop, members are encouraged to bring different tree species to work on to make the meeting more interesting, especially for newer members. Will the following people please bring snacks for the meeting:
Imraan Kadwa, Mike Kahn, George Koetsos, Rodney McKelvey

AUGUST 8th 9am: Tropical Nursery. Repotting dem by Farouk (Dalbergia) Patel and Shaun (Fig Miyagi) Murphy – this will be an extensive covering of all aspects of repotting.

SEPTEMBER 24-26 Annual club dig in the Midlands

OCTOBER 10th 9am Tropical Nursery. Each member is asked to bring a tree to pot, with a pot, potting mixture, etc, and to do a short dem on his/her repot.

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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