

EASTERN BONSAI SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

September 2010

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Dear Member,

I think Hansie and his members of Waterberg Bonsai Kai deserve a hearty round of applause for hosting such a fantastic BRAT DAY, 31 July 2010 at Mookopong (Naboomspruit). The venue, Euphoria Golf Estate, added so much to the ambiance of the day. I was great to see the event well attended by EBS members which attracted 74 visitors. I'm sure we all learnt a few new tricks from the very experienced speakers/demonstrators on the day. EBS was represented by our two lovely ladies, Sarah and Lynn. Although Lynn was vocally indisposed because of a persistent cough, our duo put on what was described as a "Cracking" demo (Oops, Sorry Lynn, I could not help myself!). Kappie asked me during tea, why don't our members show trees at BRAT? Well, now that we at least attend, maybe the next step is to show trees.

At our August meeting, Org Oxley from Pretoria Bonsai Kai showcased some of his mouth watering yamadori (collected trees). Org started by showing us slides of his bigger (+/- 1m) that unfortunately couldn't fit into his bakkie. He told us that since olives are such fast growers, he cuts off all the thicker side branches, keeping just the main trunk, then grows on new branches. Interestingly, Org does not fertilise his trees regularly, but swears by a handful of BONEMEAL in his soilmix. I'm sure, after watching Org's demo, our members are looking forward to the Rustenburg dig.

Rustenburg Dig: 4 September 2010 @ 07:00

We have decided to charge a R50.00 entrance fee to the DIG, the proceeds of which we will donate to the Rustenburg Kai. Those of you who have not as yet paid, please pay me at the DIG. In addition you will have to pay R40 per tree that you dig up. Please remember tools: pick, shovel, root rake, bow saw, secateurs, lopers, etc. If you have a bakkie, carry big bins with water. You can then simply immerse your trees in the basins. Otherwise, carry containers of water, old newspaper, sheets of plastic and string: Soak the newspaper in water, wrap your rootball with it, cover with plastic and tie with string. This should prevent your roots drying out until you get home. Once home, leave your tree in a tub of water for a few days, until you see water seeping out of the uppermost cuts, then seal and pot your tree. NB! Don't forget water or beer for yourself! Digging is thirsty work.

Security at Randjes:

The Estate wants all EBS members to register at the Security office at the entrance. This procedure takes only 5 min. Thereafter you may enter the Estate using your finger/thumb print, using the "Residents" entrance/exit. Those members who have not as yet registered, remember to arrive a few minutes earlier for our September meeting so you may register.

Show Preparation: 60 Days to go!

Your deciduous trees will be coming into leaf now. You may fertilize your trees now. Repot if necessary: do it now, otherwise the new root development will not be strong enough to withstand the harsh conditions of the exhibition. Clean and treat any driftwood with lime sulphur. Cover roots to protect from lime sulphur. Prune and wire if necessary. Prepare some moss for ground cover. Collect moss, allow to dry, crumble and sprinkle over growing surface, cover with gauze (burn dressing). Water and keep in shade. Once the moss starts growing, lift gauze and cut to size as required.

Volunteers for Annual Show:

I'm of the opinion that every single member should assist in whatever way possible at our Annual Show. Sadly, we have only 9 names on our Duty Roster. Areas that you



may assist: Front desk, Tree Sales, Show Setup and Breakdown, Layout, Labeling of trees, Raffles, Workshop/Clinic, Teas/Cold Drinks, Shop or Demonstrations. Bear in mind that our main source of new members is at our Annual Show. Walk around the Show Floor, talk to visitors, and encourage them to watch a demo, or join our Beginners Course.

Posters & Flyers:

This year in addition to our flyers, we have A3 & A4 posters printed. Affix A4 posters to your vehicle windows. Visit nurseries in your area, ask if you may do a bonsai demo, put up posters and promote our show.

Please Note: Change the time on flyers/posters to read:

Saturday **9am** – 5pm instead of 11am – 5pm. How about a HOT DOG stand? If anyone can assist in this regard, or in fact if you have any new ideas for our show, let me know. Each member should endeavour to get at least ONE visitor to attend our show. I'm looking for volunteers to assist me at Ryan's Nursery (Bedfordview) last weekend Sept & Errol @ Lifestyle Nursery 1st weekend in October.

Workshops:

ERROL : 13 Buffalo Street, Gallo Manor, 14h00 - 3rd Saturday

TOMMY : 57 Eckstein Street, Observatory, 12h00 - 4th Saturday

The focus of our workshops will be "Prepare your trees for Show." So bring in your trees you intend showing for advice on repotting, pruning etc.

Our Programme:

11 September – Driftwood and Phoenix grafting

Please bring in examples for Crit and Remember to ask questions of the demonstrators.

8/9/10 October ANNUAL SHOW – Each member to show at least one tree.

23 & 24 October – Beginners Course

30 October – BRAT Day to be hosted by Vaal Bonsai Kai

Details will be available later.

9 November ADRIAN – Literati

11 December Year-end PARTY (awaiting suggestions for programme)(Chris Joyce & Willie?)

Membership Fees: Fees were due by the June meeting. If you haven't paid as yet, please do so NOW. Electronic transfer, bank deposit or pay at front desk. Please put your name as reference on your deposits.

Kind regards
TOMMY

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