



East Rand Bonsai Kai

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NEWS LETTER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

CLUB NEWS

Once again we have come to the end of another year. This will be the last newsletter for 2009!!!



Annual Bonsai Show @ Heckers Nursery on 14 & 15 November 2009

- EAST RAND BONSAI KAI Annual Show on 14 & 15 November 2009. We strongly urge **ALL** members to bring their trees to be put on display. We would like to create more public interest and what better way than a show held at a reputable nursery. All trees are well looked after during the show and they are kept secure after hours by the venues security.

REMEMBER!!

- Bring in your 'subject plant' to be used for the Style of the Year 2009/2010 (Exposed Root Style) to be photographed and logged during its training period.

Style of the year (Ne-agari & Kumo).



By now you should know what the 'Style of the Year 2009/2010 is, and here is some explanation on it. You can also find more info in our library.

The following is taken from 'Growing Bonsai in South Africa' by Doug Hall.

"This is one of the most dramatic bonsai styles, made popular in the Eastern Bonsai Society by Baggi Jones.

The Ne-agari style is suitable for any tree with a strong root system, its most important feature. But for good quick results, the Chinese Elm and Small-leaved Privet are very good subjects (but feel free to experiment with different species)." This is a winter job- so the time is good for everyone to enter this year's style of the year.

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Important notice.**

- The annual show is this weekend at Heckers Nursery and we desperately need help to setup and also trees to show. If you don't have cards for your trees yet, please forward a list thereof to rudie@cabtech.co.za or tmortimer@telkomsa.net before the weekend.
- Our **year end party** will be on the **21st November** from 14:00. We will have our normal **workshop & a bring & braai** on the day.

The first meeting for next year will be on the **9th January 2010**, will start at **13:00** & will be a **meeting and workshop**. The topic will be about the yearly New Talent Competition & we will have a 'New Talent Practice' where members who want to participate get a chance to practice for the competition. Cost for participating is **R50.00**. A normal workshop will also apply on the day, so bring your trees to work on & get advice on what to do.

BRAT Open Day hosted by East Rand Bonsai Kai is on **30th January 2010** (program will be sent out shortly) & we still **need any donations towards the raffle table** on the day please. Anything is more than welcome. If anyone can lend a hand to setup, it would be greatly appreciated.

Library

The club provides a library where books and DVD's may be taken out for a period of a month (from 1st Saturday of the month to the 1st Saturday of the next month) at a fee of **R2** per book and **R5** per DVD.

Also, like any library, a *fine* of **R5** will apply when books and /or DVD's aren't brought back or if not renewed in time. The return dates are stamped in the books and DVD's so please check to ensure when it needs to be returned. Please also check with the library if there aren't any books or DVDs on your name as taken out, at the librarian.

Parking

Please keep the 1st and 2nd parking bays open for demonstrators and for ease of loading purposes.

Club Shop

All your bonsai requirements are available at the shop. If its not, we will try our best to source it.

Beverages

Tee and coffee and biscuits are available (please wash your cup after use) and cold drinks are sold at R6 each.

At meetings. 1st Saturday at 14:00.

Please bring your trees and put them on the following tables: Style of the month and Critique table and the demonstrator of the day will give his/her input on it.

Raffles are available at **R5** and any donations are more than welcome. Raffles make up a large amount of the club's income which is needed to pay the bills and keep the club functioning, so *please* support it where possible.

If any members would like to sell some trees, you are also more than welcome. Just have a word with the Treasurer.

Workshops. 3rd Saturday at 14:00.

The club workshops are held every 3rd Saturday of the month and everyone is welcome to come make a mess or watch others make a mess ☺. That is still the best way we learn, so bring a tree and get some input on what to do if you aren't sure. The important thing is that we all must have fun! That's why we do it at the end of the day, not so?

OTHER NEWS

*For those of you who have the internet, don't forget that you can access the **SABA Ezine** newsletter on the link www.keepandshare.com. The newsletter covers news from a number of bonsai clubs and makes for interesting reading.*

More snippets of events in "Recent" Bonsai History
(Courtesy of Bonsai Book of Days)

ONE DAY IN NOVEMBER

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5 November 2002 -- The 1st African International Bonsai Convention started today in Pretoria, South Africa. [Running through the 10th of the month, there were over one thousand bonsai of notable though not always refined quality on display. Salvatore Liporace of Italy and Walter Pall of Germany headlined for participants from Mozambique, Namibia, and South Africa. TV cameras from the National Television were present during Liporace's overcrowded workshop.] ("A Grand Bonsai Debut in an Emerging Continent" by Alessandra Cappelletti, *Bonsai Magazine*, BCI, March/April 2003, pp. 32-35)

ALSO THIS MONTH

1969 -- The Mashonaland Bonsai Society was founded in Harare (formerly Salisbury, Rhodesia). [In its early days the Society would create a great deal of interest with attendances of 30 to 40 members and visitors at the monthly Monday evening meetings. Many shows or exhibitions would be staged over the years, always popular and arousing great interest among the public. These exhibitions would either be mounted by the Society alone or, more usually, together with another group such as the Garden Club or the Aloe, Cactus & Succulent Society. "Digs" in the country would produce some very good specimens, with the added value of educating the public in a knowledge and appreciation of indigenous trees. The Society would maintain contact with various South Africa bonsai clubs.] ("Bonsai in Africa," in Tsukiyama, Ted T. (ed.) *Bonsai of the World*, Book I (Japan: World Bonsai Friendship Federation, 1993), pg. 78)

And for DECEMBER

29 December 1960 -- Marc Noelanders was born in Eastern Belgium. [He would be influenced by eastern mysticism that would drive him at an early age of 13 years to Karate. He would train for several years up to the international level when his Master would want him to learn Bonsai to balance the ying and yang of his personality. Marc would never look back. He would stay for a long time in Japan, initially only watering, fertilizing and pruning trees in a standard program until he would be allowed to work on trees. He would work under Japanese masters like Sensei Masahiko. He would be recognized by many, including the late John Naka, for his comprehensive knowledge of the trees he works with, and for his ability to capture perfection and yet maintain the ruggedness of his subject. Marc would teach throughout Europe and in Russia, India, Canada, and the United States. He would demonstrate at conventions for the European Bonsai Association (1992, 1995, 1999), Bonsai Clubs International (1997), International Bonsai Arboretum (1997), and Golden State Bonsai Federation (1999). He would take care of the gardens of the Queen of Belgium, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Al Gore, among others. His book *Bonsai Art* would be published in 1998 with forewords by John Y. Naka and Paul Lesniewicz. Marc would pass on his knowledge and skill to small groups of pupils during the weekends.]



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